

Bridgewater Township Board of Supervisors
County of Rice, State of Minnesota
September 11, 2019
Official Minutes

Call to order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: John Holden, Glen Castore, Gary Ebling, Debbie Salaba, Jim Braun, Frances Boehning

Introduction of Guests: None

Approval of Agenda: Glen Castore made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, Gary Ebling seconded, all approved.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: None

Approval of Minutes & Claims

- September Claims
 - Glen Castore made a motion to approve the September claims, Gary Ebling seconded, all approved.
- August 14,14,21,24,28, September 4, 2019 Meeting Minutes
 - Glen Castore made a motion to approve the minutes in total, Gary Ebling seconded, all approved.

Treasurer's Report

1. Treasurer's Report
 - Debbie Salaba reviewed the current Treasurer's report. Glen Castore asked to have the Emergency Fund account be added to the operating fund list.
2. Bank reconciliation - complete
3. IRS Update/EFT form - Reese Winter is working on reviewing the past IRS submissions.
4. Quarterly reports for solar project – The Treasurer will review the need to submit reports for the new Geronimo site.

Clerk's Report-

1. Mail – The Clerk reviewed the mail over the past month.
2. Newsletter
 - a. The newsletter will be sent out the end of September. Topics to include Incorporation, snow removal, Inspectron/permit process, availability of permits on line.
3. Intergovernmental Meeting – October 16th
 - a. The meeting will be hosted by Bridgewater Township. Gary Ebling will talk to Dennis Luebbe regarding presenting information on roads in the area.
4. Keepsake Cidery fundraiser
 - a. Nate Watters from Keepsake Cidery asked for permission from the Township to hold a fundraiser for a local non-profit. The fundraiser would be a "hot-dish cook off". Glen Castore made a motion to approve the Keepsake Cidery Fundraiser and have Jim Braun provide a letter stating such, Gary Ebling seconded, all approved. Jim Braun will bring the letter to Nate Watters on Saturday, September 14th.

Planning & Zoning

1. Staff Report
 - Jim Braun reviewed the permits to date.
2. Rice County C.U.P authority update
 - Mr. Braun has not been in contact with Sara Folstad yet regarding this issue. Gary Ebling suggested going to Rice County and meeting with the Administrator. Glen Castore asked Jim Braun to write an outline regarding the issues with the two junkyards and bring it back to the Board.
3. Update on nuisance properties
 - Jim Braun reviewed progress on the nuisance properties. The demolition is complete on the Wefel property, the house on Armstrong is receiving help from a local church, and the house on Cty Rd 1 is being fixed up.
4. House on 1st Timberlane
 - The bids from demolition were too high. The owners are re-bidding the project.

- Mr. Braun is going to look into the possibility of obtaining state funds to turn the property into a neighborhood park.
- 5. Review Permit Process
 - Glen Castore requested confirmation of the process following the meeting with Inspectron a couple weeks ago.
 - Jim Braun will continue to issue maintenance permits and all other permits. Permits needing a plan review will be sent to Inspectron before being issued to the applicant.

New Business

1. Action on Joint Resolution for the extension of the OAA with Northfield.
 - a. Glen Castore reviewed the agreement for the extension of the existing OAA with Northfield. The main points of the extension are:
 - i. Extension will be for three years
 - ii. The township agrees to not incorporation during the time the extension is enforced
 - iii. The agreement can be terminated by either party with notice
 - iv. The City of Northfield agrees to not litigate during the time the extension is enforced
 - v. Quarterly meetings will be held
 - b. Glen Castore would like to hold the first joint meeting with Northfield in October.
 - c. Glen Castore made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-12 for the First Amendment to Joint Resolution for Orderly Annexation with the City of Northfield, Gary Ebling seconded, all approved.
 - d. Glen Castore reviewed the current Northfield annexation policy. He will pull together some information for the first joint meeting in October.

Old Business

1. Strategic Plan
 - a. Next Steps – Resolution 2019-12 was approved.
2. Comprehensive Plan Update
 - a. A suggestion was made to have Jim Braun talk to John Klockeman and revise the focus of the Planning Commission meeting on September 14th. The suggestion was for Klockeman to meet with Jim and Carolyn Braun without the Planning Commissioners to better focus the development of an outline.
3. Central Pond Project
 - a. Updates – Gary Ebling mentioned that he will be meeting with the legal team in October.
 - b. Written estimate – Gary Ebling has spoken with Barnett Bros. He will work to get an estimate soon. Barnett Bros is willing to meet the Bolten & Menk and the Supervisors at a later date.
4. Roads
 - a. Guard Rail on 115th Street
 - i. Gary Ebling is working to complete concept drawings and get a quote.
 - b. Baseline
 - i. Jim Braun was able to provide a history of the road which will be provided to Rice County.
 - c. Eaton Ave.
 - i. The patch on Eaton Ave and 123rd Street is done.
 - d. Decker-Wett Property
 - i. Gary Ebling talked to Barr Engineering. They will be working on the project with an estimated cost of \$2-3,000.
 - ii. Glen Castore made a motion to approve working with Barr Engineering on the Wett Culvert Replacement project, John Holden seconded, all approved.
 - iii. Gary Ebling noted that Dennis Luebbe may be willing to assist with culverts on 100th and Cates.
5. Equipment
 - a. The new plow truck has been built and was sent to Towmaster. The completed truck should be available in November.

Adjourn

Chair	
Clerk	