

Bridgewater Township Board of Supervisors
County of Rice, State of Minnesota
August 10, 2016
Official Minutes

Call to order

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Introduction of Guests: Deb Salaba, Glen Castore, Dennis Brown

Approval of Agenda: Gary Ebling made a motion to approve the agenda, Kathleen Doran-Norton seconded, all approved.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: Glen Castore mentioned that a Special Fire Board meeting will be held at the police station training room on August 11, 2016, from 9am -11am. In addition, another Fire Board meeting will be held on September 22, 2016, in the police station training room from 9am – noon. This meeting will be a discussion on setting up an independent taxing district for the Fire Service. Bridgewater Supervisors are encouraged to attend this meeting.

Approval of Minutes & Claims

- August Claims- Gary Ebling made a motion to approve the claims, Kathleen Doran-Norton seconded, all approved. It was noted that the Luhman’s claims was a duplicate of the one from July.
- July 13, July 18, August 1, 2016 Meeting Minutes – Gary Ebling made a motion to approve the minutes, Kathleen Doran-Norton seconded, all approved.

Treasurer's Report

1. Treasurer’s Report –
 - Bridgewater Township received a check from M.A.T.I.T. for workers comp reimbursement.
 - The credit line at Frandsen is at zero – Gary Ebling and Brad Pfahning will work with Rick to extend this.
2. 2015 Dundas Annexation invoice update.
 - The invoice has been sent to John McCarthy along with the invoice for gravel on Decker Avenue.
 - It was requested that the line regarding a late fee be added to future invoices. The late fee was approved at a prior meeting.
3. Credit Card update
 - This is in process through First National Bank.

Clerk's Report-

1. The Deputy Clerk (Deb Salaba) was sworn in.
2. The Primary Elections were held yesterday in the town hall. We had 111 voters.

Planning & Zoning

1. Staff Report
 - Jim Braun reviewed the permits from the last month.
 - Solar Garden will be added to the August 31 agenda for the Planning Commission. Jim Braun received a call from the attorney notifying the township that they were ready to move forward. They solar company will submit paperwork to Jim Braun next week.
 - Jim Braun requested a W-9 from Brad Pfahning as we accidentally overpaid the Department of Labor and Industry.
2. Ag building standards
 - Darrel Gilmer provided standards and Carolyn Braun will place them in an ordinance format.
3. MPCA Meeting update
 - According to Jim Braun, the meeting went well. The MPCA representative had a list of additional requirements that the township will need to meet. Jim Braun will work on a plan to meet these requirements. Some of the items will be the responsibility of the septic designer. A memo will be sent out to the septic companies informing them of the new requirements. Additional items may need to be added to the Septic Ordinance.
 - Prior to filing any future documents, Jim Braun and the clerk will need to view a MPCA video.

4. It was noted that 140th Street has a hole in it. Jim Braun contacted the mining company using the road and requested that they repair it.
5. A citation was issued on the Swanson property. Jim Braun posted a notice stating No Human Habitation as the mobile home is not in good repair and needs to be cleaned up.
6. Jim Braun spoke with the owner of the old barn on the Palin place and informed them that the barn needs to come down. They were also asked to call Jim Braun within 20 days regarding this.
7. Jim Braun visited the blighted property. There is still significant work that needs to be done to clean it up. They have until Monday noon to complete the clean up or Jim Braun will proceed with outside help to assist in cleaning. If the township proceeds to hire outside help, a lien will be placed against the property to cover the cost.

New Business

1. None

Old Business

1. Edgebrook update –
 - a. The gas company completed moving the lines so American Excavating can proceed with installing the culvert by the end of next week. The install should take only one day. Residents will be notified of the project.
 - b. Gary Ebling sent an email to Steve Pahs with an explanation and details of the expenses involved in the Edgebrook project. Steve Pahs responded that he will notify us if they have any questions. Gary Ebling spoke with Elizabeth Ohlman who suggested that we finish the project as planned.
2. Central Pond update
 - a. Gary Ebling met with the Anderson family, who has decided not to accept dirt moved from the dig site to their property. Glen Castore met with Mark Bauer who expressed interest in the taking all of the dirt from the project site. Gary Ebling and Glen Castore will work to review costs and complete a fill plan and request a survey for the Bauer site.
3. Wild parsnip management plan
 - a. John Holden and the clerk will work to put together a mailing for the township residents.
4. Roads
 - a. The road grader is nearing the end of the 7 year warranty. Dennis Brown will look into newer machines and bring the information to the next meeting. As the repair costs are very high for this type of machine, it is in the best interest of the township to switch to a better machine that is under warranty.
 - b. Prior to selling the current machine, research will need to be done regarding charging sales tax.

Upcoming Meetings

- Joint Board of Supervisor and Planning Commission meeting, Sept. 14, 2016, 5pm Bridgewater Town Hall
- Board of Supervisors meeting, September 14, 2016, 7pm Bridgewater Town Hall
- Flood Mitigation Meetings, Mondays at 1:00pm, Bridgewater Town Hall
- Planning and Zoning meeting, August 31, 2016, 7pm Bridgewater Town Hall

Adjourn 8:52