

Bridgewater Township Board of Supervisors
County of Rice, State of Minnesota
September 9, 2020
Official Minutes

Call to order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Glen Castore, Kathleen Kopseng, Thomas Hart, Tracy Jonkman, Andy Ebling, Debbie Salaba, Frances Boehning, Mike Groth

Introduction of Guests: Jim Olds, Jim Purfeerst, Larry Alderks, John Klockeman, Nate Watters, Joe Thibodeau

Approval of Agenda – Kathleen Kopseng made a motion to approve the agenda, Andy Ebling seconded, all approved.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items – Jim Olds asked if Cty Rd 59 could have a memorial sign to Gary Ebling added.

Approval of Minutes & Claims

- September Claims – Following a review of the claims, Thomas Hart made a motion to approve the claims for September, Tracy Jonkman seconded, all approved.
- August 12, 2020, Meeting Minutes – Kathleen Kopseng made a motion to approve the minutes of August 12th, Andy Ebling seconded, all approved.

Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer's Report
- Debbie Salaba reviewed the Treasurer's report and current balances in the different accounts. Glen Castore made a motion to approve moving \$20,000 from Merchants Bank to Frandsen and \$33,500 from the Landfill Operating Fund to Frandsen Bank to cover the current expenses, Tracy Jonkman seconded, all approved.

Clerk's Report-

- The Clerk asked if a special meeting was required to resolve the issue regarding the removal of trees in the right of way. It was decided that Andy Ebling and Thomas Hart would work with Mike Groth to create a report detailing the scope of the project. It was also decided that Mike Groth would move forward with scheduling a contractor to begin work on removal of the trees by late October.

Planning & Zoning

- Glen Castore noted that Jim Braun submitted a letter of resignation effective September 9, 2020.
- House on 1st Timberlane – Glen Castore reviewed the history of the house and possible options available to the township. Options include: current owners demolish and rebuild the house, current owners donate the house and land to Habitat to Humanity and Habitat will demolish and rebuild, or the Township files a court order have the house demolished and the current owners pay the township for the work. Glen Castore and Kathleen Kopseng will meet with the current owners this Friday.
- Ordinance 2020-04 Amendment to Ag Tourism – Glen Castore proposed that the Ordinance be reviewed by Cindy Nash prior to the Board discussing and voting.
- Resolution 2020-05 Publish Ag Tourism Ordinance – This will be reviewed with Ordinance 2020-04.

- Resolution 2020-06 Keepsake Cidery Ag Business C.U.P

- Resolution 2020-07 Keepsake Cidery Ag Tourism C.U.P
 - Glen Castore noted that it would be beneficial to have Cindy Nash review the Conditional Use Permits prior to the Board discussing and voting.
 - Nate Watters requested the following modifications to Resolution 2020-06
 - Addition of the word “outside” to item 5 so that it reads as “no amplified music outside” after a certain time.
 - The number of parking spaces should be 88.
 - With the increased number of parking spaces, a request was made to increase the proposed attendance limit to 175-200 people.
 - Nate Watters requested the following changes to Resolution 2020-07
 - Increase the number of events from the current proposed 6 to a total of 10 events with a maximum number of people of 250.
 - A request was made to extend the hours also.
 - The current proposal includes 2 weddings and they would like to increase this to 4 with music allowed inside until closing.
 - John Klockeman addressed the requested changes to Resolution 2020-06
 - The 75 parking spaces was a result of the site plan provided to the Planning Commission during the meeting.
 - The attendance numbers were reached after compromise between the Cidery and surrounding neighbors.
 - Adding “outside” to the amplified music condition can be addressed by the Planning Commission.
 - John Klockeman addressed the requested changes to Resolution 2020-07
 - The number of events was determined after consultation with all parties involved. During the Planning Commission meeting, the Cidery did not present a firm number of events that they would expect to hold.
 - The Resolutions can be sent back to the Planning Commission by the Board of Supervisors for revisions.
 - Glen Castore addressed condition number 13 – storm shelter review by Rice County. This type of review is done by the state and may not be necessary. Tracy Jonkman asked if all businesses need to meet this requirement. Glen Castore suggested that Cindy Nash review this and determine if it is a requirement or if it can be removed.
 - Kathleen Kopseng asked that the Planning Commission look into adding a completion date for the headlight barrier that is to be created between the Cidery and the neighbor.
 - Andy Ebling agreed with Glen Castore that Cindy Nash should review the Resolutions.
 - Debbie Salaba suggested that the headlight barrier condition also include a length and height requirement.
 - Larry Alderks noted that condition number 6 regarding temporary signs and sign size be split between two conditions. He also asked if the Ordinance needs to address both acreage size and maximum attendance.
 - John Klockeman responded that the Ordinance should address acreage, but that the IUP or CUP address capacity.
 - Glen Castore suggested that Cindy Nash provide advice on these issues and that the Planning Commission address them prior to the Resolution and Ordinance coming back to the Board in October.
 - Kathleen Kopseng requested that the condition in resolution 2020-06 regarding “nonevents not generating revenue” be clarified.

- Kathleen Kopseng made a motion to return the Resolutions to the Planning Commission with the issues identified, Thomas Hart seconded, Tracy Jonkman abstained from voting, Glen Castore, Kathleen Kopseng, Thomas Hart, and Andy Ebling approved the motion.

New Business

- Staff Transition – The position of Zoning Administrator is transitioning to Cindy Nash.
- Northfield Annexation Agreement negotiations – Glen Castore is working with Ben Martig to set possible meeting dates.
- 2020-03 Ordinance Amending 2020 Fee Schedule – The changes requested by Darrel Gilmer were reviewed. The changes were related to Septic fees. Andy Ebling made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-03 Amending the 2020 Fee Schedule, Tracy Jonkman seconded, all approved.
- NAFRS- Amendment to Joint Powers Agreement – Glen Castore reviewed the amendments and noted that it was the attorney’s recommendation that the Township recognize these amendments. Andy Ebling made a motion to adopt the NAFRS amendments to the Joint Powers Agreement, Tracy Jonkman seconded, all approved.
- CRWP – reports
 - Tracy Jonkman reviewed a recent event at Dave Legvold’s farm regarding cover crops. Local farmers have expressed interest in cover crops. Andy Ebling noted that a number of local farmers are involved. Mr. Ebling suggested that a survey be developed to determine level of involvement and interest in cover crops. It was also suggested that informational meetings be held at the Township for local landowners. Dave Legvold has stated that he would be willing to come and speak at a meeting.
- John Ebling gift
 - John Ebling has requested that the road in front of this property be paved. He is willing to provide a gift to the township to cover the expense of this project.
 - Kathleen Kopseng made a motion to accept the conditional give agreement to pave the road using funds from John Ebling, Tracy Jonkman seconded.
 - Thomas Hart asked if this road would have to meet township road weight restrictions, Glen Castore stated that all township requirements would need to be met.
 - Larry Alderks expressed concern regarding ownership of the road if the road is damaged by farm equipment.
 - John Klockeman noted that all road standards would need to be met.
 - Larry Alderks was concerned about where the road narrows, there may be safety issues with cars passing. There is also concern regarding increased speed.
 - Joe Thidodeau suggested posting a sign stating that the paved road ends and becomes gravel.
 - The vote was called for the motion on the table; all approved.

Issues for future meetings –

- Mailboxes will be added to the October agenda

- John Klockeman asked that the Board of Supervisors pass a resolution thanking the Brauns for their many years of service to the Township. This will be on the October agenda.

Adjourn

Chair	
Clerk	