

Bridgewater Township Project Meeting
County of Rice, State of Minnesota
April 29, 2019
Official Minutes

Call to order at 1:00 pm

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

Guests: John McCarthy

- Planning and Zoning.
 - Gary Ebling reviewed a recent discussion with John Ophaug regarding a lot split for Tom Noonan.
 - A form will be created to assist in obtaining the correct information for the lot split legal descriptions.

- Flood Mitigation
 - Glen Castore noted that the township had authorized signing the necessary papers to move forward with the Central Pond diversion. Gary Ebling signed the papers to purchase the wetland credits to move forward with remedial work on the pond intake. A copy of the signed pages will be sent to Bolten & Menk.
 - Gary Ebling reviewed the work that needs to be done for the Central Pond diversion.
 - A short discussion on available contractors in the area was held.
 - Glen Castore noted that a complaint was served against the companies involved with the Central Pond permitting process.

- Incorporation
 - A short discussion was held regarding taxation in cities. Northland Securities will be requested to complete a study on the future tax structure of the township moving to a city.
 - A suggestion was made to ask Tiede and Rusty Fifield to locate a retired Administrative Law Judge to meet with the Township and advise.
 - The idea of becoming a Charter City was reviewed. A suggestion was made to work with the Northfield Charter Committee.
 - A Charter Committee for the township may be formed over the summer.

- Storm Damage Assessments
 - John Holden reviewed feedback that he had received regarding assessments from the storm damage last September. A draft letter will be created and reviewed at the next meeting.
 - The possibility of creating an emergency fund will be discussed.
 - The clerk will look into when the funds will be awarded from the state for reimbursement from the September 2018 storm.
 - Gary Ebling is working with Gleason to determine when the rest of the stumps will be removed from the road right of way.

- Roads
 - Mike Groth is working on the timing of when the new snow plow truck will be available. The current build date is 8/21/19 with delivery to Tow Master for modification three weeks later.

- Miscellaneous

- John Holden noted that Kevin Larson talked to him about excess runoff from the farmland to the northeast of this property. A short discussion was held regarding working with SWCD and other possibilities to correct this.

Adjourn

Chair	
Clerk	