

Bridgewater Township Work Session
County of Rice, State of Minnesota
May 20, 2020
Official Minutes

Roll Call: Gary Ebling, Glen Castore, Kathleen Kopseng, Thomas Hart, Frances Boehning, Jim Braun
Guests: K.C. Betzold

- Development Rights on the Betzold property
 - Jim Braun reviewed development rights in Rice County. Currently, the practice is to allow one house per 40. This was also discussed with John Klockeman. The Betzold property currently has a ½ of a building right on the SE SE quarter quarter. Jim Braun explained how to ensure that the other quarter quarters would retain their building rights. Mr. Braun noted that K.C. Betzold could request a lot split to create 5 acre lots that are buildable on the other quarter quarters.
 - K.C. Betzold asked if a zoning map is available. Mr. Braun said he would send one to him.
 - Mr. Betzold was concerned about getting a consistent correct answer. He received multiple answers over the last couple of weeks regarding building rights.
 - Glen Castore asked that Jim Braun provide a letter to K.C. Betzold detailing the steps needed for the building rights on the property. The letter should also include information regarding protecting the building rights on the rest of the property. Jim Braun stated that he would have the letter to Mr. Betzold by mid next week.
- SMC Mining
 - Jim Braun has requested a meeting with SMC. The company will also conduct a water test and get results to Jim Braun by next week.
- Norgaard
 - Jim Braun received two maps regarding how Mr. Norgaard wishes to divide the original lot. Mr. Braun will talk to Norgaard's representative regarding which way to go.
- Variance for Mingo in the ARD will go before the Dundas Planning Commission. Jim Braun reviewed the details of the variance.
- Jim Braun reviewed an email from Andy Streitz. Mr. Streitz was asking about mechanical work necessary in a new building at Keepsake Cidery. Jim Braun will let him know that this is an Ag building.
- Roads:
 - Glen Castore reviewed a quote from Peasons regarding chip sealing some the asphalt roads. It was suggested that the quote could be approved as additional miscellaneous funds from the settlement and baseline maintenance were received. Chip sealing was not in the original budget.
 - Gary Ebling made a motion to approve hiring Peason to complete chip sealing Upper and Lower Oak Hills, Eaton, and Telemark for \$46,446.66; Kathleen Kopseng seconded, all approved. The other roads will be looked at next year.
- Planning & Zoning
 - Glen Castore reviewed the revised building permit process. The process was created with input from different entities. The proposed changes for each section (Clerk, Zoning Administrator, Inspector) was discussed.
 - Jim Braun will continue to issue a Certificate of Completion on Ag buildings.
 - The Clerk will file permits with Rice County and let Jim Braun know what the final permit fee is.

- Glen Castore reviewed that all Septic work would stay with Darrel Gilmer, Inspectron would not deal with septic for the Township.
- Glen Castore reviewed the proposed process for Zoning Administration projects.
 - Jim Braun asked that the same supervisor be assigned to all projects.

- Misc.

- The Wednesday, May 27th, work session was cancelled.

Adjourn

Chair	
Clerk	