

Bridgewater Township Work Session
County of Rice, State of Minnesota
August 21, 2019
Official Minutes

Call to order at 1:00 pm

Roll Call: Gary Ebling, Glen Castore, Frances Boehning, Jim and Carolyn Braun

Guests: McCarthy, Evan Carlson

- Planning and Zoning
 - Carolyn Braun reviewed the requirement that IPS submit landscaping and decommissioning bonds, and payment for professional services before obtaining the conditional use permit.
 - Before the building permit will be issued, the escrow needs to be set up and a lot split completed.
 - Carolyn Braun will send an email to Evan Carlson detailing the next steps.
 - Glen Castore made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-11 for the Conditional Use Permit for a 1MW Community Solar Garden with Innovative Power Systems, Gary Ebling seconded, all approved.
 - Evan Carlson stated that he has someone working on the lot split and the land purchase.
- Roads
 - Glen Castore received a quote from Barr Engineering regarding the ditches and culverts on Decker and Cates. Gary Ebling with waiting to receive information from Dennis Luebbe before taking any action regarding Barr Engineering.
- Strategic Plan
 - Gary Ebling reviewed why he would like to talk to Terry Overn. He would like additional information regarding gravel mine restoration and possible future industrial needs in the area.
 - A discussion was held regarding the current rail line and possible siding locations.
 - A short discussion was held about the current grain elevator business.
- Roads
 - Gary Ebling provided the clerk with an invoice from Malecha Tiling for the culvert cleaning on 134th Street.
- Misc.
 - Gary Ebling has left a message for Sara Folstad regarding the Bridgewater resolutions sent to Rice County. He is waiting for a call back.
- Incorporation
 - Glen Castore noted that the Bittersweet neighborhood meeting went well.
 - Northfield policy regarding annexation was reviewed along with the state statute. The Supervisors discussed including this language in the potential annexation agreement.
 - Gary Ebling mentioned that the joint meeting with the City of Dundas will be on Wednesday, September 4th in the Dundas Police station. Gary Ebling reviewed what he would like included in the agenda; a list of questions including storm water fees on ag land. Glen Castore stated that state statute seems to say something about imposing fees on ag land.

- Roads
 - Gary Ebling reviewed the current situation with the new truck. Mike Groth is working on the timing.
- Misc.
 - Gary stated that he is working to get a cement contractor to patch the cement at the shop entrance. Contractors have been difficult to get scheduled due to the weather this summer.
 - The Supervisors reviewed possible people to appoint for the duration of John Holden's term.

Adjourn

Chair	
Clerk	