

**Bridgewater Township Work Session**  
**County of Rice, State of Minnesota**  
**September 25, 2019**  
**Official Minutes**

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

- Central Pond
  - Glen Castore made a motion to approve the claim from Sauro and Bergstrom for \$8,573.87 for legal services for Central Pond, Gary Ebling seconded, all approved.
  - Gary Ebling is working to organize a meeting on October 16<sup>th</sup> with the steak holders to obtain estimates.
- Roads
  - Glen Castore reviewed a recent phone call from a resident on 147<sup>th</sup> Street. The issue was a neighbor had removed gravel from the road to place in their driveway. This has resulted in concern regarding the road. This will be discussed with Mike Groth to determine the most appropriate next steps.
- Planning and Zoning
  - Carolyn Braun reviewed the current issues with the start of the C.U.P for the new Praver Solar project. She will create a policy to address these issues and create an administration list.
  - Checks were received from the solar company:
    - \$3,200 from Gordian Energy for the building permit
    - \$8,968.90 from New Energy to cover the invoice for Carolyn Braun, EOR, and Tiede.
  - Carolyn Braun will work with the clerk to create a method to move the money back to the companies to cover the vegetation and building escrows.
  - Jim Braun has asked Rice County to help with moving jurisdiction for the Johnson and DeGroot C.U.Ps to Bridgewater. Mr. Braun advised looking at the original agreement Peter Tiede wrote. Gary Ebling requested that Jim Braun work with DeGroot to get into compliance with the C.U.P.
  - Business Licensing
    - Jim Braun reviewed business licensing in the township. All new businesses work under an I.U.P. He suggested making changes to the licensing section of the ordinance.
  - Jim Braun reviewed a recent call from Steve Ocarson (MPCA) regarding Fireside Orchard. They were requesting clarification regarding the septic requirements. Carolyn Braun reviewed the C.U.P for Fireside Orchard and her concerns regarding the driveway.
- Long Term Strategy
  - Glen Castore met with Ben Martig and R. Pownell regarding the upcoming joint meetings. Mr. Castore reviewed his notes of the meeting and stated that the joint meetings would begin in November. He reviewed who would be involved in the meetings and a short discussion was held regarding the goals of the meetings and possible agenda points.
  - The possibility of meetings with Dundas was reviewed.
  - Alternative long-term strategies were reviewed.
  - Discussed possible changes to future annexation agreements.
  - Reviewed questions the Supervisors have regarding long term strategies, land annexations, and how to find information.
- Misc.
  - Possible candidates to fill John Holden's position was reviewed.

Adjourn

Chair	
Clerk	