

**Bridgewater Township Board of Supervisors**  
**County of Rice, State of Minnesota**  
**March 8, 2017**  
**Official Minutes**

Call to order

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Introduction of Guests: Glen Castore, Dennis Brown, Joe Thibodeau

Approval of Agenda: Gary Ebling made a motion to approve, Kathleen Doran-Norton seconded, all approved.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:

- Joe Thibodeau noted that the infrared heaters in the shop are in need of maintenance as a result of corrosion. The Board of Supervisors approved basic maintenance work to be completed by Joe Thibodeau. Mr. Thibodeau will replace tubes and clean the heaters, expense will be about \$350.
- Joe Thibodeau noted that the field/berm drain was plugged in Edgebrook. Joe provided a suggestion to prevent debris from collecting. Gary Ebling is going to check if a drain cover is available commercially.

Approval of Minutes & Claims

- March Claims – Claims were reviewed. Gary Ebling made a motion to approve the March 2017 claims, Kathleen Doran-Norton seconded, all approved.
- February 8, February 11, February 27, March 3, 2017 Meeting Minutes
  - Sign Minutes
  - Kathleen Doran-Norton made a motion to approve all meeting minutes, John Holden seconded, all approved.

Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer's Report – Brad Pfahning reviewed the Treasurer's report including money transferred to cover the Central Pond project and DNR reimbursements.
- Gary Ebling made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, Kathleen Doran-Norton seconded, all approved

Clerk's Report-

- Mail – Clerk reviewed the mail received this past month.

Planning & Zoning

- Staff Report
  - Jim Braun reviewed the permit activity over the past month.
  - Reviewed the township properties that need to be cleaned up, these properties will be sent letters requesting the owners to clean the property.
  - Gary Ebling made a motion to approve the 2017-01 Ordinance for Fee Schedule, Kathleen Doran-Norton seconded, all approved.
  - Building permits were given to the clerk to file.
  - The 2016/2017 Planning and Zoning books were given to the clerk to organize.
  - Benny Svein will provide the clerk with any property files that he has to be placed in the office.
  - Jim Braun spoke with Rice County regarding the recent letter concerning the Keith Johnson property.
    - Mr. Braun met with Keith Johnson to request that a fence be installed on the property.
    - Trent McCorkle spoke with Jim Braun regarding the property and suggested that the MPCA may be able to provide assistance.
  - The Board of Supervisors agreed to stop plowing the Keith Johnson driveway as it is not an official township road.
  - Jim Braun noted that his phone had not been working properly, this has been fixed.
  - Conversation with Rebecca Carlson were reviewed, permits will be requested by Seeds Farm for future construction work.

## New Business

- LIDAR Presentation by Gaston Lopez (Carleton) – A presentation was given by Gaston Lopez from Carleton regarding the uses of LIDAR and how it operates.
- Agenda for Annual Meeting on March 14, 2017 – the agenda was reviewed for the upcoming Annual Meeting.

## Old Business

- Flood Mitigation Projects -
  - Central Pond – the project is about 90% done.
  - Barnett Bros will provide GPS data for Adam Parker to complete the “as built”.
- Roadside vegetative management –
  - Updates – John Holden spoke with Scott Bailey. Mr. Bailey will provide the township with a contract for the 2017 season.
- CSAH 1 – not discussed
- Roads
  - Reschedule Road Meeting – A discussion will be held regarding job descriptions and responsibilities during the next flood mitigation meeting on March 13, 2017.
  - Gravel Discussion
    - Reviewed township roads and the amount of gravel needed in total
    - Reviewed current bids received by the township – Total of gravel and rock for the township will be approximately \$150,000.
    - Noted that if the Castle Rock product is good, it could be added in.
    - John Holden made a motion to approve the gravel and rock bids by Otte and Anderson for a total of \$150,000, Kathleen Doran-Norton seconded, all approved.
  - A discussion will be held with Rice County regarding turning back Baseline and Decker to county roads.
    - Gary Ebing suggested a memo of agreement with Rice County prior to turning back the roads.
  - Reviewed future road maintenance, culvert, and ditch repairs needed in the township.
    - Reviewed how to clean the Berg cartway off of Albers Trail ditch and replace the culvert.
    - Gary Ebing will work to obtain pricing quotes for this project.
    - Dennis Brown reviewed a list of trees that are overhanging the right of way that should be trimmed.
- Mill Town Trails
  - Kathleen Doran-Norton reviewed the progress to date for the trail
  - The trail may cross 118<sup>th</sup> street; discussions will be needed when this occurs.

## Upcoming Meetings

- Board of Supervisors meeting, April 12, 2017, 7pm Bridgewater Town Hall
- Flood Mitigation Meetings, Mondays at 1:00pm, Bridgewater Town Hall
- Planning and Zoning meeting, March 30, 2017, 7pm Bridgewater Town Hall

## Adjourn