

**Bridgewater Township Work Session**  
**County of Rice, State of Minnesota**  
**March 5, 2019**  
**Official Minutes**

Call to order at 1:00 pm

Roll Call: Gary Ebling, Glen Castore, John Holden, Nancy Johnson,

Guests: John McCarthy, Glenn Switzer

- Incorporation Strategy.
  - Glen Castore reviewed how the storm clean up went in the Oak Hills neighborhood with Nancy Johnson. The assessment process and potential breakdown was also reviewed. Before anything is sent out, the maps and debris loads taken will be reviewed with Nancy Johnson.
  - How the community well works in the Oak Hills neighborhood was reviewed.
  - It was noted that the Township will need to look at the culvert near the Berg house and vacant lot will need to be looked at after the snow melts.
  - Nancy Johnson requested that a Supervisor attend a future neighborhood meeting to review and answer any questions about the Incorporation Study.
  - The Supervisors also noted that other neighborhoods had asked for meetings also.
  - The Supervisors reviewed the draft packet of information being developed for a future meeting in April for the residents.
    - Individual pages were reviewed for errors and possible additions.
    - Gary Ebling will talk to Barnett Bros regarding the actual cost to improve roads.
    - During a recent public meeting, a question was asked regarding development along the river. It was noted that this will need to be address during a Planning Commission meeting regarding zoning the area.
  - Dundas Annexation Agreement
    - A short discussion was held regarding case study and state law regarding can an agreement survive if it goes against state law? Discussed information know to date regarding this. They also reviewed the possible future scenarios for the joint planning commission. To work around the current agreement, a land transfer agreement with the cities could be drafted.
  - Reviewed the meeting dates offered by Northfield for a joint meeting with Bridgewater, Dundas, and Rice County. The Supervisors indicated that the preferred dates for the meeting are March 25<sup>th</sup> and March 26<sup>th</sup>. The Clerk will convey this to Northfield.
  - The recent Dundas City Council meeting was attended by Bruce Morlan. The notes from this meeting were reviewed by the Supervisors.
    - A discussion was held regarding how to correct the misimpressions that the City Council seems to have. Gary Ebling asked Glenn Switzer for his input regarding this. Mr. Switzer did not respond or make eye contact. Mr. Ebling also asked about the “Real Reason” that Mr. Switzer placed on Facebook. Again, Mr. Switzer did not respond.
    - It was decided that rather than attempt a letter, the matter would be best address during the upcoming joint meeting with Northfield.
  - A short discussion was held regarding the recent news article regarding the Auto Club.
  - A short discussion was held regarding how to best answer questions that residents had emailed to the Supervisors.
  - An email from MNDOT regarding upgrading the 140<sup>th</sup> Street railroad crossing was mentioned.
    - This will need to be included in next year’s budget.

- The Clerk will be sending out a newsletter to the residents next week. This letter will include information on the Comp Plan, Incorporation, and possible assessments.
- The Clerk noted that an estimate had been received from Aldrich Technology for a new Treasurer's computer as the current one is very old. Glen Castore made a motion to approve replacing the Treasurer's laptop computer and update the software not to exceed \$2,500, Gary Ebling seconded, all approved.
- The Clerk asked that any information for the upcoming Annual Meeting be emailed to her to be placed in a presentation.

Adjourn