

Bridgewater Township Work Session
County of Rice, State of Minnesota
July 10, 2019
Official Minutes

Call to order at 1:00 pm

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

Guests: Jim Olds, John McCarthy

- Affordable Housing.
 - Glen Castore reviewed a recent discussion with NSU regarding retrofitting older neighborhoods with a package septic system. NSU will provide possible concept drawings.
 - A review will be developed to understand the waste water treatment capacity of Northfield.

- Incorporation
 - Peter Tiede is looking at the future of the current annexation agreements if the Township were to incorporate.
 - Glen Castore will be meeting with Peter Tiede, and other interested residents regarding the initial draft of the application.
 - Additional neighborhood meetings will be scheduled over the summer.

- Planning and Zoning
 - John Holden reviewed a request from Carolyn Braun. She would like to work with Peter Tiede to draft conditions of approval for future solar garden requests. Glen Castore made a motion to have Carolyn Braun work with Peter Tiede to draft conditions of approval for future solar garden applications, Gary Ebling seconded, all approved.

- Incorporation
 - Gary Ebling reviewed the tax situation for township farmers. There was discussion regarding determining the tax income between different government entities and how the money is spent.
 - The major landowning families in the township were reviewed. A meeting will be set up with these landowners to review the possible incorporation.
 - Glen Castore reviewed the water resources in the township and the future needs. It was mentioned that cost sharing and grants could be discussed in the future to help manage water resources. A comment was also made about having experts present water management strategies in future meetings.
 - Gary Ebling reviewed agriculture business possibilities.
 - A short discussion was held stating that moving forward a focus needs to be on maintaining a financial balance in the township.

- Roads
 - Gary Ebling reviewed the overall miles of roads in the township.
 - Forest Township has requested that Bridgewater assist in maintaining Baseline.

- Planning and Zoning
 - The Fireside Orchard permit issues were reviewed. A suggestion was made to meet with Inspectron to review outstanding permits.

- Roads
 - Gary Ebling reviewed the concerns regarding the culvert on Decker at David Wetts place. A request was made to have Bolten & Menk review and recommend a solution to the waterway and culvert size.

Adjourn

Chair	
Clerk	