

Bridgewater Township Work Session
County of Rice, State of Minnesota
January 22, 2020
Official Minutes

Roll Call: Gary Ebling, Glen Castore, Kathleen Kopseng, Frances Boehning

Guests: None

- Strategic Planning
 - Glen Castore reviewed the recent joint small group meeting with Northfield. The list of current issues reviewed by the group was discussed.
 - A request will be made to add the Northfield annexation policy to the list of issues.
 - A request was made to add in the intended use and timeframe for development for any annexation request.
 - Peter Tiede is looking into the possibility of using the Northfield zoning throughout the township. Mr. Tiede will talk to the City attorney also.
 - The next small group will meet in late February.
- Planning & Zoning
 - Glen Castore noted that Cindy Nash will be attending the next Planning Commission meeting on January 30th. A note will be sent to the Commissions, Supervisors, and Staff regarding this.
 - Gary Ebling made a motion to approve Glen Castore signing the contract with Cindy Nash, Kathleen Kopseng seconded, all approved.
- Flood Mitigation/Central Pond.
 - Glen Castore reviewed conversations with Brenda Sauro regarding the upcoming mediation session. Brenda Sauro will provide expectations and possible outcomes to the session to Glen.
- Roads
 - The township road list was reviewed. There are four roads in the township that are private roads; 86th Court, 121st Street, Ebert Court, and Echart Court.
 - The answers to the snow plow grader operator ad was reviewed. Mike Groth and Gary Ebling will be meeting with two candidates.
 - The current policy regarding mailboxes was discussed. There have been issues with mailboxes not holding up to snow coming off of the plow wing.
 - A notice regarding mailboxes will be included in the next newsletter.
 - The issue of trees in the right of way was discussed. Glen Castore suggested talking to Aspenwall regarding a regular tree maintenance program. Kathleen Kopseng suggested talking to Strobels Tree and Boom Service (507-661-0850) also.
- Misc.
 - The current budget was reviewed and changes noted. A request was made to add in \$15,000 to cover the cost of placing a guard rail on 115th.
 - Gary Ebling reviewed possible upcoming road expenditures and tax revenue.
 - Past levies were typically a 3% increase. An additional increase would need to be reviewed in order to create a storm fund.
 - Due to an increase in storms, the current ditches and culverts cannot handle the water.

- A short discussion was held regarding annexation agreements with neighboring cities. Elements currently in the agreements and potential ideas were reviewed. Also reviewed aligning state policies and statutes with the strategic plan.

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Chair	
Clerk	