

Bridgewater Township Work Session
County of Rice, State of Minnesota
March 18, 2020
Official Minutes

Roll Call: Gary Ebling, Glen Castore, Kathleen Kopseng, Frances Boehning, Mike Groth
Guests: Kathleen Doran-Norton

- Planning & Zoning
 - Gary Ebling reviewed a recent conversation with Jim Braun. The Norgard property will be sold this summer by auction.
 - Leif Knecht is looking into the possibility of selling a section of the southeast corner of his lot on the corner of 90th Street and Hwy 19. Jim Braun will talk to Mr. Knecht regarding this. The Board of Supervisors were concerned regarding the future land use in this area and how a residence would affect this.

- Bike Trails
 - Kathleen Doran Norton reviewed the current DNR work for the bike trail from Faribault to Cannon Falls.
 - Glen Castore questioned the townships roll in the process. Kathleen Doran-Norton responded that part of the trail would run along 118th street to Cty Rd 8. The township will need to work with the DNR to determine the best way to incorporate the trail. Options include paving a section of road to include a bike path or place a bike path outside of the road easement area.
 - Mrs. Doran-Norton will talk to the DNR representative and request that they talk to Gary Ebling regarding this.
 - Funding will be obtained through the legislature.

- Roads
 - Mike Groth reviewed the damage to Eaton Avenue from cement trucks. He requested that signs be posted limiting the weight restrictions. He suggested that the asphalt roads be limited to 5 ton in the spring. It was noted that similar restrictions would be needed on the gravel roads also.
 - Gary Ebling requested that recommendations be obtained from Peter Tiede. Glen Castore will follow up with Peter Tiede regarding this.
 - The Board of Supervisors gave approval to Mike Groth to order signs and post the roads with restricted weight limits.
 - Mike Groth gave an update regarding the new plow truck. The truck is done at Tow Master and will be taken back to Nuss to complete the chrome package and fix a broken mirror.

- Orderly Annexation Agreement Template.
 - Glen Castore reviewed the rough draft of the template with comments from Peter Tiede. The draft will be used as a starting point for discussions.
 - Part 1 – A map will be created for this section. Zones 1 & 2 would be the areas annexable. Zone 3 could be the rest of the township.
 - Part 2 – A discussion would need to be held regarding the size and purpose of this joint planning board. Zoning duties would be added to this board.
 - Part 3 – The current Bridgewater Planning Commission would continue to oversee all permits and enforcement in all zones.
 - Part 4 – Changes will be made to this section after the maps are created.

- Part 5 – Reviewed
- Part 6 – Kathleen Doran Norton suggested changing the tax rate from the ag rate to a developed rate.
- Part 7 – Reviewed. This section would be similar to the current Dundas agreement.
- Part 8 – Gary Ebling road information will be used in this section.
- Part 9, 10, 11 – will be added by Peter Tiede
- Part 12 – A suggestion was made to have the agreement last 30 years.
- Part 11 – Kathleen Doran-Norton suggested a separate payment from the city to cover the increased cost of roads.
- Part 13 & 14 – Reviewed
- Part 15,16, 17 – Northfield agreed to this section during the Feb. 24th meeting.
- Gary Ebling asked if it were possible to have indemnification from Northfield.
- Glen Castore suggested working on the map next week.
- Miscellaneous
 - The Board of Supervisors agreed to allow the hall to be used by a very limited number of students for school if school buildings do not open after spring break.
 - Glen Castore gave an update on the mediation process with the Central Pond lawsuit.

Adjourn

Chair	
Clerk	