

**Bridgewater Township Work Session
County of Rice, State of Minnesota
October 30, 2019
Official Minutes**

Roll Call: Glen Castore, Gary Ebling, Kathleen Kopseng, Kathleen Doran-Norton, Dr. Charles Kyte, Frances Boehning

- Strategic Planning
 - Dr. Kyte reviewed his background and interest in working with work force housing.
 - Glen Castore noted the current Rice County ordinance regarding housing developments.
 - A discussion was held regarding the how the process would work to begin a housing development and potential receiving areas. They also discussed ideas and possible steps needed to create a development.
 - Kathleen Doran Norton mentioned issues with current Northfield rental properties.
 - The concept of a “renter’s court” is being explored. This would be a form of arbitration. There is the possibility that this could be expanded county wide.
- Roads
 - Kathleen Doran-Norton asked for support of the idea of establishing a raingarden in the road right of way in her area to help with rainwater runoff. The Supervisors expressed support of the idea and some modifications to the ditch to accomplish this. Kathleen Doran-Norton will talk to her neighbors and look at possible Rice County grants.
- Strategic Planning
 - Glen Castore reviewed possible talking points for the upcoming meeting with the City of Northfield on Wednesday, November 6th, in the Northfield City Hall Training Room.

Adjourn

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