

Bridgewater Township Project Meeting
County of Rice, State of Minnesota
July 30, 2018
Official Minutes

Call to order at 12:00pm

Roll Call: John Holden, Glen Castore, Gary Ebling, Rusty Fifield, Jessica Green, and Frances Boehning

- Financial Planning.
 - The information submitted to Northland Financial was reviewed and discussed. Rusty Fifield requested additional financial information and maps of the township. The clerk will email the requested information as soon as possible.
 - Glen and John reviewed the possibility of future cluster housing areas. It was noted that the Planning Commission will try to identify areas that make sense for possible development.
 - A short discussion was held regarding past and future expenses for maintaining roads.
 - Northland Financial expects to have an initial draft of a financial plan by the first part of October. A meeting will follow with the Planning Commission to review these findings.
 - The findings will be presented to the public at a meeting sometime between November 7 and November 21, 2018.
 - Glen Castore will send information collected by the township regarding different governing body types.
 - Gary Ebling offered to send the three year gravel rotation map to Rusty Fifield.

- Potential future town hall
 - Gary Ebling reviewed the prospect of talking to Troy Dunn regarding police protection in the township. A discussion will be held regarding offering the sheriff office space in the potential new town hall. The meeting will also include discussing the coverage of the township by the sheriff.
 - Glen Castore noted that he had discussed possible land prices for a town hall with Dennis Brown. Other land options will continue to be looked at.

- Central Pond Issues
 - Glen Castore spoke with Bolten and Menk to determine if they could be of assistance with the current Central Pond issue with BWSR. Per Glen, they are willing to assist the township.
 - A review of recent issues with Adam Parker, BWSR, and SWCD was discussed. Peter Tiede has been working with Justin Fuchs to determine the remaining questions and concerns. Glen Castore will work with Adam Parker to transition the project to Bolten and Menk.
 - John Holden made a motion to appoint Bolten and Menk as the engineering firm for the township, Gary Ebling seconded, all approved.

- Miscellaneous
 - Gary Ebling will look into the possibility of burning the grass around the ponds versus cutting this fall.
 - Gary Ebling reviewed a recent discussion with Greg Swanson regarding getting certified as a building official. Greg will look into this. Gary Ebling is also going to look into who else would be available as a backup building inspector.
 - The gutted house on Timberlane was discussed. Jim Braun will notify the owner that the current permits are set to expire and that an official from the Department of Labor and Industry will review the house to determine if it can be fixed. Jim Braun will also speak with Peter Tiede to determine if the township can condemn the house and who is responsible for paying for demolition if the house is condemned.
 - Gary Ebling reviewed a discussion with Steve Albers regarding brush in the ditch. Steve Albers is willing to cut the brush and haul it to the compost site.

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