

Bridgewater Township Board of Supervisors
County of Rice, State of Minnesota
Meeting Minutes September 11, 2013
Approved

The meeting was called to order by Chair Glen Castore at 7:10p. The pledge of allegiance was said by all.

Roll Call: Supervisors Castore, Doran-Norton, Ebling were in attendance along with Clerk Cooper, Treasurer Pfahning, Zoning Administrator Braun and Road Supt Dennis Brown.

Introduction of Guests: A good number of residents from the Timberlane subdivision were in attendance.

Approval of Agenda: Ebling moved, Doran-Norton seconded, passed 3/0 with changes.

Approval of Minutes & Claims

- Minutes from August 14, 2013 Ebling moved, Doran-Norton seconded, passed 3/0.
- Minutes from August 17, 2013 Ebling moved, Doran-Norton seconded, passed 3/0.
- Claims from September 11, 2013 Doran-Norton moved, Castore seconded, that "claims list that was sent by email to the Board, be passed". Motion approved 3/0.

Treasurer's Report: Pfahning briefed the Board on the months' activities. He requested that the Board make a motion to "move \$30,000 from the First National savings acct to the First National checking account, and the \$60,000 be moved from the Frandsen Bank acct to the First National checking acct". Ebling moved, Doran-Norton seconded, passed 3/0.

Clerk's Report: Cooper reported on the citizen request of proof of the name change of Telemark Road, for the records when selling their home.

Planning & Zoning Report: Braun reported on the month's activities, noting especially that permit requests were high right at the end of the month.

- Per Diem Pay for the Bridgewater Township Planning Commission: the Board discussed the fuzzy policy we have had in place for the pay of the Commissioners, directed that "Bridgewater Township Planning Commissioner pay be added to the Re-Org meeting as a line item" to be decided. Braun will present pay request for Commissioners at the October township board meeting, behind the motion "that PC member per diem be \$50 per meeting attended", Doran-Norton moved, Ebling seconded, passed 3/0.
- Braun requested the Board to purchase a new copier, Supervisors will check into options.
- Doran-Norton, Carolyn Braun and Jeff Stremcha met to plan out the stream protection ordinance.
- Licensing of Rural Business was discussed and to be considered for future action.

Old Business

- Water Issues: the Timberlane water issue was discussed by the Board and citizens at length. The Board approved “ that up to, but not exceeding \$3,000 be spent on a study with WSB & Associates for the Timberlane and Bittersweet additions ” for the engineering work to solve the issue. Ebling moved, Doran-Norton seconded, passed 3/0. The Edgebrook Drive water issue was discussed: Ebling is contacting Bob Gill, Ray Larson and Rice County Soil and Water on the progress of the work plan to solve that areas’ issue. Water, culvert issues on 115th St and 125th St were also discussed. A work session will be set up with Steve Pahs to discuss options.
- Fire Service Report: Castore reported on the progress of the work group. Issues of finance, governance are being resolved.
- Digester Project: Castore reported on the status of the project. The entities have a Letter of Intent ready to be signed.
- Land Discussion Report: Castore and Board discussed the possibility of the Prawer property being annex’d . Doran-Norton suggested a AUAR (Alternative Urban Area-wide Review)be considered instead of an EAW .
- Castore is also organizing a meeting between the MPCA, Hoover family, Landmark Environmental on the Hoover property.
- Road Issues: the Board will be setting up a work session to review Township Road System issues.
- Rice Creek Update: the project is completed, no longer a necessary agenda item.

New Business

- Rice County: Doran Norton added a variety of County issues to the agenda at the meeting. These were discussed.
- Sales Tax –Rice County has added a 1/2 % sales tax to support the CIP Plan. (??)
- Economic Development: Rice County Commissioners are setting up a Rural Economic Task Force.
- Ordinance Changes by County: Rice County accepted the septic ordinance changes that are now changed in MN state statute. Bridgewater Township will follow suit. The Agriculture Tourism ordinance is being updated and discussion was started on this issue for the Township.

Administration

- MAT District 4 meeting update to be given at October Board of Supervisors meeting.

Adjournment: Ebling moved, Castore seconded, passed 3/0 for adjournment at 9:36p.

Chair: Glen Castore _____

Attest: Janalee Cooper _____