

*Bridgewater Township
Joint Meeting with Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission
County of Rice, State of Minnesota
May 22, 2021
Official Minutes*

- Call to order
- Roll Call: Kathleen Kopseng, Thomas Hart, Andy Ebling, Mike Little, Glen Castore, John Klockeman, Ray Larson, Kurt Schrader, Larry Alderks, Bruce Morlan, Jeff Johnson, Frances Boehning
- Monthly updates between Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission
 - a. John Klockeman reviewed the need to maintain good communication between the Supervisors and Planning Commissioners.
 - b. Larry Alderks discussed the need to establish channels of communication between not only the Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission, but also Rice County, Dundas, and Northfield.
 - c. A request was made for the unofficial minutes to be distributed to both Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission. Also, during a meeting, an agenda item will be added to provide updates on the other group.
 - d. Bruce Morlan suggested having a volunteer attend the Northfield and Rice County Planning Commissions and report back to the group.
 - i. Glen Castore volunteered to cover the Rice County Planning Commission meetings.
 - ii. Larry Alderks volunteer to cover the Northfield Planning Commission meetings.
 - iii. Glen Castore noted that relations between the Township and Rice County are improving.
 - iv. Ray Larson volunteered to reach out to Jim Purfeerst, Rice County Commissioner.
 - e. A request was made to have joint Board of Supervisor/Planning Commission meetings quarterly.
- Industrial Zone Update and next steps
 - a. Kathleen Kopseng reviewed the updated information from Cindy Nash. This information will be sent out on Monday, May 24th, to the Planning Commission.
 - b. Glen Castore reviewed the information on the 140th Street upgrade from Bolten & Menk will be available at the end of May. The proposed upgrade to the 140th Street railroad crossing was reviewed also. Supervisor Castore reviewed plans by Rice County to place a water tower near the intersection of Cty Rd 1 and I35. Rice County is also looking at zoning along I35.

- Dundas Annexation Agreement update

- a. Glen Castore reviewed a recent meeting between Bridgewater Township and the City of Dundas. He also reviewed the possible discussions of a revision to the Dundas Planning Commission.
- Northfield Annexation Agreement update
 - a. A meeting with the City of Northfield is scheduled for the beginning of June.
 - b. Andy Ebling reviewed that the attorneys for both jurisdictions are working together to explore the needs of both groups.
- Ordinance change to allow second home on property
 - a. Kathleen Kopseng reviewed the reasons for the request to the Planning Commission to look into allowing a second home on a property.
 - b. Cindy Nash is researching how this has been handled by other jurisdictions. She will provide information to the Planning Commission.
- Cindy Nash priorities
 - a. The current list of priorities is:
 - i. Permits
 - ii. Rural Industrial
 - iii. Ordinance Clean Up
 - iv. Elder Cottage (second home on a property)
 - v. Comprehensive Plan
- Next scheduled quarterly joint meeting:
 - a. Wednesday, August 18th, 7:00 pm, in the Bridgewater Town Hall

Adjourn

Chair	
Clerk	