

Bridgewater Township Board of Supervisors
County of Rice, State of Minnesota
June 10, 2020
Official Minutes

Call to order – 7:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call: Glen Castore, Gary Ebling, Thomas Hart, Tracy Jonkman,
Debbie Salaba, Jim Braun, Frances Boehning. Kathleen Kopseng was not present.

Introduction of Guests: Jean & Vance Norgaard, Jim Bull, Henry Bull, Dennis Parker, Mr. & Mrs. Moore

Approval of Agenda: Gary Ebling made a motion to approve the agenda with the change of moving the Truck discussion up in the agenda to after the Public Hearing, Thomas Hart seconded, all approved.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: Henry Bull (135th Street) requested to speak about the Keepsake C.U.P. He noted there is a problem with the number of cars on the road and the dust created. He felt that there are too many events being held i.e. farmers markets, food events. Glen Castore reviewed the current situation with the Keepsake I.U.P. The Planning Commission will be looking at the ordinances for wineries and rural event centers in June. A public hearing will be held after these are completed. Gary Ebling addressed the road issue and noted that gravel is being placed and dust control will follow. Mr. Bull stated that if the current I.U.P does not permit these events; they should not be held.

Public Hearing regarding Edgebrook Road:

The public hearing was opened at 7:12 pm.

Glen Castore reviewed Resolution 2020-04 to vacate the field approach road adjacent to Edgebrook Road.

The public hearing was closed at 7:16 pm.

Gary Ebling made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-04, Glen Castore seconded, the vote was approved by a 4/5th majority of the Board.

Approval of Minutes & Claims

- June Claims: Gary Ebling made a motion to approve the June, 2020, claims, Thomas Hart seconded, all approved.
- May 13, 20, 2020, Meeting Minutes: Gary Ebling made a motion to approve the minutes of May 13 and 20, Tracy Jonkman seconded, all approved.

Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer's Report: Debbie Salaba reviewed the current bank balances. She is working with Rice County to ensure that our new banking information is accurate in their system.
- Gary Ebling asked for a one page write up of where the money for the new plow truck was pulled from.

Clerk's Report-

- The Clerk reviewed the mail for the month:
 - The demographers report was received; population for 2019 is 1,840 while households are 705.
 - M.A.T. official member cards are available to Board members.
 - A discussion was held regarding a newsletter going out in late June that may include: absentee ballots, mailboxes, snow removal, permits.
 - The Clerk noted that elections costs are increasing due to extra precautions needed during the pandemic.
 - A request was made by a resident for the Township to host a candidate forum for the Rice County commissioners. Glen Castore asked that first we look into the possibility of Rice County hosting.
 - Regarding the Forest Township invoice for gravel from last fall, Mike Groth will talk to them again.
- Contact list of employees and consultants – A list was provided to the new Supervisors with all of the people the Township interacts with on a regular basis.

Planning & Zoning

- Staff Report
 - Mr. Braun reviewed the fee schedule and the missing fees for HVAC, Plumbing, and Demolition. Gary Ebling made a motion to approve the changes to the fee schedule, Glen Castore seconded, discussion followed.
 - Jim Braun reviewed that a demo permit is needed to bring the concrete to the landfill. A question was asked regarding when a demo permit is necessary. Jim Braun felt that a permit would be needed if the foundation was involved. Thomas Hart asked if a permit would be needed if asbestos shingles were also being removed?
 - A suggestion was made to look at a tiered demo permit fee depending on the type and size of the building.
 - It was determined that a description would be needed of when permits for Demolition, HVAC, and Plumbing would be required. A vote was postponed until July.
- Update on compliance letters -
 - Jim Braun reviewed that Peter Tiede would be sending out letters to some of the people not following recommendations.
- Norgaard Sale and cancellation of variance request –
 - Jim Braun reviewed the cancellation of the variance. Mr. Braun believes the parcels should be platted as per the ordinance.
 - Glen Castore reviewed the proposed lot split and map. There are currently seven building rights on the Norgaard properties. A request was made to change the wording of “single family dwellings” to “building rights”. Gary Ebling noted that he is not in favor of a single lot split and would prefer each site had an individual lot split.
 - Glen Castore asked if there is anything illegal about multiple lot splits on a single document?
 - Jim Braun felt that splitting the property in the manor requested was against the ordinance.
 - Vance Norgaard addressed the Board.
 - He stated that Jim Braun did not return calls in a timely manner and created confusion. Mr. Norgaard has since been working with Ryan Blumhoefer to complete the transaction.
 - Glen Castore suggested a meeting between Ryan Blumhoefer and Peter Tiede. Mr. Castore will talk to both lawyers tomorrow to obtain resolution.
 - Gary Ebling asked to be involved in the meeting with the lawyers. Mr. Ebling also suggested that Peter Tiede provide a redline document to Ryan Blumhoefer to layout needed changes.
- Keepsake Cidery
 - Carolyn Braun is working on an Ordinance for wineries and rural event centers.
 - Jim Braun stated that as the Keepsake Cidery is in the Wild and Scenic river system, that separate C.U.Ps would be needed for a winery and rural event center.
 - This will be discussed at the next planning commission.
- House on 1st Timberlane
 - Jim Braun will try to contact the homeowner to determine next steps.
- Misc.
 - Jim Braun stopped by Castle Rock Mining. They would like to strip 20 acres of top soil. Mr. Braun said they would not be allowed to do so as they have not restored the other cells. Jim Braun asked when they would be available for a meeting. Glen Castore stated that it is approved for Jim Braun to set up a meeting with the Board and Castle Rock Mining.

New Business

- Township Priorities
 - Glen Castore reviewed the current priorities of the Township.
- Maintenance Permits – This will be discussed at a later meeting.

- Policy issue
- New permits – HVAC and Plumbing
- Permit fee
- Meeting schedule – work sessions will be determined and posted as needed.

Old Business

- Roads
 - Update on culvert replacement projects: Decker (Wett & Larson under road), and Cates
 - Gary Ebling reviewed the current road system along with the culverts and bridges being worked on.
 - The Wett project was discussed. An estimate of \$9,400 for the culvert was received, estimates from Barnett Bros will be needed. Mr. Ebling estimates that the project will be approximately \$20,000 in total.
 - The projects on Decker, Cates & 100th, and Cates (at the Palin place) were reviewed.
 - 115th Street railing replacement
 - Gary Ebling reviewed the history of the railing along the hill on 115th Street. Mike Groth is working with Mr. Meliza in Dundas to determine if they will pay for railing along their portion of the road. If not, the railing will only be installed along the Township section.
 - Gravel plans along 115th Street were reviewed.
 - Driveway design standards
 - Mike Groth will submit drawings to the Clerk to create a driveway application.
 - Asphalt Sealcoat – update
 - This is in process. Mike Groth will oversee this project.
 - Post Weights on Township Asphalt Roads – This is in process.
 - Top cut progress
 - Joe Hollinger is completing this.
- Truck repair status
 - The truck has been returned to TowMaster to complete repairs. Mr. Groth may need to complete some of the repairs as TowMaster will not do so. A rebate will be requested from TowMaster to complete these repairs. The amount of the rebate to be requested is \$8,400.

Schedule for future resolution

- Road Policy update – This will be discussed on a future agenda.
- Fines for unlawful depositing of snow – The history of this was reviewed and will be discussed at a later date.
- Residential Mailboxes – A policy will be developed at a future meeting and information to the residents will be addressed in next newsletter

Adjourn

Chair	
Clerk	