

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

Call to order at 7pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Introduction of Guests: Tom Davison, Pat Gregor, Monica Davison, Larry Edwardson, Dennis Brown, Leif Knect, Steve and Anita Grant

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

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: Steve Grant provided a lot survey to Jim Braun who will use it to create a lot split.

Approval of Minutes & Claims

- July Claims – Brad Pfahning requested and received approval to move money out of the solar escrow and over to operating expenses to cover the recent invoice from EOR.
 - Gary Ebling made a motion to approve the July Claims, Kathleen Doran-Norton seconded, all approved.
- June 8, June 20, 2016 Meeting Minutes
 - Sign Minutes – Kathleen Doran-Norton made a motion to approve, Gary Ebling seconded, all approved.

Treasurer's Report

1. Treasurer's Report – This month was expensive due to construction costs and dust control. Funds were received from the DNR reimbursement and taxes.
2. 2015 Dundas Annexation invoice update. – Brad Pfahning requested the amount that was spent last year on Decker Avenue as it needs to be included in the report to Dundas. Gary Ebling will email this information to Brad.
3. Credit Card – Mastercard Check Card from Frandsen Bank
 - Brad Pfahning will complete the process to obtain the credit card.
 - A policy regarding the use of the credit card will be reviewed during the next meeting.

Clerk's Report-

1. A representative requested the use of the town hall for the annual meeting of the Millstone Twinhomes association. The request was approved and the clerk will notify the representative. Their meeting will take place on Tuesday, July 19.
2. Deb Johnson has agreed to act as Deputy Clerk. She will attend the next Board of Supervisors meeting in August.

Planning & Zoning

1. Staff Report –
 - Jim Braun reviewed permit activity for the month of June.
 - The T.E.P.P for Don Redmond was approved during the last Planning and Zoning meeting. A continuous bond will be added to the C.U.P. and removed from the T.E.P.P.
 - Kathleen Doran-Norton made a motion to approve resolution 2016-06 for the T.E.P.P. for Don Redmond, DBA Medford Sand and Gravel LLC., Gary Ebling seconded, all approved.
 - Kathleen Doran-Norton made a motion to approve Ordinance 2016-03 opting out of the requirements of Minnesota statutes, section 462.3593, Gary Ebling seconded, all approved.
2. Ag building standards –
 - Jim Braun will work with Darrel Gilmer to bring an ordinance draft to the next Planning and Zoning meeting.
3. The MPCA will be conducting an audit of the septic files on July 28, 2016.
4. A letter was received from the lawyer regarding the Dundas Solar project. The letter requested the township to extend the timeline for approval until final ownership of the company is complete. When the request is presented to the Planning and Zoning Commission it will address impervious surfaces and wet land issues.
5. Notice of a property not in compliance was brought to Jim Braun's attention by Rice County. Jim Braun stopped by the house and posted a notice stating that it was not fit for habitation until it was brought into compliance.

Kathleen Doran-Norton will contact Rice County Social Services to see if help can be obtained for the adult residing at the address.

New Business

1. Wild parsnip management plan –
 - o John Holden reviewed the current issues with wild parsnip in the township.
 - A meeting was held with Mike Seidlheck of Castle Rock who suggested mowing in Sept/Oct followed by spraying, and then repeat in the spring. This will need to be repeated for years until plants have been eliminated.
 - A concern was brought up on how to mow without transferring seeds from infested areas to clean areas. Different methods will be researched and brought back to future meetings.
 - Per Leif Knect, this should be taken care of as soon as possible as it is only getting worse the longer we wait.
 - John Holden will call Mike Seidlheck of Castle Rock and the Castle Rock Township board to set up a meeting to review the success of the parsnip management in their area. Leif Knect, Gary Ebling, Kathleen Doran-Norton and Steve Albers requested to be included in the meeting.
2. Roadside Vegetative Management - will be included in the wild parsnip management plan
3. Pollinator Habitat - will be included in the wild parsnip management plan
4. Rice Creek Grant – CRWP has money available for help in land management. It was suggested that Roger Helgeson be informed of this.

Old Business

1. Edgebrook update –
 - a. The NRCS held a meeting on July 11, the township was not included in this meeting. They requested that the Township bring any questions to the district representative.
 - b. Gary Ebling is working with Steve Pahs to gain reimbursement for the Edgebrook Ditch project.
 - c. The outlet is filling in with sediment and needs to be cleaned out. Steve Pahs will not permit the sediment to be removed or permit the addition of a catch basket to prevent other debris.
 - d. The state's chief hydrologist, Anna Braumbett, was supposed to certify the Edgebrook project but felt it was too close to the houses. As a result, she elevated it to the federal level. There has been no communication with the township. Bridgewater Township has offered to monitor the project on a regular basis.
2. Central Pond phase one excavation –
 - a. IMS is working on completing this.
 - b. The bid for the second phase will be posted in the Northfield News around September 1.
 - c. A sign will be posted at the site stating that the project is funded by the DNR.
3. Gary Rock farm grading – Gary Ebling is getting information from Adam Parker regarding this.
4. Roads – Gravel status – The gravel placement is almost complete.

Upcoming Meetings

- Board of Supervisors meeting, August 10, 2016, 7pm Bridgewater Town Hall
- Rice County Board Meeting, July 12, 2016. – bid contracts awarded
- Intergovernmental Meeting, July 20, 2016, 7pm Police Station
- Flood Mitigation Meetings, Mondays at 1:00pm, Bridgewater Town Hall
- Planning and Zoning meeting, July 27, 2016, 7pm Bridgewater Town Hall

Adjourn at 9:30pm