

Bridgewater Township Board of Supervisors
County of Rice, State of Minnesota
May 1, 2013
Public Hearing Establishing Subordinate Service District
Meeting Minutes Approved

The public hearing was called to order at 7:02p by Chair Glen Castore.

Castore reviewed the process to establish the subordinate service district and opened the hearing for public comment.

Citizen comments:

- Mike Piper- questioned the 2% interest charged by the township for the assessment and the add'l cost we would bear as a town, when borrowing the money from a local bank. Castore answered that the township would be self financing the SSD, no borrowing from any other source.
- Bruce Morlan-connection fees are in what range?
- John Holden-first 75 feet to hook up to homes are free, longer the run the more it costs. Homeowner bears expense of converting appliances and furnaces to the gas line.
- Mike Piper-Cedar Ave has bright yellow natural gas line, will we be seeing that equipment in our area?
- Nancy Johnson-not that she knew of..it was her understanding that the line would start at Rejoice Church, go underground MN Hwy 3 and up Cty Rd 20.
- Edie Piper-what about damage to the wooded area? Who makes the decisions about property?
- John Holden-we will be sending out an informational email to all residents with details.
- Dennis Brown-my family owns 2 parcels in the proposed SSD, speaking for John Chester....we support paying one assessment, resistant to paying two assessments.
- Jim Braun-Brown properties in the Urban Reserve, not Annexation Reserve District.
- John Holden-requested of the Town Board that Xcel Energy be held to tight specifics in performance contract. Appealed to the Board that all costs associated with establishing SSD be passed along in the assessment.
- Nancy Johnson-grateful for the support, and positive comments from neighbors.
- John Holden-felt good about establishing the SSD, no major resistance from residents.
- Mike Piper-line not coming up Cty 20 because of the rock that Jaguar Communications ran into?
- Kathleen-Doran-Norton-contract with Xcel Energy states they will "absorb any unusual construction costs".
- Nancy Johnson-we worked with Xcel Energy over charges.
- Mike Piper-schedule? Possibility of not attaching up to line till next propane season?
- Holden, Johnson- info like this will sent out in email to residents.
- Castore-but assessments will happen whether or not residents hook up in own property.

Public Hearing was closed at 7:30p.m. with special note made that Dennis Brown properties will receive one assessment.

Castore presented Resolution 2013-07 for discussion. Ebling moved, Doran-Norton seconded, passed 3/0 to establish the Subordinate Service District.

Castore directed Cooper to contact the Northfield News for publication of Resolution 2013-07 as soon as practicle.

Meeting discussion continued by Supervisors, adjourned at 8:47p, moved by Ebling, seconded, by Doran-Norton, passed 3/0.

Janalee Cooper