

Bridgewater Township Board of Supervisors
County of Rice, State of Minnesota
September 13, 2017
Official Minutes

Call to order

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Introduction of Guests:

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

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: None

Closed Meeting to review clerk and treasurer responsibilities.

- The meeting was closed at 6:00pm to discuss the distribution of responsibilities of the clerk and treasurer.
- Closed meeting was ended at 6:55pm.

Opened the Bridgewater Township Board of Supervisors meeting – 7:00pm

Approval of Minutes & Claims

- September Claims – Gary Ebling made a motion to approve the September Claims, John Holden seconded, all approved.
- August 9, August 28, September 6, 2017 Meeting Minutes – Gary Ebling made a motion to approve the minutes of August 9, August 28, and September 6, John Holden seconded, all approved.
 - Sign Minutes

Treasurer's Report

1. Treasurer's Report
 - Brad Pfahning reviewed the current bank balances.
 - Gary Ebling reviewed the usage of the Dundas Annexation tax for gravel on Decker Avenue.
 - Suggested using ½ of the gravel amount provided by Gary Ebling
 - The invoice will be sent to Dundas ASAP.

Clerk's Report-

1. Update on FEMA invoice request – still in process.
2. Dundas Tax Repayment update – need to add amount of gravel on Decker Ave and mail.
3. Boy Scout sign update – Gary Ebling is working on the artwork for the sign.
4. Monday Project Meetings – Kathleen Doran-Norton made a motion to move the project meetings from 1:00pm to 2:30pm, John Holden seconded, all approved.

Planning & Zoning

1. Staff Report –
 - Jim Braun reviewed the current issues with the Ron Semon property.
 - The new County Road 1 will be closer to the house. Mr. Semon is concerned about the quantity of water flowing over the septic drain field. There is concern that a new septic will be needed.
 - Kathleen Doran-Norton suggested that Mr. Semon look into hooking up to the Dundas water/sewer without annexation.
 - Jim Braun noted that the township would consider a variance for a new septic system if necessary.
 - Kathleen Doran-Norton will talk to Jim Koeller regarding this property.
 - The permits for the month were reviewed.
 - Ryan Johnson pulled another permit for his project as the original was pulled three years ago.
 - Seeds Farm – There was an issue with the architect repeatedly calling Scot Rosvold to assist in designing the building. As a result, \$2,400 will be added to the permit fee to cover the added expense of design assistance.

- Blighted properties – a letter will be sent to the Hollinger property to begin clean up.
- Dundas Solar
 - The C.U.P was not recorded yet with the county.
 - The township has not yet received the letter of credit.
 - An approval is still needed from EOR to confirm the landscape plan.
 - Kathleen Doran-Norton made a motion to allow Jim Braun to write the permit if EOR approves the landscape plan, John Holden seconded, all approved.
- 2. Internet Antenna for private residence (Dr. Jacob Conway)
 - Jim Braun reviewed the ordinance currently in place. This subject will be brought up to the Planning Commission.
- 3. Possible TV and laptop for township use.
 - Kathleen Doran-Norton made a motion to approve obtaining two televisions, a laptop, and hardware for installation for the town hall with expense not to exceed \$2,000, Gary Ebling seconded, all approved.

Kathleen Doran-Norton left the meeting early for personal reasons.

New Business

Old Business

1. Flood Mitigation Projects
 - a. Signs per DNR grant agreement
 - b. Gary Ebling is working on this
2. Roadside vegetative management update
 - a. Sprayer spec options to be obtained by Oct. 1
 - i. Reviewed the possibilities and drawings of tractor versus truck sprayers.
 - ii. Reviewed the pros and cons of putting the sprayer on the existing township truck.
 - iii. Mike Groth will work on costing out the sprayer options of both the tractor and truck sprayers.
3. Roads
 - a. Discuss schedule to clean and rebuild ditches
 - i. A culvert will be placed in the Albers cartway as soon as it is available.
 - b. Identify buyer for retriever and blade
 - i. Discussed the pros and cons of the retriever attachment.
 - ii. Dennis Brown suggested selling the retriever in the spring when it is typically needed.
 - c. Remove roller cart and weight from shop
 - i. Mike Groth will bring these out to Dennis Brown's farm.
 - d. Identify roller for back of grader for ordering in Jan/Feb.
 - i. The township will look into trading the retriever for the roller.
 - e. Les Sanford ditch –
 - i. Review cost and purchase items necessary to complete ditch repair
 1. Gary Ebling reviewed the current ditch.
 2. American Excavating is willing to complete the repairs.
 3. John Holden made a motion to approve \$6,200 for the repair of the ditch, Gary Ebling seconded, all approved.

Upcoming Meetings

- Board of Supervisors meeting, October 11, 2017, 7pm Bridgewater Town Hall
- Project Meetings, Monday, September 25 at 1:00pm, Bridgewater Town Hall
- Planning and Zoning meeting, September 28, 2017, 7pm Bridgewater Town Hall

Adjourn – John Holden made a motion to adjourn at 9:30pm, Gary Ebling seconded, all approved.