

**Bridgewater Township Board of Supervisors**  
**County of Rice, State of Minnesota**  
**May 12, 2021**  
**Official Minutes**

Call to order

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Introduction of Guests: Nate Watters

**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**

- May Claims – Andy Ebling made a motion to approve the May claims, Thomas Hart seconded, all approved.
- April 14, 2021, Meeting Minutes – Glen Castore made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, Mike Little seconded, all approved.

**Treasurer's Report**

- Treasurer's Report
  - Debbie Salaba reviewed the current bank account amounts. She noted that the annual township audit for the state had been completed and submitted.
- Verify 2022 Levy amount
  - The total levy amount will be \$362,000.
- IRS Reporting – Information was provided to the Supervisors detailing payments made to the IRS.

**Clerk's Report-**

- Mail – nothing of interest to report.

**New Business**

- Keepsake Fence
  - Kathleen Kopseng reviewed the report from Cindy Nash detailing the results of the April Planning Commission meeting. Nate Watters reviewed the design and placement of the fence they are constructing. He noted that the fence will not be placed on the lot line as requested in the C.U.P. In order to better block the headlights, the fence will be constructed near the parking lot.
  - Glen Castore made a motion to approve the proposed headlights barrier fence as recommended by the Bridgewater Planning Commission, Andy Ebling seconded, all approved.

- Presentation for Annual Meeting on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7:00 pm, Town Hall
  - The draft agenda was reviewed.
  - Frandsen bank will be requested to notice the upcoming meeting on their display sign on Hwy 3.
- Road Policy
  - Thomas Hart reviewed the information from M.A.T regarding an official township map. It was recommended that the Township not have an official map showing easements and road dimensions as this could lead to future problems. A large map showing the Township roads was obtained from Rice County. This will be used as reference.
  - Supervisor Hart reviewed the 2007 Bolten & Menk draft road policy. This draft will be used as the basis of the new road policy. A revised draft should be available for review in the next couple of months.
  - Road issues will continue to be addressed as needed.
- Farm Tiling
  - Kathleen Kopseng reviewed an email from a resident regarding flooding on their pasture land due to tiling.
  - The question asked was what recourse does the resident have when this happens?
  - Mike Little noted that the Rice County Soil & Water Conservation District oversees tiling permits.
  - Kathleen Kopseng will talk to Steve Pahs at the RCSWCD to obtain more information regarding tiling in the Township.
- Elder cottage
  - Kathleen Kopseng reviewed recent requests from Township residents to build a small cottage on the property to be used as an elder cottage or caretaker's cottage.
  - Kathleen Kopseng will work with Cindy Nash to explore the creation of an ordinance that could be adopted by Rice County.
  - Andy Ebling noted that the ordinance would need to have stringent requirements to prevent abuse of the property right.
  - Glen Castore suggested that the Township ask Peter Tiede first if any other jurisdictions have ordinances related to this topic.

## **Old Business**

- Roads
  - The gravel for the year has been placed on the roads. Work needs to be done to blade the new gravel, but this can not take place until we receive a substantial amount of rain.
  - Dust control will be applied after the roads have been bladed.
  - Street sweeping will be occurring as soon as possible.
  - The "Dead End" sign will be placed at the entrance of Edgebrook after the utilities have been located.

- Industrial Zone update
  - Kathleen Kopseng will talk to Cindy Nash to enquire about the submission to Rice County for the new ordinance.
  - The report from Bolten & Menk regarding the upgrade to 140<sup>th</sup> Street will be available late May.
  
- Meeting with Dundas – issues and approach
  - Kathleen Kopseng reviewed the upcoming meeting. Glen Castore will be presenting a list of issues for discussion during the joint meeting. These issues include: connection to 115<sup>th</sup>, annexation, and the joint Planning Commission.
  
- Non-compliant properties
  - Progress is being made on a number of the non-compliant properties.
  - Glen Castore asked that Mike Groth provide an estimate for cleaning up the Schimer property as the Township may look into hiring the work done and placing the expense on the property taxes.
  - Thomas Hart reviewed that the property on 140<sup>th</sup> Street has removed the decorative boulders in the ditch and is now in compliance.

**Issues for future meetings**

- Andy Ebling asked that the topic of a township pickup truck be added to the agenda for June.
  
- Adjourn

Chair	
Clerk	