

Bridgewater Township Work Session
County of Rice, State of Minnesota
June 19, 2019
Official Minutes

Call to order at 1:00 pm

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

Guests: John McCarthy, John Powell, Mike Groth

- Geronimo (Hydra) Solar Garden on Dennis Brown property.
 - The Hydra Community Solar agreements for construction and decommissioning were reviewed. Glen Castore made a motion to approve the Solar Project Construction Site Improvements Cash Escrow Agreement and the Solar Project Decommissioning Cash Escrow Agreement with Hydra Community Solar, LLC., Gary Ebling seconded, all approved.

- Heselton/B.M.I. Inc Conditional Use Permit and Temporary Equipment Placement Permit
 - Jim Braun reviewed the C.U.P and T.E.P.P for Heselton/B.M.I. that was approved by the Planning Commission. The C.U.P will include the restoration requirements per the Bridgewater Town Code. Jim Braun will work with Heselton to improve 145th Street.
 - Glen Castore made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-10 for the renewal of the Conditional Use Permit and Temporary Equipment Placement Permit for Heselton/B.M.I., Gary Ebling seconded, all approved.

- Zoning Files
 - Jim Braun reviewed what he believed to be in the office's files for Planning and Zoning. Mr. Braun also provided a certificate of occupancy for John Ebling's home.

- Misc.
 - A recent article from the Northfield News was reviewed along with an update from the Northfield City Council regarding a recent resolution. The resolution was passed by the Northfield City Council approving an extension to the annexation agreement if Bridgewater ceases discussion of incorporation.
 - John McCarthy noted that a specific proposal would need to be presented to the Dundas Council if the Township would like a discussion with them.

- 115th Street
 - Gary Ebling reviewed the current state of 115th Street.
 - The Dundas portion of the road was noted along with water drainage issues.
 - Mike Groth reviewed the Bridgewater portion of the road where a new guard rail was needed. This will be repaired in the near future.
 - John Powell confirmed that Dundas will pay for its portion of the road while the township pays for its part.
 - Mike Groth reviewed culvert work that needs to be done at the top of the hill there the road ownership is shared.
 - John Powell asked that a cost estimate be given to Dundas before work begins. He will meet with Mike Groth on site to review the work.
 - Mike Groth will provide a cost estimate for John Powell to take to the City Council.

- Inpsectron
 - Glen Castore reviewed the changes to the Inspectron contract including suggestions from Carolyn Braun. Jim Braun reviewed the concerns that he has based on Athens Township.
 - Glen Castore made a motion to approve the revised contract with Inspectron, John Holden seconded, all approved.
 - Jim Braun noted that the Solar Permit for Geronimo will not go through Inspectron.

- Strategic Planning
 - Glen Castore reviewed that next Wednesday’s meeting would focus on affordable housing.
 - John Holden discussed the most efficient method to contact large landowners in the area and the possibility of holding multiple meetings. These meetings will focus on incorporation and be held by end of the summer.

- Noxious Weeds
 - John Holden reviewed a recent noxious weed meeting. A Carleton intern will be surveying the roads within the next couple weeks and uploading the information to a spreadsheet for use when spraying.

Adjourn

Chair	
Clerk	