

**Bridgewater Township Joint Work Session  
With the City of Dundas  
County of Rice, State of Minnesota  
September 4, 2019  
Official Minutes**

Call to order at 1:00 pm in the Dundas Police Station

Roll Call: Gary Ebling, Glen Castore, John, Holden, Frances Boehning, Peter Tiede, Paula Callies, Janelle Teppen, Nate Sparks, Glen Switzer

Guests: None

- Possible Incorporation of Bridgewater Township
  - Glen Castore reviewed recent talks with the City of Northfield and the potential OAA extension. The joint resolution between Northfield and Bridgewater would extend the current OAA by three years. This will be signed during September's meetings.
  - Glen Castore and Gary Ebling reviewed the economic goals of the township and the current constraints.
  - Paula Callies and Glen Switzer reviewed the following reservations that Dundas has:
    - The current OAA is a binding contract that runs until 2033.
    - Any move to incorporation would be a breach of contract.
    - Per Glen Switzer – the township said that the contract would go away if the township incorporates. Glen Castore stated that township was possibly incorrect to claim the contract would go away. It would be up to a judge.
    - Paula Callies stated that other fronts would be presented to the Administrative Law Judge.
    - Glen Switzer stated that the township is unwilling to meet with the City of Dundas and reminded the group that the Township put up an emergency radio tower without consulting the City.
    - Gary Ebling stated that the township would like to meet with the City of Dundas to learn about what the future plans of the City are and what they need.
    - Glen Castore addressed the possibility of working with Northfield regarding extending the City's zoning into the township.
    - Nate Sparks talked about how such an agreement could be reached to extend the zoning to mutually benefit both parties. Mr. Switzer asked if this would extend the ARD.
    - Paula Callies asked how the zoning could be extended past the ARD?
    - Glen Switzer stated that he does not trust the Township due to the cell tower and lawsuit incidents.
    - Gary Ebling noted that meetings with the City of Dundas have been requested of Mr. McCarthy while he was attending the Township meetings. Mr. Ebling would like to have additional meetings to determine how to move forward to the benefit of both entities.
    - Mr. Switzer noted that all planning discussions should be held at the Planning Commission meetings. He also noted that we have a current agreement so he did not see a need for meetings. As the Planning Commission is currently working on the comp plan, Mr. Switzer felt that this is where all discussions with the Township should be held.
    - Glen Castore reminded Mr. Switzer that per the current OAA, the two entities are supposed to meet regularly.

- Mr. Switzer stated that the Supervisors could come before the City Council and request additional meetings. A structured request would need to be sent to Jenelle Teppen to be placed on the agenda to request a meeting.
    - At 2:00 pm the Bridgewater Supervisors recessed the meeting with Dundas and moved to continue the meeting at 2:05 in the Bridgewater Town Hall.
    - At 2:05 pm, the previously recessed meeting was reopened at the Bridgewater Town Hall.
    - Mr. Ebling reviewed the discussion with Dundas and how to move forward.
    - Gary Ebling will work with Janelle Teppen to get on the Dundas agenda to request a meeting.
      - A short discussion was held regarding what should be on the future meeting agenda.
    - A short discussion was held regarding the detachment/annexation process.
    - The storm water fees at city and state levels were reviewed.
- Roads
  - Decker Ave – ditch and culvert at Wett residence.
    - Mr. Ebling spoke with Mrs. Wett recently. Additional work is being done to get an estimate and what the scope of the work will be. Barr Engineering will try to get information to the township in September. Gary Ebling asked that they check with the DNR to ensure that all the proper permits are obtained. Cost sharing for the project will be discussed when the estimate is available.
  - Cates & 100<sup>th</sup>
    - Gary Ebling is working with Mike Groth to determine when and how this are will be taken care of.
  - Culvert at 134<sup>th</sup>
    - The area around the culvert was cleaned. Mike Groth will be consulted to determine who can clean out the inside of the culvert and when.
  - Eaton Ave/123<sup>rd</sup> Street
    - Heselton is currently behind, but will be getting this project done soon.
  - Guard Rail on 115<sup>th</sup>
    - The guard rail will be repaired as soon as we can get a contractor. It will follow the most up to date specifications.
- Planning & Zoning
  - Mr. Ebling reviewed a conversation with Jim Braun. The car repair place on 90<sup>th</sup> Street should be coming in for a conditional use permit soon.

Adjourn

Chair	
Clerk	