

Bridgewater Township Board of Supervisors
County of Rice, State of Minnesota
January 8, 2020
Official Minutes

Call to order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Gary Ebling, Glen Castore, Kathleen Kopseng, Debbie Salaba, Jim Braun, Mike Groth

Introduction of Guests:

Approval of Agenda: Gary Ebling made a motion to approve the agenda with additions, Kathleen Kopseng seconded, all approved.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items - None

Approval of Minutes & Claims

- January Claims
 - Gary Ebling made a motion to approve the claims, Kathleen Kopseng seconded, all approved.
- December 11,11,18, 2019 Meeting Minutes
 - Glen Castore made a motion to approve the minutes in total, Gary Ebling seconded, all approved.

Treasurer's Report

1. Treasurer's Report
 - Debbie Salaba reviewed the Treasurer's Report. A short discussion was held regarding moving funds in dedicated accounts to higher interest accounts. Debbie Salaba is working with the bank regarding this.
2. Bank reconciliation - done
3. IRS Update/EFT form
 - Due to some lingering issues with the Quickbooks account, the Treasurer's laptop will be returned to Reese Winter & Assoc. for additional work to fix the issues.
4. Quarterly reports for solar project

Clerk's Report-

1. Mail - none
2. Elections
 - The Clerk reviewed the concerns regarding the irreconcilable statutes – statutes 203B and 367.33. It was decided that a resolution will be presented at the February Board of Supervisors meeting to determine the direction the Board wishes to go. The Clerk will continue to work with Peter Tiede to determine the best way forward for the township.
 - The Clerk noted that the Bemidji Township is facing similar concerns as Bridgewater. A representative from Bemidji Township stated that they would like conversation between the two Supervisor Boards to take place to share information that could assist both townships.

Planning & Zoning

1. Staff Report
 - Jim Braun reviewed the Septic information from Peter Tiede regarding 9187 Edgebrook Drive. Gary Ebling reviewed the effort that went into the getting a satisfactory resolution to the issue. The septic system was approved and the sale of the house was allowed to proceed.
 - Permits issued to date were reviewed.
2. Rice County C.U.P authority update
 - Jim Braun left a message requesting a meeting with Galen Malecha, Julie Runkle, Sara Folstad and a Supervisor from the Township. A meeting date will be arranged.
3. Update on nuisance properties
 - A letter is being sent to properties not in compliance. A copy of these letters will be provided to the Board of Supervisors.
 - The entrance gate at 145th to SMC was open. Jim will contact the company to fix this.
4. House on 1st Timberlane
 - Per Jim Braun, the house is not boarded up.
5. Praver Community Solar culvert agreement

- This has been sent to Peter Tiede to review. Peter Tiede responded that an agreement is not needed as the Township can demand the changes needed by sending a certified letter to the Solar company.
- 6. Ordinance 1 – 2020 Fee Schedule
 - The new fee schedule was reviewed and mechanical permits were added.
 - Gary Ebling made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-01 Fee Schedule with the correction of the charge for Certificate of Occupancy from \$650 to \$65, Kathleen Kopseng seconded as amended, all approved.
- 7. Resolution 2020-1 – Thompson Road Denial
 - Jim Braun reviewed the resolution.
 - Gary Ebling made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-1, Kathleen Kopseng seconded, all approved.
- 8. Resolution 2020-2 – Edgebrook stub road abandonment
 - Jim Braun reviewed information from Peter Tiede regarding this resolution. A revised resolution will be presented at an upcoming Wednesday work session for review and approval.
- 9. Jesse Jacobson I.U.P
 - Jim Braun reviewed the concerns regarding this I.U.P. A letter will be sent to the homeowner regarding cleaning up a junk pile and following the provisions in the I.U.P.
- 10. Assistance for Carolyn Braun
 - Glen Castore reviewed that Cindy Nash will be brought in to assist Carolyn Braun in projects.

New Business

1. Meeting with Forest Township
 - Glen Castore reviewed a recent conversation with Jerry Anderson.
 - It was suggested that Bridgewater work with Forest twp and Rice County to bring services up the area near Cty Rd 1 and 35 W on the east side of the road.
2. Report on attendance at Dundas City Council meeting
 - Glen Castore attended the Monday Dundas City Council meeting.
 - The City Council agreed to meet quarterly to discuss annexation agreements and other topics that affect both entities. The Clerk will contact the City Administrator to coordinate dates.

Old Business

3. Strategic Plan
 - Next Steps
 - i. The general points for discussion during the January 16th meeting with Northfield was reviewed.
 - Glen Castore reviewed a discussion with Jim Braun regarding Mr. Koktavy's ideas for future development. Mr. Koktavy was wondering if the township would be receptive to possible future ideas for his property. The Board will discuss this if any definite ideas are presented.
4. Central Pond Lawsuit
 - Glen Castore reviewed a note from Brenda Sauro. Adam Parker could be deposed if mediation does not end satisfactorily.
 - Sauro will provide details of the mediation process closer to the date. Settlement amounts will be discussed by the Supervisors prior to mediation.
5. Roads
 - Intersection of township road and resident's driveway
 - Creation of instructions to accompany the application. – Gary Ebling is working with Richard on this.
 - Salt Shed and asphalt apron
 - This was added to the budget. Details will be worked out in a March work session.
 - Plow and Grader driver
 - A second driver is needed to provide assistance and back up for the Road Supervisor (Mike Groth). The salary offered will be between \$25 and \$30 per hour depending on qualifications. An advertisement will be placed on the website, newspaper, and job web sites.
6. Equipment
 - Mike Groth reviewed an email from Tow Master asking for a signature on the work to be done. However, the delivery dates listed was July 25, 2020. As this far exceeds the delivery date originally

promised, Mr. Groth will not sign until the date is corrected. Mike Groth continues to work with Tow Master.

7. Resolution for fines for unlawful depositing of snow.

- The issues surrounding this were reviewed. The Board of Supervisors would like to meet with Fossom (County attorney) and Sheriff Troy Dunn to discuss the possibility of enforcement.

Adjourn

Chair	
Clerk	