

Bridgewater Township Board of Supervisors
County of Rice, State of Minnesota
April 14, 2021
Official Minutes

Call to order

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Introduction of Guests: None

Approval of Agenda: Glen Castore made a motion to approve the agenda, Andy Ebling seconded, all approved.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: None

Approval of Minutes & Claims

- April Claims – Glen Castore made a motion to approve the claims for April, Andy Ebling seconded, all approved.
- March 10, 24, 2021, Meeting Minutes – Andy Ebling made a motion to approve the minutes of March 10th and 24th, Mike Little seconded, all approved.

Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer's Report
 - Debbie Salaba reviewed the treasurer's report and the naming convention on the bank accounts. It was noted that the Landfill money was received from the County.
- IRS Reporting
 - Debbie Salaba will provide a printed report to the Board with the monthly packet of information.

Clerk's Report-

- Mail – No mail of note was received.
- Need for Safe Deposit Box at Merchants Bank.
 - As the safe deposit box at Merchants Bank is not being used as anticipated, the Board gave approval to cancel.

New Business

- Public Hearing – Road Right of Way Ordinance 2021-04 and Resolution 2021-05
 - The public hearing for the Road Right of Way Ordinance 2021-04 was opened at 7:16 pm. No public was in attendance. The public hearing was closed at 7:17 pm.
 - Andy Ebling made a motion to adopt the Road Right of Way Ordinance 2021-04, Glen Castore seconded.
 - Andy Ebling reviewed the history of the ordinance and the work done to combine the two older ordinances into one document.
 - Kathleen Kopseng asked who would be acting as "Director", which is a position noted in the ordinance. Following discussion, it was determined that the Director's duties could be assigned to a Supervisor who could then delegate as needed. These duties would be assigned as the project need arises.
 - A vote was taken on the motion, all approved.
 - Thomas Hart made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-05 for the publication of Ordinance 2021-04, Andy Ebling seconded, all approved.

- Road Policy

- Thomas Hart is working with Dennis Luebbe to create a map of the Township roads. He is also researching other road policies on which to base our new policy.
- Response to Dundas
 - Glen Castore reviewed the invitation from the Dundas City Council to attend the upcoming City Council meeting on April 26th. The meeting will introduce the new Comp Plan.
 - The City of Dundas has stated that they are beginning work on a plan for connecting Bridgewater Heights to 115th Street. The plan will include other changes to 115th Street.
 - The current Dundas Annexation Agreement does not have a completed Road Policy.
 - Glen Castore suggested that the Township not proceed with work on 115th Street until the current Annexation Agreement had been reviewed. A Road Policy needs to be created per the agreement or the agreement will need to be modified before moving forward with work on 115th Street. The Board of Supervisors agreed with Glen Castore's position.
 - Glen Castore noted that the Bridgewater Zoning Administrator had concerns regarding the potential annexation of land near Bridgewater Heights.
- Report on Rice Cty meeting on I35 Industrial Development
 - Glen Castore reviewed a recent meeting with Rice County. The focus of the meeting was the creation of an industrial area at the intersection of I35 and Cty Rd 9. The City of Faribault is not interested in supplying utilities outside of the current city limits. Further meetings regarding this topic will be held.
- MN Railway Resolution
 - Glen Castore reviewed the project of a commuter rail from southern MN to St. Paul.
 - Glen Castore made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-06 requesting legislative support from Rich Draheim for a passenger rail study, Mike Little seconded, all approved.

Old Business

- Non-compliant properties
 - Kathleen Kopseng noted that Peter Tiede suggested sending registered letters first then following up on those that do not respond within 30 days.
 - The list of properties was reviewed and placed in order of priority.
 - Priority 1 – Safety
 - Priority 2 – Permit violation
 - Priority 3 – Refuse/yard mess
 - The letters will need follow up and a deadline for a response from the resident in writing.
- Roads
 - Report on Decker
 - Glen Castore reviewed a recent meeting with Dennis Luebbe, Dundas residents, and the City of Dundas regarding the possibility of realigning Decker Ave to connect to Cty Rd 1.
 - Glen Castore made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-04 supporting a study on connecting Decker Avenue to County Road 1 (Millersburg Blvd), Andy Ebling seconded, all approved.
 - Report on 140th Street

- Glen Castore reviewed that beginning surveys and core sample work are being done by Bolten & Menk. A report should be available within 2 months.
 - Cindy Nash is working on the proposed ordinance change to allow rural industrial in the area.

- Ebel Way potholes
 - Mike Groth reviewed the current potholes on Ebel Way. A quote for patching the pothole and a quote for redoing the street were received from BMI. Mike Groth suggested that better alternative would be grinding the street down and leaving it for a year to ensure that other potholes and road base issues are taken care of prior to resurfacing.
 - Glen Castore made a motion to authorize the Road Superintendent, Mike Groth, to have Ebel Way pavement ground, complete repairs on the road base, and repave in 2022, Andy Ebling seconded, all approved.
 - A letter explaining the process will be sent to the residents on Ebel Way.

- Street Sweeping
 - Sanford sent a quote to Andy Ebling for sweeping the paved developments.
 - Andy Ebling made a motion to retain the services of Sanford to sweep the developments later this spring, Glen Castore seconded, all approved.

- Culverts (Dahle, Baldwin, 118th Street)
 - The Baldwin culvert is being repaired due to washout around the current culvert.
 - The culvert on 118th Street will begin repairs later this week.
 - Mike Groth reviewed the concerns regarding the repairs needed on the culvert on Dahle Ave. A quote and suggested repairs will be obtained by Mike Groth and presented at the next meeting.

- **Issues for future meetings – None**

- Adjourn

Chair	
Clerk	