

Bridgewater Township Board of Supervisors
County of Rice, State of Minnesota
March 13, 2019
Official Minutes

Call to order – 7:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: John Holden, Glen Castore, Gary Ebling, Brad Pfahning, Deb Salaba, Jim Braun, Frances Boehning

Introduction of Guests: Josh Little, John McCarthy

Approval of Agenda: Glen Castore made a motion to approve the agenda with the following changes; move Planning & Zoning to beginning of meeting followed by Roads, John Holden seconded the motion with changes, all approved.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: None

Approval of Minutes & Claims

- March Claims
 - Glen Castore made a motion to approve the March claims, John Holden seconded, all approved.

- February 13, 16, 25, 26, 27, March 2, 5, 2019 Meeting Minutes
 - John Holden made a motion to approve all minutes, Glen Castore seconded, all approved.

Treasurer's Report

1. Treasurer's Report - will provide next week.
2. Bank reconciliation - will provide next week.
3. PERA forms - will provide next week.
4. IRS Update/EFT form - will provide next week.
5. Quarterly reports for solar project - completed
6. Outstanding Indebtedness Report – this has been submitted.
7. Year end report for Secretary of State – Brad Pfahning will work with Deb Salaba to complete this and turn in within the month.

Clerk's Report-

1. Mail
 - a. The Clerk noted that the routers in the town hall were not working. Aldrich Technology has been contacted and they will purchase and install new routers at a cost of \$206.83.
 - b. The 2018 Dundas Annexation Tax invoice is complete and will be mailed to Dundas tomorrow.
2. Website Update
 - a. The Clerk is working with Launch 5 and should have the website complete within a month.

Planning & Zoning

1. Staff Report
 - Jim Braun reviewed the current permit activity.
2. Rice County C.U.P authority update
 - There is nothing new to report.
3. Update on nuisance properties
 - The owners of the home on 1st Timberlane will be present at the Project Meeting on March 25th to discuss the new design for the house.
 - There are two nuisance properties in the ARD. As they are technically still in the township, they must abide by our ordinances. Jim Braun has requested that the Rice County Human Services work with the homeowner on Cty Rd 78 while Jim will work with the homeowner on Cty Rd 1.
 - The Swenson property will be addressed after the cold weather rule ends.
4. 12425 Ebel Ave Easement
 - Jim Braun is working with the homeowners to ensure that the easement is granted. The next step is completion of a survey.
5. C.U.P for Jacobson property.

- Jim Braun has spoken with Mr. Jacobson and requested that a C.U.P application be submitted no later than April 1, 2019.
- 6. FEMA floodplain update
 - Jim Braun reviewed the new rules that FEMA is instituting and will keep the Board updated regarding how this will affect the township.
- 7. Update on Storm Damage Survey
 - Permits are being issued for affected properties.

New Business

1. Strategic Plan – meeting updates
 - a. Glen Castore reviewed the information that will be presented at the Northfield meeting on March 26th, at 10:00 am.
 - b. The Dundas Annexation Agreement Memorandum written by Glen Castore was reviewed and discussed. Mr. Castore drafted this with input from Peter Tiede. This will be forwarded to the Dundas City Council.
 - c. During a recent Dundas Council Meeting, a resolution was passed regarding NAFRS serving rural areas and the future auto club. Glen Castore noted that the fire chief will address this. It was also discussed that the entities insurance will comment if they feel that the fire service is inadequate. Another option discussed is that the Township could place a fire hydrant in a rural area.
 - d. Charter City Committee – did not discuss.

Old Business

1. Central Pond Project
 - a. Issue Updates
 - i. Bolten & Menk, Justin Fuchs, BWSR are reviewing the wetland delineation numbers as they have been revised.
 - ii. A discussion was held regarding the diversion channel including how it will enter the pond and that it would top the berm at a five-year event.
 - iii. Work will be started on the diversion in May.
 - iv. A short discussion was held regarding purchasing wetland credits. Bolten & Menk will assist with this.
2. Roads
 - a. Storm Damage Clean Up and Stump Removal
 - i. Property Assessments – Meetings will be held with neighborhoods that request it. A public hearing will be held regarding assessments and letters will be sent to individual homeowners being assessed.
 - b. Mail boxes
 - i. Mike Groth has worked to fix damaged mailboxes when the damage was caused by the snow plow. Some damage has been caused by the weight of the snow being moved and not the plow. Mike Groth will look at the most recent complaint received via email.
 - c. Spring flooding
 - i. A review of which culverts have been cleaned out and which are still frozen was talked about. It was noted that some of the roads have water almost to the edge due to spring run-off. As a result of calls concerning flooding, Fox Avenue culverts were cleaned out.
 - d. Meeting with Brent Aspenwall
 - i. A meeting with Brent Aspenwall will be held on Tuesday, March 20th, at 4:00pm to discuss the total loads of storm debris that were taken from the developments. It was noted that a public meeting would be held prior to any assessments. A suggestion was also made to have neighborhood meetings also.
 - e. Township Snow Plow
 - i. The current township snow plow experienced some problems this past winter. Options to improve the township snow plowing capabilities with the red truck was discussed. Included in the discussion was the possibilities of adding/changing the capabilities of the current truck. It was felt that the options of reconfiguring the current truck were not going to be cost effective.

A new truck would be approximately \$230,000. Glen Castore will work with Mike Groth to source a purchasing co-op to look into less expensive options. A short discussion was also held regarding also purchasing a township pickup with small plow and sander. Mike Groth will provide ordering and spec information for a new truck at the next April meeting.

Adjourn

Chair	
Clerk	