

Bridgewater Township Board of Supervisors
County of Rice, State of Minnesota
December 14, 2016
Official Minutes

Call to order

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Introduction of Guests: Dennis Brown, Garret Jones (Boy Scout)

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

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: Garret Jones presented his request to work with Bridgewater Township to create a sign for the township in order to fulfill the requirements for Eagle Scout. A meeting was tentatively scheduled for December 26, 2016, to discuss sign possibilities.

Approval of Minutes & Claims

- December Claims – Gary Ebling made a motion to approve, John Holden seconded, all approved.
- November 9, November 14, November 18, November 21, November 28, December 12, 2016 Meeting Minutes
 - Gary Ebling made a motion to approve, John Holden seconded, all approved.

Treasurer's Report

1. Treasurer's Report – Brad Pfahning reviewed the expenses and income from the DNR and SWCD for the flood mitigation projects. It was noted that the annual cost for elections in the township are close to \$5,000.
 - Gary Ebling made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, John Holden seconded, all approved.
2. Audit Schedule – the Audit is scheduled for Saturday, February 11, 2017, at 10am.
3. Budget Meeting – the Budget meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 11, 2017, at 5:30pm.
 - A discussion should be held regarding the levy and explanation on why an increase is needed.

Clerk's Report-

1. Election Time Table –
 - a. Clerk reviewed the time line for the March elections.
 - b. Gary Ebling made a motion to appoint Rice County as the Absentee Ballot Board, John Holden seconded, all approved.

Fire Service

1. Paul Liebenstein – Mr. Liebenstein reviewed recent actions and decisions made by the NAFRS board. Bridgewater Township will continue the current fire service agreement and pay the sum of \$44,660 (to be paid in two equal payments in May and October).

Planning & Zoning – Jim Braun was unable to attend due to illness.

1. Staff Report
2. Dundas Solar Project C.U.P.
3. Completed Building and Septic Permits for 2016 and 2017 and those carrying forward

New Business

1. Northfield Historical Society – Payment was made to the society to assist in keeping the township records available on-line.
2. Resolutions to Rice County on land use – these will be reviewed at the January Board of Supervisors meeting.

Old Business

1. Edgebrook update – no new updates
2. Central Pond update - no new updates
3. Roadside vegetative management – no new updates
4. CSAH 1 – no new updates
5. Roads - A request was made to hold a road meeting on January 16 or 23. This meeting will include the Supervisors, Mike Groth, and Dennis Brown. Topics to be covered are:
 - a. Future projects

- b. Cleaning/rebuilding ditches and culverts
- c. Possible turn back roads with Rice County
- d. Road equipment

Upcoming Meetings

- Board of Supervisors meeting, January 11, 2017, 7pm Bridgewater Town Hall
- Flood Mitigation Meetings, Mondays at 1:00pm, Bridgewater Town Hall
- Planning and Zoning meeting, December 28, 2016, 7pm Bridgewater Town Hall

Adjourn