

Bridgewater Township Project Meeting
County of Rice, State of Minnesota
July 24, 2017
Official Minutes

Call to order – 1:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: John Holden, Kathleen Doran Norton, Gary Ebling, Mike Groth, Dennis Brown, Jim Braun, Carolyn Braun, Frances Boehning

Planning and Zoning

- Jim Braun requested an administrative variance for a septic sewer system.
 - John Holden made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-10 for a sewer variance, Gary Ebling seconded, all approved.
- Peter Tiede is working on the Rice County joint powers agreement and will keep the Board updated.
- Peter Tiede is working with the Department of Labor regarding Benny Svien.
- Jim Braun noted that the lot split for the Praver property/Solar Garden was completed and sent.
- Jim Braun discussed need for Keepsake Cidery to come before the Planning Commission to update their C.U.P to include a tasting room.
- A request was made by Keith Johnson to add a building to his property. This will not be approved until Rice County grants C.U.P oversight to Bridgewater Township. Dust control was placed on Cabot and Keith Johnson paid to have dust control placed on his driveway.

Noxious Weeds

- Gary Ebing reviewed a recent conversation with Scott Bailey.
- A discussion was held regarding how much of the township should be sprayed for noxious weeds.
- John Holden noted that there are additional people in the area that can be hired to spray the ditches.
- Mike Groth reviewed the costs of building a sprayer for the township – estimate is approximately \$5,000 and up to \$6,000 for one with an injector system. Mike Groth suggested the injector system would be useful in dealing with brush also.
- John Holden reviewed the licenses needed. Since we would not be using restricted chemicals the township could buy the chemical and a township employee can apply it without a license.
- Kathleen Doran-Norton and the clerk will look in to insurance coverage for running our own sprayer.
- Mike Groth spoke with Brad Sanford regarding getting a water tank to go on a truck to follow the sprayer.
- Kathleen Doran-Norton suggested looking into other contract sprayers to spray the township until we could obtain a township sprayer.
- John Holden will look into insurance coverage for spraying on our own. John H. will also research other options and bring them back to the next meeting.
- It was noted that Lois Falkenberg and J. Erikson would like assistance in spraying. No current help is available that we know of.

Flood Mitigation

- Gary Ebling reviewed the documentation that is needed by the DNR to finish the final paperwork.

Roads

- All quotes for Gravel should be sent to the clerk to place in a file and present during a public meeting.
- Mike Groth will get copies of past quote to the clerk.

Blading

- Mike suggested a rear roller on the grader to help hold the road in place until dust control is applied. The estimate from Ziegler and RDO is \$25,000-\$33,000 for a 90" roller.

Dust Control

- It was noted that if the road could be graded sooner, then dust control could be applied sooner. This is weather dependent.
- Kathleen Doran-Norton that dust control could be applied sooner for roads with no new gravel.
- For roads with new gravel, a note could be sent out to residents regarding when roads will receive gravel and dust control.

Plowing

- A suggestion was made to try roller wheels instead of shoes on the plow. Quotes will be obtained.

Mowing

- A request was made to avoid throwing grass on the road when mowing.
- A discussion was held regarding getting a mower for the township.
- A discussion was held regarding the pros and cons of different types of blades and where the equipment should be kept.

Fuel

- Discussed different qualities of fuel from different places.
- The next time fuel is needed, we will check different places for price and determine how to go with at that time.
- When the next order is placed, the clerk will be copied on price and quantity.

Road Signs

- A request was made by the sheriff to remove the yield signs on 100th next to Cates.
- We will need to look into the legality of having both Yield and Stop signs at the corner of 100th and Cates. Also look into the legality of the 30mph sign on Cates.

Misc.

- A request was made by Mike Groth to look into purchasing a tractor, mower, and roller for the township in the near future.
- John Holden made a request to prioritize the request list.

Adjourn.