**Bridgewater Township Newsletter**

March 2020

**Moving to a 5-member Board of Supervisors**

The Annual Township Election was held on Tuesday, March 10th. The results are as follows:

* + - Total votes = 63
    - Supervisor
      * Kathleen Kopseng – 58 votes
      * Erik Schrader – 1 vote
      * David Albers – 1 vote
      * Non-vote – 3 votes
    - Ballot question “Shall option A, providing for a five-member town board of supervisors, be adopted for the government of the town?”
      * Yes – 57 votes
      * No – 6 votes

The ballot question passed and the Bridgewater Township Board of Supervisors will expand to five members. This change will have numerous benefits for the residents of the township. By adding two members, the Board can now form committees of two people to spread the work load and assist in getting projects done in a timely manner. The committees will be able to work independently and bring solutions back to the full board for implementation.

We are proceeding with planning for a special election on May 12th. This election will determine who will serve in the two Supervisor positions until the following Annual March Township Election. Candidates wishing to file for the position of Supervisor, the filing period will open on Tuesday, April 21, and close on Friday, May 1. If you have any questions or if you wish to run for an open position, please contact the Clerk. If the Secretary of State determines that elections can not be held, a notice will be posted on the township website: [www.bridgewatertwp.org](http://www.bridgewatertwp.org)

**Pre-Election Open House**

The Township will host an open house to meet the candidates for Supervisor and talk to them about their vision for the township. The open house will be on Thursday, May 7th, from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the Bridgewater Town Hall. Any date or time changes to the open house will be posted on our website: [www.bridgewatertwp.org](http://www.bridgewatertwp.org).

**Snow Removal and Mailboxes**

We would like to remind Bridgewater Township residents that snow removal/sanding trucks will be out as soon as possible following a 2” snow event. The Township is not responsible for any damage resulting from snow thrown in the road right-of-way. Mailboxes damaged during snow removal operations will be evaluated on a case by case basis. Only those mailboxes located and installed in compliance with MN State Statute 160.072 and MN Rule 8818.0100, and damaged by direct contact with township equipment will be repaired at the Township’s expense.

**Building Permits**

Permits for remodeling and new building are required in the township. Permits are available online at our website:[bridgewatertwp.org](file:///C:\Users\Clerk\Downloads\bridgewatertwp.org). Building inspections are being handled by Inspectron. If you need an inspection for a current building project, please call 651-322-6626 to set up an inspection time.

Planning and Zoning: Jim Braun – 1-800-851-3383 (or bridgewaterpermits@gmail.com)

Septic: Darrel Gilmer – 651-775-6118 (or [dgilmerexc@yahoo.com](mailto:dgilmerexc@yahoo.com)).

**Meetings**

The Bridgewater Township Board of Supervisors meets on the second Wednesday monthly at 7:00 pm in the Bridgewater Town Hall at 500 Railway Street, Dundas. The Bridgewater Planning and Zoning Commission meets on the last Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Bridgewater Town Hall. These meetings are open to the public. Any additional meetings will be posted on the bulletin board at the town hall.

**Noxious Weed Control**

Bridgewater Township in partnership with surrounding townships (Greenvale, Northfield, and Waterford) was awarded a grant to continue the fight against noxious weeds. Efforts are being made to implement the best methods to reduce the presence of noxious weeds, especially Wild Parsnip. An intern from Carleton College will be working with volunteers to visually review all township road ditches and map the presence of noxious weeds. Those surveying the road will have signs posted in their vehicles, signifying that they are part of the survey team. Selective spraying and mowing will be done by the township after confirmation of the areas that are infected. We would like all residents to notify the township if you see any areas that are in need of treatment. If you have an area that you do not want sprayed or mowed, “No Mow, No Spray” signs are available from the township for $5 each.

**Bridgewater Township Board – Contact Information**

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