

**Bridgewater Township Project Meeting**  
**County of Rice, State of Minnesota**  
**February 25, 2019**  
**Official Minutes**

Call to order at 1:00 pm

Roll Call: Gary Ebling, Glen Castore, John Holden, Bruce Morlan, Frances Boehning

Guests: John McCarthy

- Incorporation Strategy.
  - Gary Ebling discussed the basic premise of the comprehensive plan including laying out ideas for road systems. This topic will be discussed at the upcoming Planning Commission meetings.
  - Tax information from Rice County was reviewed along with how reserve districts can be done by cities. Township are not allowed to do reserve tax districts.
  - A short discussion was held regarding the need for meetings with neighboring cities and Rice County.
  - Per Mr. McCarthy work sessions are noticed as open meetings and he needs to be advised of all Bridgewater meetings.
- Miscellaneous
  - The Clerk presented checks to be approved. Glen Castore made a motion to approve the following:
    - PERA for \$1,767.02
    - American Excavating for \$10,395.00
    - Rice County Township Association for \$1,142.08
  - John Holden seconded the motion to approve the checks, all approved.
  - It was noted that we will need to have Brent Aspenwall at a meeting in the future to discuss possible assessments from the storm damage last September.
- Annual Meeting Agenda
  - Gary Ebling will discuss gravel roads during the Annual Meeting
  - John Holden will cover noxious weeds and Planning and Zoning
  - The overall agenda was reviewed and discussion points were noted
- Incorporation Strategy (McCarthy was invited to the table to review the draft packet that was being discussed).
  - Glen Castore discussed changes and additions to be made to the reasons for change list and the tax implication pages.
  - A suggestion was made to include some information regarding “affordable housing”.
  - The draft packet was reviewed page by page with changes requested noted by the author of the pages.
  - Gary Ebling plans to bring the 11x17 draft maps to the next Planning Commission.
  - The target for bringing additional information to the Township residents will be early to mid-April.
- Website
  - The Supervisors approved moving forward with the new website design.
    - The Clerk will find out where Minutes and Agendas will appear
    - Gary Ebling will forward maps to the clerk to add to the website.

Adjourn