

BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP
Joint Meeting of Board of Supervisors and the
Planning Commission
7:00 p.m. Bridgewater Township Government Center
Thursday, July 27, 2017
Official Minutes

- ❖ John Klockeman called the meeting to order at 7:10pm. Members present were Larry Alderks, John Klockeman, Ray Larson, Kurt Schrader, Jeff Johnson, Jim Braun, Carolyn Braun, Gary Ebling, John Holden, and Frances Boehning.

- ❖ Priority List Discussion:
 - Reviewed current priority list.
 - A discussion was held regarding future economic development opportunities.
 - Potential development opportunities along Baseline.
 - Opportunities will exist along Mill Town trail upon completion.
 - Discussed overlay districts
 - Cluster housing receiving areas
 - Economic receiving areas
 - Economic district along the railway corridor
 - Economic development along east side of Baseline
 - Commercial Industrial area
 - Senior Housing area – it was noted that there is a demand for this in the area.
 - Economic development along the road to the Rice County Landfill
 - Ray Larson suggested a meeting to identify these areas on a map.
 - Cluster Housing and Commercial Zones may be in conflict with the current comp plan.
 - A new comp plan may need to be done.
 - What would the appropriate size of a housing cluster be?
 - What criteria do we need for an economic receiving area?
 - Need to update the Bridgewater Comp Plan
 - The Planning Commission would like direction from the Board of Supervisors regarding how to proceed with this. In particular, should we complete this in-house or outsource the project? What type of budget is there for the new comp plan? And what level of detail is expected in the new comp plan?
 - Identifying Ag Related business.
 - What criteria will be used to identify if a business is Ag related?
 - Carolyn Braun will look into what criteria Rice County uses.

- ❖ Updates

- Jim Braun gave an update on the status of changes and permits for the Seeds Farm.
- Jim Braun received an update from Peter Tiede regarding the joint powers agreement from Rice County. The attorney from Rice County is sending comments to Peter Tiede who will respond and then move the agreement to the County Commissioners.
- ❖ Medford Sand & Gravel
 - Jim Braun will meeting with them next week regarding closing one cell before opening another.
- ❖ Projector for Township – Kurt Schrader, Larry Alderks, and Frances Boehning will work to determine the best projector or T.V. for the town hall. This would allow maps, ordinances, and other information to be shown and used for better discussion.

- ❖ Adjournment of the Joint Meeting at 8:45pm.