

Bridgewater Township Work Session
County of Rice, State of Minnesota
February 12, 2020
Official Minutes

Roll Call: Gary Ebling, Glen Castore, Kathleen Kopseng, Frances Boehning, Jim Braun, Dennis Luebbe
Guests: None

- Planning & Zoning - Solar
 - Dennis Luebbe noted that Rice County is looking at the possibility of placing a solar garden on County owned land at the corner of Cty Rd 9 and Hwy 3.
 - Glen Castore and Gary Ebling reviewed the current issues the township is experiencing with solar gardens.
 - Dennis Luebbe is research further into this project and let the Board know if there are firm plans to proceed.

- Roads
 - Dennis Luebbe reviewed that the County will be going to court on March 27th to pursue eminent domain along Baseline road.
 - The history of Baseline road was reviewed along with past maintenance. It was noted that the townships have always taken care of the road and ditches.
 - Mr. Luebbe mentioned that the County may request a resolution from Bridgewater regarding the history of the road. A request may also come from the County for a representative from the township to be present at the court date on March 27th. Gary Ebling offered to be the township representative.
 - Dennis Luebbe reviewed the current County Comp Plan draft.
 - A suggestion was made to have meetings between Rice County and the Township regarding industrial areas. Galen Malecha will organize a meeting with Julie Runkle and Sara Folstad.
 - Dennis Luebbe mentioned that he had recently met with Dundas and reviewed a discussion about Decker Avenue. Future discussions will continue in an effort to move the road to the County and realign it around Dundas.
 - Long term goals and planning were reviewed.

- Planning & Zoning.
 - Jim Braun reviewed that he is monitoring the properties out of compliance. A list of these properties will be sent to the Board along with copies of the letters sent out.
 - The house on 1st Timberlane will be submitting plans for reconstruction next month.
 - Glen Castore reviewed the current permit procedures along with past comments that Ron Wasmund would provide a signature stamp. As the current procedure of having Jim Braun sign off on the zoning aspect and the form being emailed to Inspectron for a signature, is working, we will review again in 6 months.
 - A Highway Patrol representative expressed concern regarding a car dealer on 90th Street, Northfield. Jim Braun is looking into the current dealer permit with the property and a past construction permit for the house. He will let the Board know what he finds.

- Central Pond.
 - Glen Castore reviewed the current information provided to the Sauro & Bergstrom.

- Gary Ebling will talk to Jim Walker from Barnett Bros regarding scheduling the work to be done this spring/early summer.

Adjourn

Chair	
Clerk	