

Bridgewater Township Board of Supervisors
County of Rice, State of Minnesota
June 9, 2021
Official Minutes

Call to order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Glen Castore, Thomas Hart, Mike Little, Andy Ebling, Debbie Salaba, Frances Boehning. Kathleen Kopseng was not present.

Introduction of Guests: Jim Olds, John Zander, Dallas and Melanie Eldeen

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

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items – Jim Olds requested that Bridgewater Township look into the creation of a memorial road sign in honor of Gary Ebling.

Approval of Minutes & Claims

- June Claims
 - Mike Little made a motion to approve the June claims, Andy Ebling seconded, all approved.
- May 12, 22, 2021, Meeting Minutes
 - Andy Ebling made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of May 12 and 22, Thomas Hart seconded, all approved.

Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer's Report
 - Debbie Salaba reviewed the IRS reports and Treasurer's report. A request was made to transfer \$130,000 from the Host Fee Operating fund to the general fund to cover current claims. Glen Castore made a motion to approve the transfer of \$130,000 from the Host Fee Operating fund to the general fund to cover current claims, Andy Ebling seconded, all approved.
 - Glen Castore requested an estimate of the money spent on maintaining Decker Ave and 115th so far this year. Mike Groth will provide this for the July meeting.

New Business

- Gary Ebling Road Memorial
 - Jim Olds reviewed the contributions Gary Ebling made to the Township over the years. He requested that County Road 59 have a sign posted proclaiming it to be the "Ebling Road". The official name of the road would not change, this would be a memorial sign.
 - Glen Castore stated that the Township will talk to Rice County to determine if a memorial type sign "Ebling Road" could be added to Cty Rd 59.

Clerk's Report-

- The Clerk noted that the carpets would be cleaned in the town hall.

Planning & Zoning-

- Industrial Park Rezoning Update

- Glen Castore reviewed the updated schedule for the proposed Rural Industrial Park ordinance.
- Glen Castore made a motion to approve Bridgewater Township paying the Rice County fees of \$945 to cover the application and cost of ordinance change associated with the proposed Rural Industrial Park ordinance, Andy Ebling seconded, all approved.
- The Rice County forms designating Bridgewater Township to act as agent will be provided to impacted landowners.

New Business

- Discussion with John Zander regarding land
 - John Zander reviewed that the farm land behind the Town Hall is currently used for soybean production. Mr. Zander would like to expand the farmable area and is interested in purchasing some of the back lot from the Township.
 - Andy Ebling expressed concern that if a portion of the current lot is sold, this may cause problems if the Town Hall needs to be expanded.
 - Mr. Zander asked that the request be considered, but there is no set timeframe.
- Township pickup truck
 - Andy Ebling reviewed the current concern with using Mike Groth's personal truck for Township work. Mr. Groth's truck is getting scratched from hauling signs and other equipment for the township in addition to adding miles to the vehicle.
 - The pros and cons of obtaining a Township pick up truck were discussed. This discussion will continue at the July meeting.
- New Town Hall
 - Mike Little reviewed the idea of moving the Town Hall to a new location in the country. The type of parcel that would accommodate the future needs of the township was discussed.
 - Thomas Hart noted that the township should consider placing the possible new town hall near the greatest population density.
 - Andy Ebling volunteered to work with Mike Little to identify possible sites in the Township.
 - Mike Groth was asked to obtain a sketch of what size of buildings would be needed to accommodate the township equipment.

Old Business

- Road Policy update from Thomas Hart
 - Thomas Hart reviewed that the current draft policy does meet all of the necessary requirements of a policy. There are some small corrections that should be made and exhibits that can be added. An update will be provided to the Board at the July meeting.
- Roads
 - The state of the roads is good.
 - Roads that have received new gravel need to be bladed 3-4 times to integrate the new rock while other roads should be bladed once. Dust control can not be added until the blading is complete.

- It was noted that there are now two accesses from the Bridgewater Heights development into 115th Street. These accesses are being used by the residents of the development. Neither of these accesses were approved by the Township. They do not meet the specifications for connection.
 - Possible options to correct the unauthorized connections were discussed.
 - The Board of Supervisors recommended that contact be made with the developer to officially connect and if that does not resolve the situation, then barricades be placed by the Township.
 - This will be reviewed in July.
- Non-compliant properties update
 - The current list of non-compliant properties was reviewed. Progress has been made on a number of sites and the Clerk will follow up with a few of them to encourage continued compliance. The compliance date will be extended to August 1 for the Telemark and Dundas Blvd sites.

Issues for future meetings

- Adjourn

Chair	
Clerk	