

Bridgewater Township Board of Supervisors
County of Rice, State of Minnesota
August 8, 2018
Official Minutes

Call to order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: John Holden, Glen Castore, Gary Ebling, Brad Pfahning, Jim Braun, Frances Boehning

Introduction of Guests: Josh Little, Robert Tuma, Jim Olds

Approval of Agenda: Glen Castore made a motion to approve the agenda, John Holden seconded, all approved.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:

Robert Tuma reviewed his concern regarding rock in his ditch. The Board of Supervisors will review the ditch construction and possible options at a later meeting.

Jim Olds expressed concern regarding damage to the road edge of Wendwood Trail by construction equipment. Construction equipment used for Cty Rd 1 was driving through Wendwood and caused damage to the road shoulder and edge. The Board of Supervisors will look into what can be done to mitigate the issue along with having a discussion with Jim Kohler.

Approval of Minutes & Claims

- August Claims – Glen Castore made a motion to approve the August Claims, John Holden seconded, all approved. Jim Braun reviewed his portion of the claims.
- July 11, 18, 30, 2018 Meeting Minutes – Glen Castore made a motion to approve the minutes, John Holden seconded, all approved.

Treasurer's Report

1. Treasurer's Report – Brad Pfahning reviewed the Treasurer's Report. Per the gravel section on the Dundas Invoice, money was transferred from the Annexation account to the Operating Account. A discussion was held regarding using some funds from the Landfill Holding Account to the test the Hoover Dump Site. Jim Braun will look into the possibility of doing this.
2. Bank reconciliation – The report was given to the clerk.
3. Revenue Report - Brad Pfahning provided the deposit detail to review against the revenue report.
4. PERA forms – The forms have not been received in the mail yet.
5. IRS Update/EFT form – No new update.
6. Quarterly reports for solar project – This was submitted to the solar company.
7. Budget update – An update was given to the Supervisors.

Clerk's Report-

1. Upcoming Meetings: - Upcoming meetings include:
 - a. Saturday, August 25, 9am – noon – work session
 - b. Monday, August 27, noon – 2pm – project meeting with Scot Rosvold.
 - c. John Holden made a motion to move the September Board of Supervisors meeting from September 12 to September 19th, Gary Ebling seconded, all approved.
2. Mail – Clerk reviewed mail received this month.
3. Election Judge Update – The clerk reviewed the number of election judges that will be working at next week's primary election.
4. Dundas Annexation invoice – the 2017 annexation taxes payable invoice will be sent to Dundas later this week.

Planning & Zoning

1. Staff Report
 - Jim Braun reviewed the recent permit activity for building and septic.
 - Pearce Services has been issued a permit to repair and lay fiber optic cables in the right of way. Jim Braun will talk with them regarding utilities on Decker Avenue. Gary Ebling expressed concern regarding the utilities along 125th Street.
2. Timberlane blight update

- The current homeowners have hired an engineer who will be submitting plans to Jim Braun. Due to the complexities of the house, they plan to hire a builder from the Twin Cities to complete the remodel. Jim Braun will require that they test the humidity level in the concrete prior to permits being issued. There are plans to cut the grass around the house this week.
- 3. Rice County C.U.P authority update
 - Jim Braun will continue to work with Peter Tiede to set up a meeting with Fossom at Rice County.
- 4. Meeting Scot Rosevold end of August
 - The Clerk will confirm that Greg S. and Gary E. will be available to meet with Scot Rosevold on August 27th.
- 5. Hollinger House
 - Jim Braun is working with Peter Tiede to continue to get this property cleaned up.
- 6. Un-permitted projects in township
 - Jim Braun will continue to follow up on any unpermitted construction projects around the township.
- 7. Hoover Dump
 - Geronimo is questioning if the township would allow solar on the old Hoover Dump. Jim Braun reviewed other locations in the township that would work for solar farms. The Board of Supervisors requested that Jim Braun set up a couple of meetings with Oldcastle and Geronimo to discuss future possibilities. They would like to meet within the month, if possible.

New Business

1. Transfer 150th Street – shared driveway
 - a. Gary Ebling reviewed the difficulties of maintaining 150th Street. The question was asked if the township could turn back the road to K. Johnson. Jim Braun suggested having a road put in from the north if Johnson buys that property. The Board of Supervisors will talk to Mr. Johnson regarding the road.
2. Bolton & Menk proposal – Glen Castore reviewed the recent meeting with Bolten and Menk and what services they could provide to the township. Gary Ebling made a motion to approve hiring Bolten & Menk, John Holden seconded, all approved.

Old Business

1. Strategic Plan
 - a. Planning process review Proposal
 - i. Glen Castore reviewed the recent information from the League of Cities regarding alternate forms of government.
 - ii. A request was made to build an email list of interested residents to attend future meetings regarding the planning process.
2. Roads
 - a. Fall cutting – Mike Groth plans to top cut twice this fall to get rid of small brush and weeds. Gary Ebling requested that the Board of Supervisors look into alternative methods to clean out the road right of ways.
 - b. Spraying versus mowing around ponds discussion
 - i. The area around the ponds was mowed. A discussion will be held with Steve Albers regarding spraying for rag weed around the ponds. Gary Ebling requested that the township look into adding a gas powered sprayer to be able to direct spray further.
 - c. Tree trimming for machinery preservation. (Sanford) – Mike Groth is working on this.
 - d. Bridge Tree clean-up and removal (Sanford) – This is in process.
 - e. 115th Street – Dust control was applied and Mike Groth will place traffic counters tomorrow.
 - f. “Permits Required” signs at township borders – Gary Ebling is looking into companies that can print signs.
 - g. Equestrian signs for 140th Street – Gary Ebling will look into what types of signs are currently available.

- h. 123rd Street – there are currently large potholes in the street. Gary Ebling reviewed possible ways to fix these including temporary patches versus more permanent repairs. John Holden made a motion to move forward with permanently repairing the road, Gary Ebling seconded, all approved.

3. Noxious Weeds

a. Wild Parsnip grant project

- i. John Holden reviewed the results of summer spraying. The ditches are continuing to be monitored in case additional spraying is needed.
- ii. John Holden recently had a conversation with Dennis Luebbe regarding Rice County's efforts on spraying for noxious weeds.
- iii. Gary Ebling suggested inviting Jake Gillian to an upcoming noxious weeds meeting. He also suggested looking into adding a sprayer to the tractor.
- iv. Mike Groth suggested finding a way to use spray to kill off brush in the road right of way.

Upcoming Meetings

- Planning and Zoning meeting, August 30, 2018, 7pm Bridgewater Town Hall
- Planning and Zoning Work Session, August 25, 2018, 9am Bridgewater Town Hall
- Project Meetings, Monday, August 27, 2018, 1pm Bridgewater Town Hall
- Board of Supervisors meeting, September 19, 2018, 7pm Bridgewater Town Hall

Adjourn – Glen Castore made a motion to adjourn at 9:25pm, John Holden seconded, all approved.