

Bridgewater Township Work Session
County of Rice, State of Minnesota
May 20, 2019
Official Minutes

Call to order at 1:00 pm

Roll Call: Gary Ebling, Glen Castore, John Holden, Frances Boehning, John McCarthy, Nate Sparks

Guests: Sam Wilmes

- 115th Street.
 - A request was made to replace the missing guard rails on the hill on 115th Street. Gary Ebling will talk to Jim Koehler regarding what Rice County uses. He will also inquire with Northfield Township regarding their guard rails.

- Joint Meeting with Dundas
 - The question of who would be the representative for Dundas was asked of McCarthy. John McCarthy replied that the new City Administrator would likely be the representative, but a final decision had not been made.
 - Mr. McCarthy requested clarification regarding if there was more to the strategic plan than what had been presented.
 - Glen Castore stated that the strategic plan is necessary whether the township moves forward with incorporation or not. The current Rice County landfill is slated to close in the 25 years and the township will need additional housing options. Both of these issues need to be addressed. The strategic plan is a process to allow the township insight on how to proceed. The Board of Supervisors are working with Rice County in parallel to looking at incorporation.
 - John McCarthy questioned when the Township had met with Rice County in 2019 regarding the resolutions from 2017. The Board noted that there have not been meetings with Rice County in 2019. Meetings had taken place in 2018.
 - John McCarthy referenced the original timeline that listed an official decision being made in April 2019. Glen Castore replied that since the Board still had questions, the timeline had been shifted to allow more time to gather information. A formal resolution is expected at the June Board of Supervisors meeting.
 - John McCarthy noted that at a couple of the public meetings, information was shared referencing land that would be transferred to Dundas at the time of incorporation. McCarthy questioned what land is being looked at. Gary Ebling provided a copy of the presentation referenced. A discussion followed regarding which properties would be potentially transferred and what land reserves the city currently had.
 - John McCarthy stated that Dundas had well capacity to double the population with site for additional wells.
 - Glen Castore asked for clarification regarding Mr. Fowler's comment during a recent meeting regarding asking for repayment of the excess capacity Dundas has in sewer and water. John McCarthy will research the current excess capacity in Dundas for sewer and water and get back to the Board. Gary Ebling asked for information regarding the current sewer capacity of the Northfield/Dundas system.
 - Gary Ebling reviewed the current land reserves available in Dundas and where the potential population could grow if the land were developed.
 - McCarthy noted that in his understand, there is no such thing as a pre-agreement for land transfers prior to incorporation.

- Gary Ebling mentioned that the current Annexation agreement would sunset if the Township incorporated. Glen Castore asked McCarthy if Dundas had received any legal council regarding this. Nate Sparks replied that the question has not been asked of their attorney.
- Gary Ebling expressed the desire for the two governments to work together through this process.
- Glen Castore noted that the primary goal of incorporation was to expand the zoning possibilities. Gary Ebling stated that Rice County was favorable to the Township incorporation as they could not make exceptions for one township out of 14.
- Gary Ebling requested any current strategic documents from Mr. McCarthy regarding the future goals of Dundas.
- Glen Castore asked about a future meeting with the Dundas City Council. Mr. McCarthy will talk to the council and get back in touch with Township regarding this. Mr. Castore requested that a second meeting be scheduled within a month.

Adjourn

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