

Bridgewater Township Board of Supervisors  
County of Rice, State of Minnesota  
May 14, 2014  
Official Minutes

Call to order

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Introduction of Guests: None

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

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: None

*Approval of Minutes & Claims*

- April/May Claims; Gary Ebling made a motion to approve and John Holden seconded, all approved.
- April 9, 2014 Meeting Minutes; John Holden made a motion to approve and Gary Ebling seconded, all approved.

*Treasurer's Report*

- Access to historical information – Quick Books will be added to the office computer to be completed during the beginning of June.
- Board of Industry questions – Brad Pfahning will email this out to the board
- SSD questions – Kathleen Doran-Norton will send an email to Brad Pfahning and John Holden to see if there are any lingering issues.
- Road claims – Kathleen Doran-Norton has resolved this with Glen Castore.
- Dundas Road Taxes Payment Due – Brad Pfahning will send an invoice every 30 days until the payment is made.
- Balance Sheet – a request was made by the board to have Brad Pfahning create a full balance sheet for the July meeting.

*Clerk's Report-*

- Follow-up External Hard Drive – the hard drive has been purchased and is in use.
- Sign/board for posting meetings – a request is being made to the Boy Scout Troop to see if there is interest in taking on the construction of this as part of an Eagle Scout project.

*Dundas meeting*

- Dundas has passed two resolutions –
  - Share in Planning and Zoning costs.
  - Denied payment of tax rebate – A discussion was held on the meaning of the original intent versus the current actions. It was recommended that we request Dundas to reference the Annexation agreement on their resolutions. Jim Olds recommended following the original agreement – have Dundas identify what part of the agreement they don't agree with. Then follow up with a meeting. Kathleen Doran-Norton will draft a letter requesting this information from them.

*Planning & Zoning*

- *Approval of Septic Ordinance Resolution 2014-02*
  - Follow-up process – a public hearing was held on April 9, 2014, followed by a public hearing and Ordinance approval on May 14, 2014. The public hearing opened at 7:25pm, no comments were made, the hearing was closed at 7:30pm. Gary Ebling made a motion to approve and John Holden seconded, all approved.

- *Approval of TEPP permits PZ Resolution 2014-04*
  - Follow-up process – For the Dundas Wash Plant - Gary Ebling made a motion to approve and John Holden seconded, all approved.
  - *TEPP Permit PZ Resolution 2014-05* – For the Medford Sand & Gravel - Gary Ebling made a motion to approve and John Holden seconded, all approved.
  - The Dundas Wash Plant and Medford Sand & Gravel will move to a five year renewal unless they are found to be non-compliant or a change in ownership occurs. Gary Ebling made a motion to approve and John Holden seconded, all approved, to have Planning and Zoning work out the plan to move to the five year TEPP renewal.
- *Gravel pit update*
  - During an inspection, Jim Braun found that operations were occurring at the Hazelton site. According to Hazelton, they were moving stored product. They will send in a request for an interim TEPP Permit. They have been using 125<sup>th</sup> street, as a result, they will agree to repair any damage done to the road which we will bill them for.
  - Jim Braun viewed operations at the SMC plant – everything was in compliance.
  - The Milwaukee pit was not viewed. It has been discussed that a possible walking path will be placed around the ponds. Rice County will hold a hearing to possibly reclaim the abandoned railroad for future paths.
- *Upcoming Rice Creek meeting Friday, May 16*
  - A meeting will be held at the town hall at 4:30pm to discuss policy and ordinance on the trout stream.
- *Projects*
  - Schedule for Filing permits – Jim Braun is creating the files and they should be done Friday.
  - ROW study – Deb Johnson is working on creating the missing folders. The work will take about 20-30 hours. The ditch on the south side of 115<sup>th</sup> street near Gates and Falk was badly torn up as a result of recent rains. Material was added to reinforce the road. Decker Avenue will also need work following damage from the recent rain.

*Approval of Fire Service JPA Resolution 2014-\_\_\_\_*

- Gary Ebling made a motion to approve and John Holden seconded, all approved.

*Approval of MN PACE JPA Resolution 2014-\_\_\_\_*

- John Holden made a motion to approve and Gary Ebling seconded, all approved.
- Per Ophaug, there is no financial risk to the township. A public hearing is not required. The owner will need to sign a waiver stating that a public hearing is not required.
- Solar forum – Kathleen Doran-Norton will put together a forum with interested parties for the July meeting.

*Follow-up to 2014 Road Tour – consensus on plan*

- Normal maintenance - Gary Ebling will work with Dennis Brown on where to put material and how much. They will come back to the group before laying gravel and dust mitigation.
- A road committee is in the beginning stages of being formed.
- A request has been made to clean the ditch on Baldwin and 100<sup>th</sup> as farm land is going under water. Dennis would like to review this before action is taken.
- Annexation area needs – this was not covered.

*Follow-up to DNR Grant/WSB study Open House, May 14 7 pm*

- Gary Ebling discussed the current projects with the citizens from Edgebrook.
- Tom Kaufman discussed the south half of the fields draining into a number of lots in the Edgebrook area with Gary Ebling.

*Continuation of Reorganization meeting – discussion has been moved to June*

*Administration*

- Office PC upgrade follow-up – new computer is up and running.

*Upcoming Meetings*

- Planning and Zoning meeting May 16
- Bridgewater-Dundas meeting - date was declined by Bridgewater as insufficient notice was given by Dundas.
- Bridgewater Township Board of Supervisors – June 11.

Adjourn