

Bridgewater Township Board of Supervisors
County of Rice, State of Minnesota
October 8, 2014
Official Minutes

Call to order – 6:55 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Closed Meeting with Planning and Zoning – Compensation for the Planning and Zoning Administrator will be raised to meet his hours and millage which have increased due to the new Septic Ordinance.

Introduction of Guests:

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

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: Gary Rock commented on the new water runoff fee that was mandated by Dundas. The fee is approximately \$60 per acre. Dundas has not been forthcoming on what the purpose of the fee is.

Approval of Minutes & Claims

- October Claims – Gary Ebling made a motion to approve, John Holden seconded, all was approved except the WSB claim which will be clarified later in the meeting.
- September 10, 2014 Meeting Minutes – Gary Ebling made a motion to approve, John Holden seconded, all approved.

Treasurer's Report

- Claims versus Budget worksheet – Brad Pfahning reviewed the worksheet. Gary Ebling made a request to see the WSB claims versus the Grant.
- 2014 Dundas annexation worksheet – Brad Pfahning will meet with Kathleen Doran-Norton to review.

Clerk's Report-Jim Braun will work with the clerk to sign a letter for the MPCA to be sent to Rochester.

Planning & Zoning

- MPCA forms – Jim Braun is working on completing this.
- ROW Project – Jim Braun went to meet with the GIS person at Rice County. Rice County has a roughed in map. When it is ready, we will review and determine which roads should be abandoned. Those that are abandoned will be legally documented with Rice County. Jim and Carolyn Braun will come down and GPS each of the culverts.
- Trout Stream Ordinance Update – Cathy Larson sent additional information to Carolyn Braun, who is working on the new ordinance. Gary Ebling requested a document comparing the current restrictions to the proposed.
- Chickens – John Holden made a motion to add this into the Good Neighbor Policy, Gary Ebling seconded and all approved. Jim Braun will review the current Nuisance and Animal ordinances to see if we can use these.

New Business

- Bridgewater-Dundas Planning Commission By-Laws – Kathleen Doran-Norton will piece together By-Laws from other entities. A meeting will be held at a future date to review as a board. Kathleen Doran-Norton will get feedback from the Planning and Zoning Commissioners.
- Local Government Innovation Grant – This is a \$5000 grant to create a joint powers agreement. Kathleen Doran-Norton is working on this and will send out a draft.

Old Business

- DNR Flood Mitigation, FEMA, SWCD projects – The Edgebrook project will begin in spring 2015. Gary Ebling reviewed the elements of the project. Gary Ebling will start the easements and obtain advice from John Ophaug to determine if we need a formal hearing first and if money will need to be paid.
- Resolution 2014-12 - For the SWCD Salisbury project – John Holden made a motion to fund the 10% that Mrs. Salisbury would have been charged. This 10% charge (up to \$3,500) will be paid by Bridgewater Township. Gary Ebling seconded and all approved.
- Glen Castore – Flood Mitigation Grant Projects – The initial draft report on Spring Creek has been received. We are waiting on the complete report. Glen Castore suggested using the colleges to a greater degree in the future as they are good to work with. For Heath Creek, the goal is to have the college work on a model that will preserve the trout stream. Kathleen Doran-Norton made the suggestion that Justin Watkins, with the MPCA, be consulted as a resource that may help with preserving the stream.

Road Status

- Road Grader Tires – The tires are currently at 50%. New tires are \$2,000 each. Gary Ebling will talk to Dennis Brown and Mike Groth to determine next steps. A report will be given next month.
- Baseline Burma Rock test – The rock has been placed, we are waiting on results of the test.
- FEMA – the forms have been submitted and a road tour will occur.

Upcoming Meetings

- Joint meeting with Dundas October 21, 2014, at Bridgewater Town Hall
- Intergovernmental meeting, October 22, 2014
- Planning and Zoning meeting October 23, 2014, at Bridgewater Town Hall

Adjourn – 8:50pm