

Bridgewater Township Board of Supervisors
County of Rice, State of Minnesota
May 11, 2016
Official Minutes

Call to order

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Introduction of Guests: Dennis Brown, Bruce Morlan

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

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: none

Approval of Minutes & Claims

1. May Claims
 - a. Gary Ebling made a motion to approve the May claims, Kathleen Doran Norton seconded, all approved.
2. April 13, April 18, May 2, 2016 Meeting Minutes
 - a. Kathleen Doran Norton made a motion to approve the minutes in total, Gary Ebling seconded, all approved.

Treasurer's Report

1. Treasurer's Report – Brad Pfahning reviewed the report. A discussion was held to extend the line of credit with Frandsen Bank for another \$550,000. Gary Ebling and Brad Pfahning will work with Frandsen Bank to ensure that the line of credit is only for the Central and Dundas Pond projects.

Clerk's Report- Clerk noted that a letter and check had been received from Northfield for the annexation payment.

Planning & Zoning

1. Staff Report – Jim Braun reviewed the current permits and building projects in the township.
2. Priorities list
 - a. Carolyn Braun's current list of projects includes:
 - i. Finishing the Shoreland documentation that the DNR is requesting
 - ii. Publishing the Solar summary and recording it at the county
 - iii. Working with a solar company regarding their application
 - iv. Carolyn Braun will email the board with any additional projects that she is working on.
 - b. Jim Braun's priority project list
 - i. Finish sewer books
 - ii. Move filing to office
 - iii. Work to complete old permits that need occupancy notices
 - iv. Ordinance standards for Agricultural buildings
 - v. Road project
3. Shoreland Summary Resolution – Kathleen Doran-Norton made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-05 for the summary publication of the Shoreland Ordinance, Gary Ebling seconded, all approved.
4. Update on township solar garden request/status of Dundas request
 - a. Jim Braun reviewed the status of the application for the solar array on the Prawer land. Currently the application is not complete. Jim Braun will work with the company to bring them into compliance regarding their application for a C.U.P.
 - b. The project will not be noticed in the Northfield News until the application is complete.

New Business

1. Roadside Vegetative Management - move to June meeting
2. Pollinator Habitat – move to June meeting

Old Business

1. Edgebrook update (seeding and arrange to move utilities) –
 - a. The seeding is taking place within the week on the ground work completed last fall. Gary Ebling has spoken with representatives from the different utilities. Charter Communication has completed moving and patching their lines, Xcel is working to complete their lines, and gas lines should be moved sometime during the end of May. All utilities need to be moved prior to the new road culverts being placed.
2. Central Pond phase one excavation
 - a. Equipment is on-site and digging is set to begin. Ims construction is currently working on the Seeds farms to move topsoil in preparation for some of the fill from the Central Pond to be placed there.
 - b. Locations for the remaining fill from the pond are being finalized.
3. DNR Grant contract amendment – Following a meeting with representatives from the DNR, Glen Castore, and Gary Ebling; Bridgewater Township received an additional \$550,000 grant from the DNR for the Flood Mitigation projects.
4. Gary Rock farm grading
 - a. Gary Ebling spoke with Gary Rock regarding grading the farm field. Gary Rock has some concerns regarding continued farming with a waterway through the middle of the field. Gary Ebling will set up another meeting to discuss this with Gary Rock, Glen Castore, and Ims construction.
5. Misc. seeding projects – The Dundas Pond project was seeded.
6. Roads –
 - a. 115th Street – Dennis Brown is looking into installing a guard rail on 115th Street as the last one was taken out during an accident.
 - b. Gravel status
 - i. 115th Street is done
 - ii. Baldwin is almost done
 - iii. Dahl is done
 - iv. Decker is done
 - v. All remaining streets will be completed as scheduled.
 - c. Ditch cleaning status
 - i. Tree removal needs to be completed
 - ii. The Alber/Ludwig cartway has trees and stumps that need to be cleared.
 - d. Tree removal status - none
 - e. Sink hole on 123rd street
 - i. Per Dennis Brown the hole is continuing to sink despite repeated patching. There are a few spots along the road that are sinking also. Per John Holden, these holes should be fixed instead on continuing to patch. Dennis Brown will call and get quotes on fixing.
 - f. Street Sweeping – spring street sweeping will take place the week of May 16, 2016.
 - g. Status of Base Line related to detour from Cty Road 46 – A discussion was held regarding the official detour route versus the route that many people will take. Gary Ebling will call and talk to Dennis Luebbe regarding obtaining assistance for adding rock to Baseline Road for the

increased traffic. Recommendation was given to add one inch of gravel to Baseline road to help maintain the road condition.

- h. 130th Street East – this road will receive gravel this year. It will be bladed this week and the gravel will be added around June 5th.

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, May 25, 2016, 7pm Bridgewater Town Hall

Adjourn – Gary Ebling made a motion to adjourn at 8:50pm, Kathleen Doran-Norton seconded, all approved.