

Bridgewater Township Board of Supervisors
County of Rice, State of Minnesota
December 11, 2019
Official Minutes

Call to order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Glen Castore, Gary Ebling, Jim Braun, Debbie Salaba, Frances Boehning, Mike Groth
(Kathleen Kopseng was out of town)

Introduction of Guests: none

Approval of Agenda: Gary Ebling made a motion to approve the agenda, Glen Castore seconded, all approved.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: None

Approval of Minutes & Claims

- December Claims
 - Glen Castore made a motion to approve the December claims, Gary Ebling seconded, all approved.
- November 13,13, December 4, 2019 Meeting Minutes
 - Glen Castore made a motion to approve the November and December minutes, Gary Ebling seconded, all approved.

Treasurer's Report

1. Treasurer's Report
 - Debbie Salaba reviewed the Treasurer's report. It was decided that the next truck payment for the new truck would come from the Dundas Annexation tax fund.
 - A discussion was held regarding interest rates on the Landfill Host Fee Holding account. Glen Castore noted that the Treasurer can proceed with placing the Landfill Host Fee Holding account into a CD to gain additional interest. Debbie Salaba will work with Rick Risberg at Frandsen to accomplish this.
2. Bank reconciliation – the current bank balance after reconciliation was reviewed.
3. IRS Update/EFT form - complete
4. Quarterly reports for solar project – not discussed.

Clerk's Report-

1. Mail – the Clerk reviewed the mail.
2. Resolution 2019-16. Gary Ebling made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-16 approving the election judges for Bridgewater Township for 2020, Glen Castore seconded, all approved.
3. Resolution 2019-15. Gary Ebling made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-15 designating Rice County to handle Bridgewater Township UOCACA voting, Glen Castore seconded, all approved.

Planning & Zoning

1. Staff Report
 - Jim Braun reviewed the permits to date.
2. Rice County C.U.P authority update
 - Jim Braun reviewed that Sara Folstad, Galen Malecha, and Gary Ebling will meet for the initial meeting in January at Rice County. Jim Braun will send all information related to the efforts to date on this matter to the Supervisors and Sara Folstad. Jim Braun will send the information after Christmas.
3. Update on nuisance properties
 - Mr. Braun stated that Peter Tiede suggested setting firm dates for any property not in compliance to be brought into compliance. Any properties not conforming would be brought before a judge in Rice County.
4. House on 1st Timberlane
 - If the house is not properly secured by December 20th, Mr. Braun would proceed with hiring a company to close the house and all charges would be passed on to the property owner.
5. Praver Community Solar culvert agreement

- Carolyn Braun has created an agreement and is waiting for Peter Tiede to review before sending to the Board.
- 6. 9187 Edgebrook Septic Issue
 - Jim Braun reviewed the history of the property. Gary Ebling reviewed a conversation with Mr. Kasper, who installed the new system in 2012. A compliance review was done in 2017 and the system was found to be in compliance. A new review was done in 2019 with a non-compliance noted. Mr. Kasper will talk to the company that completed the review in 2019.
 - Jim Braun stated that the Township recognizes the compliance certificate of 2017 as the final compliance. Jim Braun will talk to the realtor regarding this. A letter from Peter Tiede regarding this will be written. Gary Ebling will talk to the original installer of the system.
- 7. Thompson addition
 - Jim Braun will draft a resolution of denial regarding the driveway issue from last month. This resolution will be brought to the January meeting.
- 8. Jim Braun stated that he is getting new letterhead with the Dundas address instead of his Princeton address.
- 9. Jim Braun will be working with Ron Wasmund regarding creating a new permit for ag buildings.
- 10. Jesse Jacobson I.U.P.
 - Jim Braun stated that anonymous complaints would not be looked into. Planning Commissioners were not allowed to bring forward concerns from residents without stating the residents name and address.
 - Mr. Braun stated that he had been checking on the property regularly.
 - There are current a couple of extra cars on the property and the owner will remove them.
 - A fence has been started and will be completed in the spring.
 - Per Jim Braun, Jesse Jacobson is not selling anything.
 - Mr. Braun feels the property is reasonably in compliance.

New Business

1. Baseline Right of Way – Dennis Luebbe
 - Mr. Luebbe did not attend.
2. Resolution for fines for unlawful depositing of snow.
 - The Snow Removal letter was reviewed and the fines discussed.
 - Jim Braun stated that the township cannot fine residents.
 - Glen Castore will discuss the possibility of fines with Peter Tiede.
3. **Old Business**
4. Strategic Plan
 - Next Steps include setting a meeting date with Dundas. Glen Castore will talk to the Dundas City Council in January.
5. Comprehensive Plan Update – No update.
6. Central Pond Lawsuit
 - A request was received from Alliant requesting to be dropped from the suit. Brenda Sauro will look into all documentation, review, and determine the appropriate next steps.
 - The mediation session will take place in March 2020.
 - Glen Castore will forward the documents from WSB to the Clerk.
7. Roads
 - Intersection of township road and resident’s driveway
 - Creation of instructions to accompany the application. Gary Ebling is working the Richard Hanson to complete a set of instructional drawings.
 - David Wett Driveway
 - Gary Ebling noted that Barr Engineering is working to obtain the proper permits for this project.
8. Equipment
 - Mike Groth has left messages with Tow Master, but has not received a reply.

- Mr. Groth would like to place concrete blocks around the current sand pile to prevent the sand and salt from becoming wet.
- Gary Ebling made a motion to approve the purchase of a snow wing cart, Glen Castore seconded, all approved. This cart will allow the wing to be removed from the grader and truck more efficiently and safely.

Adjourn

Chair	
Clerk	