

Bridgewater Township Project Meeting
County of Rice, State of Minnesota
September 6, 2017
Official Minutes

Call to order – 9:00 am

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Misc.

- Reviewed financial statements and current bank balances.
- Reviewed land uses in the township
 - Will try to determine with the county's help what percent of the land is divided into CRP, rough ground, tillable, ditches, roads)

Noxious Weeds

- Reviewed the possibility of using the truck for weed spraying.
 - Discussed options to modify the truck and add a tank and sprayer.
 - John Holden will work with Mike Groth to obtain specs for options of truck sprayer and new tractor sprayer.
 - A request was made to have spec options by October 1.
- Discussed mowing and spraying timing options.
- Noted that the noxious weeds need to be identified correctly before spraying.
- Discussed reasons for getting a township ditch mower.
 - Reasons included
 - Can cut when needed.
 - Can cut more often.

Town Hall

- Gary Ebling reviewed the reasons the township should add on to the existing shop
 - Repair machinery in-house
 - Township can cover the liability of its own machines versus repairs done in Gary Eblings or Bridgewater Sales & Service locations.
- Kathleen Doran-Norton asked if the township had looked into getting a “mini-referb” and extended warranty on the truck and grader. Gary Ebling reviewed the companies he was aware of for this. He will continue to research this.
- Discussed issues with the front end of the grader. The issue has been identified and Mike Groth will be able to fix it when needed.
- Gary Ebling reviewed the new John Deere graders. The township may need a new grader in 2021.
- The current grader should be re-painted to prevent rusting.
- A discussion was held regarding the need to find a buyer for the old retriever and small blade sitting in the shop.
 - Discussed the possibility to trade for the roller.
- A request was made to have Dennis Brown take back the roller cart and weight that belong to him.
- Gary Ebling will work to identify a roller for the grader and present purchase options in January.

Road system

- Gary Ebling discussed the benefit of obtaining a roller behind the grader.
 - The cost of this addition needs to be identified.
- Kathleen Doran Norton would like a plan to layout the timing to clean and repair the township ditches.

Misc.

- A meeting will be held on September 11, at 1pm, for the Mill Town Trail.

- Kathleen Doran-Norton will work with the Mill Town Trail to identify possible amenities and opportunities.
- A discussion was held to add the Les Sanford ditch to the next Board of Supervisors agenda to approve cost of repairs.

Adjourn.