

**Bridgewater Township Work Session**  
**County of Rice, State of Minnesota**  
**July 24, 2019**  
**Official Minutes**

Call to order at 1:00 pm

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

Guests: J McCarthy, Brad Ness

- Inspectron
  - Glen Castore reviewed a call from Inspectron regarding the Steam & Gas permit application. They asked if a plan review was needed. Glen Castore will talk to Jim Braun regarding this.
- Flood Mitigation
  - Glen Castore reviewed the current lawsuit regarding the engineering for Central Pond.
    - A meeting was held between Sauro & Bergstrom and the defendants.
    - A request was made by Sauro & Bergstrom for an updated estimate for construction costs.
    - A mediation meeting will take place in November.
- Misc.
  - Glen Castore reviewed information from the League of Cities handbook regarding open and closed meetings.
    - He suggested that if the recent Northfield and Dundas meetings were properly closed then they are possibly initiating a lawsuit against Bridgewater.
- Incorporation
  - Meeting dates will need to be set for the remaining neighborhood meetings.
  - Wendwood expressed interest in starting a petition to remain a part of Bridgewater.
  - Peter Tiede will advise the Supervisors regarding attorney/client privilege. Glen Castore will also talk to Peter Tiede regarding getting advice from Mike Couri.
  - On August 1<sup>st</sup>, Glen Castore will meet with the Administrator of the City of Columbus.
  - Electronic copies of past incorporation will be purchased for review.
  - SD Consulting will provide a draft report on Wastewater treatment in 2-3 weeks.
  - Gary Ebling is work on information for the upcoming Farm meeting. The meeting will take place on Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 am in the Bridgewater Town Hall.
    - He reviewed the current tax situation. Information will be distributed when he has completed it.
  - Gary Ebling reviewed road management.
  - The email from Sara Kettering, Northfield, regarding meeting dates with Northfield and the Supervisors of Bridgewater was reviewed. The first choice for meeting date was August 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am with a second choice of August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 am.
- Noxious Weeds
  - John Holden summarized a recent meeting with Ron Sommers and Steve Albers.
  - Some county roads were sprayed as the county did not fully spray them.
  - John Holden will work out the accounting for this project.
- Roads
  - Gary Ebling reviewed a recent conversation with Blair Fowler regarding the engineering and culvert work that needs to be done on Decker Ave. This will be discussed again at a later date.

- It was noted that most of the dust control has been placed and that cables and post replacement is in process on 115<sup>th</sup> Street.
- The culvert on Cates is being reviewed by Mike Groth and Gary Ebling.
- Misc.
  - J. McCarthy requested that the township be reminded that the building permit for Steam & Gas should go through Dundas because the property is in the ARD. Per the annexation agreement, Dundas has zoning authority in the ARD. He noted that he had spoken with Jim Braun. Per McCarthy, Dundas should be issuing all building permits in the ARD as they have zoning authority. McCarthy mentioned that Nate Sparks is the zoning administrator for Dundas.

Adjourn

Chair	
Clerk	