

Bridgewater Township Board of Supervisors
County of Rice, State of Minnesota
June 14, 2017
Official Minutes

Call to order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: John Holden, Katheleen Doran-Norton, Gary Ebling, Jim Braun, Brad Pfahning, Frances Boehning

Introduction of Guests: Joe Tibodeau, Glen Castore, township citizens

Approval of Agenda: Gary Ebling made a motion to approve the agenda with changes, John Holden seconded, all approved.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:

1. Heating unit in the Town Hall garage.

a. Joe Tibodeau brought up the condition of the heating tubes in the shop area of the town hall. The last 10 and half feet of the tubes have rotted out. As the last 10 feet were not supposed to be there to begin with, it as recommended to remove them. Repairing the tubes is estimated to cost \$1,000. There would be an additional couple of hundred dollars needed to move the ducts over the office. In addition, it is recommended to replace a couple of the heating units. Another option would be to replace the whole heating unit and tubes as replacement parts for the existing unit are not available. Joe made the recommendation to have the new system run down the center of the shop instead of the sides. Joe Tibodeau gave a quote of \$4,260 to replace the system and remove the old one. If the old system is left in, the quote would drop to \$3,460. John Holden made a motion to approve a new 15,000 BTU system to replace the outdated old one for the quote mentioned, Gary Ebling seconded, all approved. A revised motion was made by John Holden to add an additional two fans to the shop area to better circulate air, Gary Ebling seconded, all approved. Joe Tibodeau will work with Kurt Schrader to complete the installation of the new heating system.

2. Floor grates in shop area.

a. Joe Tibodeau also made the recommendation to replace the broken floor grates before someone is injured. John Holden made a motion to approve the installation of new floor grates, Gary Ebling seconded, all approved. Gary Ebling will oversee the getting the grates replaced.

3. Dennis Brown noted that he has received a quote from Pearson Bros to seal and chip coat Endwood.

Approval of Minutes & Claims

- June Claims – The Board of Supervisors reviewed the claims. Claims this month were high as a result of the following:
 - Mike Groth's hours for the last six months.
 - Anderson Gravel expense
 - PERA invoice
 - Insurance premium
 - John Holden made a motion to approve the claims for June, Gary Ebling seconded, all approved.
- Gary Ebling made a motion to approved the transfer of \$70,000 from Frandsen Bank to First National to cover current expenses, John Holden seconded all approved.
- May 10, May 22, 2017 Meeting Minutes – Gary Ebling made a motion to approve the May meeting minutes, John Holden seconded, all approved.
 - Signed Minutes

Treasurer's Report

1. Treasurer's Report –
 - Brad Pfahning reviewed the Treasurer's report.
 - Gary Ebling requested that Brad Pfahning review and report back regarding the credit line at Frandsen bank.

Clerk's Report-

1. Mail – the clerk the recent mail and the status of the Eagle township sign Project.
 - a. Gary Ebling reviewed the resident comments regarding the Rice County Landfill open house.

- i. The suggestion was made to replace the signs on Dahl that state “Not a thru road to Rice County Landfill.”
 - ii. The suggestion was made to speak with Julie Runkle regarding using some of the 25% money set aside from landfill fees for exploring new options to extend the life of the landfill.
2. Sign DNR reimbursement request – moved to following meeting to correct dollar amount shown.

Planning & Zoning

1. Staff Report
 - Jim Braun reviewed the past months activity
 - MNSpect is the company that the City of Northfield and Greenvale use to complete building inspections. Their fee is 85% of the permit fee while Bridgewater Township pays their building inspector 50%.
 - Scott Rosevald will be the township building official and review plans while Jim Conn will be the building inspector. Jim Conn will work to complete training and take over from Scott Rosevald within the next year.
 - Scott Rosevald is requesting \$500 a month to act as building official and oversee Jim Conn.
 - John Holden made a motion to approve hiring Scott Rosevald and Jim Conn on a six month trial basis, Gary Ebling seconded, all approved.
 - Jim Braun is implementing a new procedure in which permits will need detailed plans to be approved.
 - Jim Braun met with Julie Runkle, Trent McCorkle, Peter Tieded, and Carolyn Braun on June 9 in regards to formalizing Bridgewater Township’s oversight of township C.U.Ps. Julie Runkle suggested a joint powers agreement granting the township autonomy regarding C.U.Ps and T.E.Ps. Peter Tiede will draw up the agreement and submit to Rice County and the township.
2. Reschedule Joint meeting with Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission. – As Kathleen Doran-Norton will be out of town as the end of June, it was suggested to hold the joint meeting during the July Planning and Zoning meeting.
3. There is a potential new wash plant that is looking at Keith Johnson’s old gravel pit. Jim Braun will keep the board updated.

