

Bridgewater Township Board of Supervisors
County of Rice, State of Minnesota
March 14, 2018
Official Minutes

Call to order

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Introduction of Guests: Gary Rock, Bruce Morlan

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

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:

Gary Rock expressed concern regarding the fees charged by the City of Dundas. He noted that the runoff from the Bridgewater Heights Development caused damage to the crops. Mr Rock was looking for advice regarding the option to detach from the City and re-join with the township. Kathleen Doran-Norton stated that the Board of Supervisors cannot take a stand on this matter for legal reasons. She noted that Gary Rock would need to seek advice from a lawyer regarding this issue.

Bruce Morlan mentioned that Northfield would be creating a Climate Change Board and that this board would be looking closer at all water issues. He suggested that the township may talk to this board regarding the runoff from Spring Creek and from the Bridgewater Heights addition.

Recognition of Dennis Brown – Dennis Brown was recognized for his 27 years of service to the township.

Approval of Minutes & Claims

- March Claims – John Holden made a motion to approve the March Claims, Gary Ebling seconded, all approved.
- February 14, 21, 26, and March 7, 2018 Meeting Minutes – Gary Ebling made a motion to approve all minutes from February and March, John Holden seconded, all approved.

Treasurer's Report

1. Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer will provide the reports at a later date. They were not complete by the start of the meeting.
2. Bank reconciliation
3. Revenue Report
4. PERA forms
5. IRS Update/EFT form
6. Quarterly reports for solar project – A report was sent earlier to the parent company and a formal quarterly report will be sent at the end of March.

Clerk's Report-

1. Upcoming Meetings:
 - a. Joint P&Z Meeting –The joint meeting with the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors will take place on March 17, at 10:30am. Carolyn Braun will also be present at this meeting.
 - b. Joint Dundas Meeting – As the Board does not have all members sworn in for this meeting, it was requested that the meeting be moved to April 25th. The Clerk will send the notice to the City of Dundas.
 - c. ReOrg Meeting – The re-org meeting will take place on March 21 at 7:00pm. The new Supervisor will be sworn in during the meeting.
2. Mail – The Clerk reviewed mail received by the township.
3. Need garbage service for town hall – The Board approved contracting with Flom for garbage service once a month for \$25.
4. Intergovernmental Meeting Agenda – The next meeting will be hosted by Bridgewater Township on Wednesday, April 18.

Planning & Zoning

1. Staff Report –
 - Jim Braun reviewed the monthly permit activity.

- Fees will be raised on Ag buildings to better reflect the actual cost, in addition, footings will now be inspected.
 - A variance for Mr. Folgerberg will come before the Planning Commission at the March meeting. Jim Braun reviewed the history of this lot and building.
 - Jim Braun reviewed the current process for lot splits and noted that there seems to be an issue with getting them recorded at the county. He will create a resolution for the Board so that all future lot splits will be recorded by the township and then returned to the resident.
 - The building at Seeds Farm is progressing. Jim Braun noted that they had not used our building inspector but rather they had hired their own. Mr. Braun has requested that all inspection records be made available to the township.
 - A resident on Falk Trail had begun construction of a garage without a variance. The location of the garage is too close to the road. Jim Bruan will send a letter requesting that work stop until a variance and permits are issued.
2. Gravel Bonds (SMC's bond is up in April) – Jim Braun spoke with SMC and a bond will be sent. He also noted that Hazelton is not currently in operation and the land is being reclaimed. Keith Johnson's old pit is also being reclaimed.
 3. Compliance Issues – Letters will be sent to all properties not in compliance requesting that clean up occur within a set timeframe.
 4. The Board reviewed the recent Planning Commission minutes in preparation for the upcoming joint meeting.

New Business

1. Topics for Dundas joint meeting – This will be discussed further at the April Board of Supervisors meeting.
 - a. Annexation payment process – determining properties to include
 - b. Flood mitigation in annex areas
 - c. General concerns
2. Road Supervisor – Gary Ebling would like the board to meet an individual interested in the position of assistant snow plow operator.

Old Business

1. Flood Project - A report is being put together to send out next week for review per the last T.E.P meeting with SWCD. The report will focus on the incidental nature of the wetland.
2. Roadside Vegetation – A meeting will need to be held regarding who will oversee the Carleton intern this summer. John Holden is working on this project. John Holden made a motion to approve having Kathleen Doran-Norton work on the Roadside Vegetation Grant with a stipend of \$50 per meeting, Gary Ebling seconded, all approved.

Upcoming Meetings

- Planning and Zoning meeting, March 29, 2018, 7pm Bridgewater Town Hall
- Project Meetings, Monday, March 26, 2018, Bridgewater Town Hall
- Board of Supervisors meeting, April 11, 2018, 7pm Bridgewater Town Hall
- Intergovernmental Meeting, April 18, 2018, 7pm, Bridgewater Town Hall

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