

Bridgewater Township Board of Supervisors
County of Rice, State of Minnesota
September 9, 2015
Official Minutes

Call to order

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Introduction of Guests:

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

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: Peter Teide said Thank You to Bridgewater Township for their business.

Approval of Minutes & Claims

- September Claims – for accounting purposes the WSB invoices will be split three ways between the following projects – Dundas Pond, Central Pond, and Edgebrook. Kathleen Doran-Norton made a motion to approve the claims, John Holden seconded, all approved.
- August 12, August 13, August 15, August 22 2015 Meeting Minutes – Kathleen Doran-Norton made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections, Gary Ebling seconded, all approved.

Treasurer's Report

- Updates – Brad Pfahning reviewed the current bank accounts. John Holden made a motion to approve the transfer of \$100,000 from Equipment Savings at 1st National Bank to an Equipment Savings account at Frandsen Bank, Kathleen Doran-Norton seconded, all approved. John Holden made a motion authorizing Gary Ebling and Brad Pfahning to move money from the Credit Line at Frandsen Bank to the Project Account, Kathleen Doran-Norton seconded, all approved.

Clerk's Report-

- Flood Management Spreadsheet – Reviewed the spreadsheet, WSB invoices will be added and a spreadsheet will be created for approval prior to submitting to the DNR.

Planning & Zoning

- Staff Report
 - Reviewed current permits and driveway permits.
 - The MPCA will be reviewing the Township files – Jim Braun will set a date and notify the Board of Supervisors as one of them will need to be present.
 - Reviewed Septic issues
 - Updated the Board on current status of SMC Bond and Tepp. The Tepp permit will be covered during the next Planning and Zoning Meeting on September 30, 2015.
 - Reviewed noise complaint from Bridgewater Township resident, Jim Braun will work to resolve the issue.
- Rice Creek Ordinance District – There Ordinance was approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission and presented to the Board of Supervisors.
 - Carolyn Braun reviewed the ordinance and noted changes that had been made versus prior versions. Reviewed key points including the removal of Buffer language as a result of recent legislation.
 - Numerous residents living on and near Rice Creek were in attendance. Public comment was welcomed and conducted in an orderly manner. Public concerns included: request for better public notification on major changes, disapproval of limiting use of land, disapproval of restrictions on expanding existing structures, questions on qualifications of those suggesting how to protect the creek, additional request for facts.
- Township Road Setback Ordinance – Reviewed the ordinance. John Holden made a motion to approve Ordinance 2015-02, Kathleen Doran-Norton seconded, all approved.

- Solar Array – Kathleen Doran-Norton attended a meeting hosted by Rice County regarding solar arrays. A permit was requested by Mr. Redmond to place a solar array in an old mining pit.

New Business

- None

Old Business

- Edgebrook
 - Updates – Reviewed updated conversation with Steve Pahs. Steve Pahs will be attending the Flood Mitigation meeting on September 14. There is some concern regarding their participation in the Edgebrook project.
- Dundas Pond
 - Lot Split/Closing – the closing will take place on Friday, September 11, 2015 at 1pm for the Paulsons and 3pm for the Rocks.
- Central Pond
 - Engineering – Waiting for final plans prior to advertising bids.
 - Clossen Land Purchase – The Board of Supervisors will approve the earnest money when the amount is known.
 - 115th Street Potential Fill – Gary Ebling and Adam Parker are working on this.
 - Rebecca Carlson – request for dirt – The Board of Supervisors will work to determine a price when more information is available.
- Road Work – moved to a Road Meeting to be held on October 5, 2015, at 1pm.
 - Next year's gravel budget
 - Ditch cleaning budget
 - Tree removal budget
 - Updates on current projects
 - Dundas Road Maintenance

Upcoming Meetings

- Board of Supervisors meeting, October 14 , 2015, 7pm Bridgewater Town Hall
- Flood Mitigation Meetings, Mondays at 1:00pm, Bridgewater Town Hall
- Planning and Zoning meeting, September 26, 2015, 7pm Bridgewater Town Hall

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