

Bridgewater Township Board of Supervisors
County of Rice, State of Minnesota
April 13, 2016
Official Minutes

Call to order – 7:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: John Holden, Gary Ebling, Brad Pfahning, Jim Braun, Frances Boehning

Introduction of Guests: Larry Larson, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd

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

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: none

Approval of Minutes & Claims

- April Claims – Gary Ebling made a motion to approve the April Claims, John Holden seconded, all approved.
- February 10, March 9, March 21, and April 4, 2016 Meeting Minutes – Gary Ebling made a motion to approve the April Claims, John Holden seconded, all approved.

Treasurer's Report

1. Treasurer's Report – Brad Pfahning reviewed the treasurer's report and the amounts in the bank. Gary Ebling made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, John Holden seconded, all approved.
2. It was noted that the clerk needs to check that the updated dollar amount (per the Re-Organizational meeting) was used in creating payroll claims.
3. Deputy Treasurer – Glen Castore has agreed to act as the Deputy Treasurer.

Clerk's Report-

1. Review best practices from M.A.T. – The clerk reviewed M.A.T.'s best practices for the clerk position. There is some deviation from this as Bridgewater Township does not use CTAS.
2. Review of Total Flood Mitigation Expenses – The expenses related to the flood mitigation projects were reviewed. A request was made to add in the amount remaining in DNR Flood Mitigation grant.

Planning & Zoning

1. Staff Report – Jim Braun reviewed the recent activity including 4 permits issued (one roof, two accessory buildings, and a house remodel). In addition, there was an email received from a resident concerning an older septic install that resulted in a mosquito breeding pond. Jim Braun responded that is a civil matter and would need to be address between the resident and his neighbor.
2. Shoreland Ordinance – 2016-02
 - A public hearing was held at the Planning Commission meeting on March 30 where the ordinance was approved. Gary Ebling noted that a permit will be needed from the DNR prior to the start of digging on the Central Pond project. Jim Braun will forward the name of the person that Gary Ebling/Adam Parker will need to contact to get the permit.
 - Gary Ebling made a motion to approve the Shoreland Ordinance, John Holden seconded, all approved.
3. Solar Ordinance – 2016-01
 - A public hearing was held at the Planning Commission meeting on March 30 where the ordinance was approved.
 - A question was asked regarding wind load standards – per Jim Braun the Federal maps will be used to create the standard for this.

- It was noted that roof mounted units will need to meet the fire marshal's request for coverage and set back.
 - Gary Ebling made a motion to approve the Solar Ordinance, John Holden seconded, all approved.
4. Tim Lloyd Variance – Resolution 2016-03
- A variance request was made to allow a 33' frontage to the road versus the standard 250' frontage for a parcel owned by Timothy Lloyd.
 - The Planning Commission held a public hearing on March 30 and approved the variance based on the following findings:
 - The parcel was a lot of record prior to Township zoning authority
 - The parcel was established in 1974 and had a 33 foot easement for access since 1974
 - Single family residential use of the property is a reasonable use.
 - The variance is subject to the following conditions:
 - Any further increase in density requires construction of a township road for access to the newly developed parcel
 - The new home must meet setbacks from the bluff
 - Gary Ebling made a motion to approve the variance based on the findings and with the conditions noted, John Holden seconded, all approved.

New Business

1. Update Road Information – This has been tabled until Jim Braun is finished with the Septic and Building permits/filing is complete. In addition, Jim Braun requested that the Supervisors discuss the letter from Peter Tiede prior to continuing this project.
2. Roadside Vegetative Management – This item was moved to the May agenda as the Supervisors would like Kathleen Doran-Norton present for this discussion.
3. Pollinator Habitat – This item was moved to the May agenda as the Supervisors would like Kathleen Doran-Norton present for this discussion.

Old Business

1. Roads – Sweeping and Crack Fill request
 - a. A request was made from a resident in Oak Hills to have the road repaired and swept.
 - b. Following a discussion on how cracks are sealed, it was decided that the road would be swept as soon as feasible while the cracks would be sealed later in the summer.

Upcoming Meetings

- Board of Supervisors meeting, May 11 , 2016, 7pm Bridgewater Town Hall
- Flood Mitigation Meetings, Mondays at 1:00pm, Bridgewater Town Hall
- Planning and Zoning meeting, April 27, 2016, 7pm Bridgewater Town Hall

Adjourn – Gary Ebling made a motion to adjourn at 7:55pm, John Holden seconded, all approved.