

**Bridgewater Township
Town Meeting on Incorporation
County of Rice, State of Minnesota
Little Prairie Church, Dundas
April 13, 2019
Official Minutes**

Call to order at 1:00 pm

Roll Call: John Holden, Glen Castore, Gary Ebling, Frances Boehning, and approximately 45 residents.

- Call to Order
 - The meeting was called to order by the moderator, Gary Ebling.
- Incorporation Study Presentation.
 - The Township slide show was presented by Gary Ebling.
- Questions following presentation
 - Question – What services do we need as a city? For example, city law enforcement.
 - Question – What is the unemployment in the area? How would big industry affect us? What would we have to give to get big industry to settle here? With the decrease in population, could we fill the new jobs?
 - Question – Comus Junction – How does this bring in industry? What industry needs aggregate?
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 - Question – The CP track east of Comus has future potential.
 - Question – The township currently has insurance through M.A.T. What does a cities insurance cost? Will the tax on houses increase?
 - Question – The county zoning pushes zoning/building into the creeks. Will the new Planning and Zoning push into the wild and scenic also? How will we project the creeks and streams?
 - Question – If the Northfield agreement ends in 2019 how does this affect the incorporation? Who makes the decision?
 - Question – For the receiving areas you noted, what if the landowner does not want to sell?
 - Question – If none of the areas can be developed, can we still afford to be a city?
 - Glen Castore reviewed the Northland Securities Report.
 - Question – So you want to increase tax base by building McMansions and apartments which will drive up home values and taxes and force people out?
 - Comment – (resident) We want to have control of our destiny.
 - Question – Can outside forces take our land?
 - Question – Why doesn't Northfield just take us and land bank? Is there a risk that Northfield will annex us while we are in this process?
 - Question – Will Decker be improved? Is Dundas afraid they will have to pay for Decker?
 - Comment – Bridgewater Township has improved Decker. Will Rice County improve Falk if they had it back to us?
 - Question – What is the difference between Ethanol and a concrete plant?
 - Question – What will happen to the old Hoover Dump?

Adjourn

Chair	
Clerk	

