

Bridgewater Township Board of Supervisors
County of Rice, State of Minnesota
July 10, 2019
Official Minutes

Call to order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: John Holden, Glen Castore, Deb Salaba, Jim Braun, Frances Boehning. Gary Ebling was out sick.

Introduction of Guests: Denise Anderson, John McCarthy

Approval of Agenda: Glen Castore made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of an introduction by Denise Anderson, John Holden seconded, all approved.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: None

Approval of Minutes & Claims

- July Claims
 - Glen Castore made a motion to approve the July, 2019 claims, John Holden seconded, all approved.
- June 1, 12, 12, 19, 26, 29, 2019 Meeting Minutes
 - Glen Castore made a motion to approve the minutes in total, John Holden seconded, all approved.

Introduction of Denise Anderson

- Denise Anderson introduced herself as the new Rice County Property Tax Administrator and Elections Director.

Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer's Report
 - Deb Salaba reviewed the Treasurer's report.
 - A Natural Disaster Emergency Fund will be established.
 - The Treasurer noted that the interest rate on the Decommissioning CD could be increased to 2.35%. Approval was given to move to the higher rate.
 - It was noted that check number 8794 was voided due to error.
- Bank reconciliation - this is in progress
- PERA forms - these have been completed and will be mailed.
- IRS Update/EFT form - This is in process.
- Quarterly reports for solar project – This will be completed next week.

Clerk's Report-

- Mail – The Clerk noted that the next Intergovernmental meeting will be in the Northfield Police Station on Wednesday, July 17th.

Planning & Zoning

- Staff Report
 - Jim Braun reviewed the current permit activity. There was one demolition permit issued for Dallas Dennison.
 - A lot split was completed for Bob Ruddle, however, he will not be available to sign until September.
 - Carolyn Braun suggested reviewing the permit fee for solar applications. The suggestion was made to require a \$10,000 payment to be placed in escrow to cover expenses related to the permitting process. The Supervisors expressed support. This will go to the Planning Commission.
- Rice County C.U.P authority update – no update.
- Update on nuisance properties
 - Jim Braun reviewed that he had created a list of the properties out of compliance. He will present the top 10-12 properties that need attention to the Supervisors at the July 17 work session.
- 12425 Ebel Ave Easement
 - Jim Braun will write up the information that he has to date for the homeowner along with suggestions for resolving the issue. A copy of the information will be given to the Supervisors.

- House on 1st Timberlane
 - The lawn has been mowed and the house secured.
 - There have been no applications to date for the demolition of the current house.
- Ordinance Change
 - A suggestion was made to provide the zoning administrator with the results of the septic soil test for any new homes being constructed in the township.

New Business

- Guard Rail on 115th Street
 - Mike Groth is working to replace the posts. As soon as the posts are in, the cable will be restrung. The project should be completed within the next couple of weeks.

Old Business

- Strategic Plan
 - Next Steps
 - The draft application is being worked on.
 - Neighborhood Meetings
 - The Supervisors are working with the neighborhoods to get meetings set up this summer.
 - A meeting will be set up toward late summer for the major landowners and farmers.
- Comprehensive Plan Update
 - The public comprehensive plan meetings are complete. A final wrap up meeting will held at the end of July.
- Central Pond Project
 - Updates
 - The wetland credits have been purchased. The permit should be available soon and project completed this year.
- Roads
 - Roadside vegetation
 - The roads have been mapped by the Carleton intern. All information will be entered into the DNR database and accessible by the public.
 - Steve Albers has sprayed the township and will submit his hours to the clerk.
 - It was noted that the Gator will need new tires, the cost will be approximately \$200.
 - John Holden stated that the County and State are not doing a good job of spraying the road ditches under their jurisdiction. It was also noted that the State has an obligation to eliminate noxious weeds per legislation.
 - Steve Albers would like to also spray some of the county roads for wild parsnip. Per prior verbal approval from the County, the Supervisors approved of this request.
 - Mike Groth approved of Steve Albers spraying for brush also.
 - Gravel operations
 - Dahle has not been dust controlled yet. This will occur when the road is done being graveled.
 - Sections of Cates, 100th, and Bachrach do not have as much gravel as originally planned. Due to weather conditions, Anderson is too busy to catch up at this time. As these roads do have an acceptable amount of gravel currently, the Township will wait for next year to finish adding gravel.
 - 123rd Street
 - Mike Groth is having trouble getting a company to put the asphalt patch in due to scheduling issues stemming from the spring weather. This will be done as soon as possible. The pothole on Eaton will address at the same time.

- Equipment
 - The new truck will be available around August 23rd. Mike Groth is working with TowMaster to get the plow package added. If they are not able to complete the work in a timely manner, Mike is looking into other options.
 - Mike Groth reviewed the other possible people in the area that could work for the township as a snow plow driver.
- Misc.
 - Mike Groth requested that the Township look into the possibility of having the solar gardens planted in prairie grass prior to the panels being installed. The current solar gardens have not been successful in getting anything but weeds to grow.

Adjourn

Chair	
Clerk	