New Business

1. Resolutions requested by Rice County – Gary Ebling made a motion to approve the intent of the following resolutions, John Holden seconded, all approved. These resolutions will be written during the upcoming Monday meeting. Gary Ebling will provide any geographic location data needed.
 - Resolution and map requesting the county to allow industrial and commercial development.
 - Resolution 2017-05 to Rice County requesting that they take all of Baseline. Reasons to include: safety issues and CSAH funding.
 - Resolution to request a safely improvement on Hwy 3 and Cty Rd 8 to be given to both Rice County and MNDOT.
 - Resolution to Rice County to request that the following roads be turned back to Rice County from Bridgewater Township (roads to include Decker and others).
 - I don't know if it is needed at this point, but while the township had requested to keep the water on the south side of Cty Rd 1, we had not done a resolution.
 - Do we need a resolution to maintain Baseline after the county takes it over? or is this another type of agreement.
 - Gary Ebling will work with Mike Groth to provide estimated costs for this resolution.

Old Business

1. Flood Mitigation Projects
 - a. Signs per DNR grant agreement – moved to a later meeting in order to make corrections to the form.
2. Roadside vegetative management – spraying update
 - a. John Holden discussed recent issues regarding Scott Bailey spraying the township. Scott Bailey is currently too busy. John Holden will work to have Scott Bailey spray in the fall.
3. Roads

- a. Gravel and Dust spraying update
 - i. Decker Ave email from resident – Gary Ebling reviewed recent concerns regarding dust on gravel roads..
 - ii. Dust control will be applied as soon as weather permits.
- b. Dennis Luebbe arrived at 8:45 pm to review the following:
 - i. The transfer of Baseline from the township to the county was reviewed.
 - ii. Dennis Luebbe noted that there are plans in place to pave Baseline in 2020.
 - iii. Dennis Luebbe reviewed the current payment of \$2,000 to Wheeling township annual to have them blade and plow Cty Rd 87.
 - iv. Currently the county does not apply dust control to county roads.
 - v. As the township has been applying dust control for the past 10 years, Dennis Luebbe agreed to continue the practice until the road is paved.
 - vi. Landfill signage
 1. The Supervisors reviewed the request to place a sign on Dahle Ave stating that there is no thru traffic to the landfill.
 2. Dennis Luebbe will look into this. As the road is a township road, we can place the sign at our expense.
 - vii. Noxious Weed spraying
 1. The county will spray for noxious weeds again in the fall.
 - viii. Dennis Luebbe reminded the Board of Supervisors of the meeting with the DOT next Tuesday, June 20.

Goals& Projects for the Year

- Town Code (Planning and Zoning)
- Update of the Comprehensive Plan
- Rice County Planning and Zoning requests
 - Roads
 - Cluster Housing
 - Senior Housing
 - Commercial/Industrial Opportunity
- Northfield Annexation
- Formal study of city versus township
- Road History – which cartways to keep and cemetery roads
- Complete Timberlane project
- Talk about Township L&R process for government funding for township roads
- Work with Northfield and Dundas on Flood Mitigation Projects.

Upcoming Meetings

- Board of Supervisors meeting, July 12, 2017, 7pm Bridgewater Town Hall
- Project Meetings, Monday, June 26 at 1:00pm, Bridgewater Town Hall
- Planning and Zoning meeting, June 29, 2017, 7pm Bridgewater Town Hall

Adjourn – 9:50pm