

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

Call to order

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Introduction of Guests: Jenelle Teppen

Approval of Agenda – Glen Castore made a motion to approve the agenda, Thomas Hart seconded, all approved.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items - None

Approval of Minutes & Claims

- July Claims
 - Glen Castore made a motion to approve the July claims, Andy Ebling seconded, all approved.
 - It was noted that the remaining concrete block for the salt shed can be delivered.
- June 9, 28, 29, 2021, Meeting Minutes
 - Andy Ebling made a motion to approve the minutes of June 9th, with changes, and June 28th and 29th as is, Mike Little seconded, all approved.

Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer's Report
 - Debbie Salaba reviewed the Treasurer's report and current bank balances. She noted that the IRS and PERA submissions were completed.
 - The quarterly solar statements have been sent.

Clerk's Report-

- Mail – The Clerk has nothing to report.

Planning & Zoning-

- Meeting update
 - Mike Little reviewed the discussions from the last Bridgewater Planning Commission.

New Business

- Facilities upgrade
 - Andy Ebling reviewed building addition drawings that were done in 2014.
 - Glen Castore reviewed a discussion with Northfield Construction Company regarding the possible designs for expanding the town hall.
 - It was stated that more space is need in the Town Hall building for storage of the equipment. As our population grows, it was noted that additional meeting space may also be needed.

- Glen Castore made a motion to accept option 1 from the Northfield Construction Company's proposal to provide a design for a building addition at a cost of approximately \$5,000, Thomas Hart seconded, all approved.
- I-35 Industrial Developments
 - Glen Castore reviewed a recent meeting with Rice County and a Forest Township Supervisor. The meeting was a discussion on the proposed development of a commercial/industrial area along I35.
 - A preliminary map was reviewed of the area. The boundaries are still under discussion.
 - Glen Castore reviewed that Rice County will pay for a development plan and is already in contact with a company to provide preliminary plan work.
 - A joint powers agreement will be discussed between Bridgewater and Forest Township. A meeting will be held in August regarding this.
 - Glen Castore made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-07 recognizing that Peter Tiede of Tiede Grabarski PLLC will be representing both Bridgewater and Forest Township in the creation of a joint power's agreement, Andy Ebling seconded, all approved.
- Dundas OAA – 115th Street connections and Joint Road Policy
 - Thomas Hart reviewed that the road policy is in the process of being reviewed.
 - Glen Castore reviewed that the Dundas City Attorney suggested that the road policy be worked on by a committee. Thomas Hart and Andy Ebling will act as Bridgewater staff on the road policy committee. A meeting will be set up within the next four weeks.

Old Business

- Farm Tiling update
 - Kathleen Kopseng noted that following a conversation with Steve Pahs, there is nothing the Township can do regarding tile lines and where they drain to.
- Roads
 - Andy Ebling stated that dust control had been applied to Decker Ave. Further grading is happening as weather permits.
- Industrial Zone update
 - Glen Castore reviewed the follow up request from Rice County for legal descriptions of the parcels to be included in the new zone. Cindy Nash noted that this request could result in a couple month delay. She will continue to work with Rice County.
 - Kathleen Kopseng stated that following a conversation with Jim Purfeerst, he will see if the fees for the change in zoning could be waved by the county.
- Non-compliant properties update
 - Andy Ebling noted that some of the buildings have been taken down on the Aitken residence.

- For the Hollinger residence, it was suggested that the Township should assist in cleanup and place the cost on the property taxes.
- The remaining properties were reviewed and updates provided.
- Township Pickup
 - Andy Ebling reviewed the pros and cons on a new vs a used pickup truck. A short discussion was held regarding the possibility of using the truck with a plow in the developments.
 - Discussions regarding a township pickup will continue.

Issues for future meetings

- Commemorative road signs
 - Andy Ebling reviewed a discussion regarding a road signage commemorating founding families and farms in the area.
 - Thomas Hart suggested working with the Rice County Historical Society. Andy Ebling will talk to them about this idea.
- A question was asked about how much dirt work can be done on a property before it is annexed for development. Cindy Nash will be contacted regarding this.
- Adjourn

Chair	
Clerk	