

**Bridgewater Township Annual Meeting**  
**County of Rice, State of Minnesota**  
**March 8, 2016, 8:15pm**  
**Official Minutes**

Introduction

- The Annual Meeting of Bridgewater Township was called to order at 8:15pm by Cheri Albers as acting clerk. The pledge of allegiance was recited by all. Present were the Supervisors, Kathleen Doran-Norton, Gary Ebling, John Holden, Treasurer Brad Pfahning, and township citizens.
- A motion was made by Kathleen Doran-Norton, seconded by Gary Ebling and approved by all to have Barb Zavaruha serve as moderator. A motion to approve the agenda was made by John Klockeman, seconded by Gary Ebling and approved by all.

Approvals

- Minutes from the 2015 Annual Meeting were read. Brad Pfahning motioned to approve with Dennis Brown offering the second, accepted by all.
- The site and time for the 2017 Annual Meeting was set for 8:15pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of March at the Bridgewater Town Hall. Gary Ebling moved to approve, with a second by Glen Castore and agreed by all.
- Brad Pfahning presented the Board of Audit which was approved. The profit-loss is staying on budget thanks to hard work by Frances Boehning, clerk, for keeping accurate reports, many, many, negotiating hours by Gary Ebling and lots of extra time put in by Kathleen Doran-Norton attending meetings with Northfield.
- Brad Pfahning gave the Treasurer's report with income of \$558,335 and expenses of \$525,240. Hand outs were provided for the audit and treasurers report.

Business

- Storm Water Management
  - Gary Elbing, assisted by son John Ebling, gave an informative power point presentation showing updates and proposals for Spring Creek, Edgebrook, Rice and Heath Creek flood water projects.
- Roads
  - Gary Ebling stated that we are on a good three year rotation gravel plan for our roads. The rock from the Kramer pit is working well – doesn't break down fast. They are analyzing which roads should be swapped – thinking Decker and Baseline should be county roads.
- Fire Association
  - The Rural Fire District Report was given by Glen Castore. The board of 8 voting members is functioning well – 2 trucks need to be replaced. They are getting a new pumper truck in June or July 2016. Their building, built in 1971, needs renovation, including an expansion. They will bond for a building in 2018.
  - John Holden moved to acknowledge and support Paul Liebenstein and Glen Castore for excellent work and lots of time concerning NAFRS. Brad Pfahning seconded with citizen approval.

Planning and Zoning

- Rice County Comp Plan – would like to see shoreland to be certified by state and approved by county- the ordinance needs updating.
- Kathleen Doran-Norton motioned to recognize with appreciation Ray Larson, Gary Rock, Brian Paulsen, and Bob Gill for their cooperation with the flood control projects. Dennis Brown seconded with agreement by all present.
- Kathleen Doran-Norton also moved to acknowledge the late Stephanie Henrickson for all her help, concern, and assistance over many years. The motion was seconded by John Klockeman and approved by all.

Levy

- John Klockeman proposed an increase of 3% for the coming year or about \$9,000. Glen Castore moved for approval- seconded by Dennis Brown-all agreed except for Janalee Cooper opposing.

Election Results

- Total Votes Cast – 71

- Supervisor Gary Ebling – 70
- Write In (Glen Castore) – 1

Direction for Board

- Janalee Cooper encouraged the Board to stay connected with the Minnesota Association of Township. She also brought attention to House File 2585, which, if passed, could weaken the voice of townships.
- John Klockeman, as a member of the planning commission, wants to make sure farmers have a voice and to keep the main focus on agriculture.

Adjournment

- Glen Castore moved to adjourn at 10:13pm, seconded by Dennis Brown – approved by all.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheri Albers

Acting Clerk