

Bridgewater Township Work Session
County of Rice, State of Minnesota
October 16, 2019
Official Minutes

Roll Call: Glen Castore, Gary Ebling, John Holden, Jim Walker, Jim Gleason, Mr. Desmet, Becca Carlson, Bolten & Menk representative, Frances Boehning

- Incorporation
 - SD Consulting reviewed the waste treatment report.
 - Cities start the planning process for a new treatment plan when they reach approximately 95% of capacity. MPCA does monitor the cities to ensure they are within compliance.
 - Cities are monitored on regular basis while package systems are only monitored a few times a month. Cities typically have professional supervisors.
 - A small package system would need a MPCA permit. The type of soil could reduce the level of treatment. The criteria would still meet MPCA regulations.

- Central Pond
 - Bolten & Menk reviewed the construction plans of the diversion.
 - A question was asked if recent legislation would affect the permit. Bolten & Menk will look into this and get back to us with an answer.
 - A discussion was held regarding timing of the construction of the diversion
 - Jim Gleason noted that ideal time would be fall/winter construction, however, he would not be available until spring.
 - Jim Walker stated that due to current schedules, construction may not be possible until spring.
 - A short discussion was held regarding cleaning the ditch as part of this. A change order will be done if it is decided to do this.
 - A bid was received from Barnett Bros. Jim Gleason will submit a bid in the next week.

- Roads
 - Information regarding the culvert at Wett's driveway on Decker Ave. from Barr Engineering was reviewed.
 - Gary Ebling talked to possible contractors for this project. No decision was made regarding this yet.

- Solar Garden
 - Gary Ebling reviewed an email from Carolyn regarding solar escrows and how C.U.Ps work. He will continue to work with the Brauns and Tiede regarding the culvert on the new Praver solar farm.

- Misc.
 - Gary Ebling reviewed his thoughts regarding road issues, incorporation, and the possible future of townships.
 - The new Dundas Comp Plan was reviewed.
 - Gary Ebling mentioned that he would like to speak to some experts regarding current state statutes and legislation.
 - Glen Castore reviewed the possibility of joint powers agreements to extend city zoning into the township.

- The items for discussion with Northfield were reviewed.

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Chair	
Clerk	