

Bridgewater Township Project Meeting
County of Rice, State of Minnesota
November 3, 2017
Official Minutes

Call to order – 1:30pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: John Holden, Kathleen Doran Norton, Gary Ebling, Frances Boehning, Mike Groth

Road Goals

- Gary Ebling reviewed the future road goals.
 - Reduce township liability
 - Improve roads
 - Reduce waste via being able to do more work with township owned equipment.
 - Reduce expense via working with township equipment versus hiring contractors.

Gravel Budget 2018

- Discussed moving from gravel to limestone on select roads including Dahl, 140th and Coe.
- The possibility of using landfill money for the roads around the landfill will be explored.
- Kathleen Doran-Norton made a motion to approve the 2018 gravel budget for \$146,000, John Holden seconded, all approved.

Fuel from CFS

- John Holden made a motion to approve moving to Waterford Oil for fuel purchases, Kathleen Doran-Norton seconded, all approved. Mike Groth will proceed with ordering fuel from Waterford Oil next time fuel is needed. Prior to filling the fuel tank, Mike Groth will take care of some maintenance issues with the tank base.

Sterling Truck

- The current shoes for the truck are worn out.
- The blade on the truck will need shoes or rollers to avoid moving gravel into the ditch
- The shoes can be used on both gravel and asphalt roads with some manual adjustment to the height.
- Kathleen Doran-Norton requested holding this discussion in late November or early December at a time when both Dennis Brown and Mike Groth could be present.
- Kathleen Doran-Norton would like to have a test in the Bittersweet development of the limestone chip/salt mixture that Northfield Township uses.

Mowing.

- Kuchinka will top cut the roads when possible.
- A top cut will need to be done around the holding ponds road edge as soon as possible.
- Per Kathleen Doran-Norton, a top cut is needed prior to June 15 to avoid spreading wild parsnip.
- The ponds will be mowed annually between September 15 and October 15.
- Kathleen Doran-Norton will research the dates for mowing weeds as suggested by the DNR and return with additional information.

Ditch Work

- Kathleen Doran-Norton suggested using WSB cross cut drawings as a basis of what roads should look like.
- Gary Ebling would like to have guides placed in the road policy.
- Gary Ebling suggested reviewing projects in more detail prior to beginning a project to ensure that options are reviewed and best practices are followed.
- It was suggested that if a project does not meet specifications then steps should be taken to ensure that it can. A discussion regarding acquiring road right of way will need to be held on a case by case basis.

Peter Teide joined the meeting via conference call at 2:45pm.

- Rice County C.U.P. (including Johnson and DeGroot and gravel pits)
 - K.Johnson has a request in for a permit for a pole shed. There are concerns regarding the township authority to issue a permit.
 - Peter Teide feels that the township will be able to issue a permit for the pole shed as this does not affect the C.U.P. As long the pole shed meets zoning ordinances, the Board of Supervisors will have Jim Braun grant the permit.
 - Peter Teide reviewed recent correspondence with the Rice County attorney. Rice County is not willing to add in delegation language. According to Peter Teide, the current language will work.
 - Carolyn Braun is concerned about Rice County taking back Planning and Zoning; however, Peter Teide does not feel this would happen.
 - The Bridgewater Board of Supervisors needs to determine if we would like Peter Teide to continue pursuing this agreement or if we continue as we have in the past.
- Flood Mitigation
 - The Dundas Bridgewater Heights development continues to expand and there is concern regarding additional water runoff from the expanded impervious surface.
 - The question was presented to Peter Teide regarding what leverage can we place on Dundas to prevent additional water runoff as they add additional housing and roads. There is concern that the current 2 acre pond and grass waterway would not suffice for additional capacity.
 - The question was asked, if a watershed is created, is there a way to force cooperation with the surrounding governmental units.
 - The question was asked if we can obtain the hydrology report from Dundas for the Bridgewater Heights development as we wish to confirm that no additional water will be allowed to runoff.
 - Current law states that water can be moved to the neighbor provided there is no additional burden to the neighbor.
 - Per Peter Teide, the hydrology report is public information and should be available.
 - It was noted that the granting of a permit does not allow added water runoff onto other parcels.
 - Bridgewater Township will request the entire city file on the Dundas Bridgewater Heights development.
 - This will be done in the short term as new houses are being built and flood mitigation needs to be address prior to completion.
- Dundas Meeting
 - A meeting will need to be scheduled between Dundas and Bridgewater Township per the annexation agreement.
- Dundas Solar
 - The question was asked if a culvert was needed under the driveway. Kathleen Doran-Norton will talk to Jim Braun and Camilla at EOR regarding this.
 - The “Trucks Hauling” sign has been placed on 100th Street.
- Township Equipment
 - Gary Ebling reviewed the current budget and income as it relates to possible equipment purchases.
 - Mike Groth noted that he would advise trading in the retriever for a roller on the grader.
 - Mike G. will obtain timing on when a roller would need to be order for delivery in the spring.
 - John Holden noted that he would like a presentation presented at the Annual Meeting to show what the township is looking at purchasing i.e. salt system, new equipment, building addition.
 - A discussion was held regarding the future of the current building and future needs of the township.

Adjourn.