

**Bridgewater Township Board of Supervisors**  
**County of Rice, State of Minnesota**  
**August 11, 2021**  
**Official Minutes**

Call to order

Pledge of Allegiance

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

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**

- August Claims
  - Andy Ebling made a motion to approve the August claims, Glen Castore seconded, all approved.
- July 14, 27, 2021, Meeting Minutes
  - Glen Castore made a motion to approve the minutes of July 14 and 27, Thomas Hart seconded, all approved.

**Treasurer's Report**

- Treasurer's Report
  - Debbie Salaba reviewed the current bank balances and noted that the property taxes were received from the County and that the zoning permit fee was refunded.
  - The recent ARPA funds received were reviewed and discussed. A summary will be provided next month showing how the money can be used.
- The budget and revenue reports were reviewed.

**Clerk's Report-**

- The upcoming meetings on the August and September calendars was reviewed.

**Planning & Zoning-**

- Meeting update – There was not a meeting held in the month of July. The next meeting is scheduled for August 12<sup>th</sup>.

**New Business**

- Joint powers agreement with Forest Township
  - Glen Castore reviewed the current draft of the joint powers' agreement between Bridgewater and Forest Townships.
  - Rice County is proposing to rezone an area on the boarder between Bridgewater and Forest. The goal of the joint powers' agreement is to allow both Townships to have a say in the development of the area and to create water and sewer districts.

- Glen Castore made a motion to approve entering into a joint powers' agreement for the creation of water and sewer districts and planning and zoning in the proposed rezoned area, Andy Ebling seconded, all approved.

## Old Business

- Dundas Meeting update
  - Andy Ebling and Thomas Hart reviewed the August 9<sup>th</sup> meeting with the Dundas representatives of John Powell, Glenn Switzer, and Jenelle Teppen. The Bridgewater Heights developer will be paving the development road up to the right-of-way of 115<sup>th</sup>. A barrier will then be placed to prevent use of the road except by emergency vehicles. Dundas is still in the preliminary planning stages for the future of 115<sup>th</sup> street.
  - There was not commitment from Dundas regarding how costs associated with the road would be shared.
  - It was noted that the OAA required a joint road policy.
  - A request was made to have Peter Tiede develop a memorandum of understanding that includes:
    - The current connection would be for emergency vehicles only
    - Process going forward as laid out by M.A.T
    - Process for a Townline Road
- Roads
  - Glen Castore requested that the "slow children" sign in Wendwood be repaired.
  - Mike Groth noted that gravel is being placed on 125<sup>th</sup> street and some on 145<sup>th</sup>.
  - Due to weather conditions this summer, Mike Groth stated that no more dust control would be applied.
  - A dead tree in Wendwood needs to be removed. Mike Groth will contact a company to obtain a quote to remove the tree.
- Industrial Zone update
  - Glen Castore reviewed the meeting of July 29<sup>th</sup> at the Rice County Planning Commission. It was noted that there was some concern from Forest Township regarding the proposed rural industrial area. Glen Castore created a chart detailing the differences between the proposed rural industrial zone and the current Rice County Limited Industrial Zone that was sent to Forest Township.
  - The proposed rezoning is moving to the Rice County Commissioners meeting to be held later in August. Final approval from Rice County come at the end of September with rezoning occurring in October. Following this, the Bridgewater Planning Commission will create an ordinance.
- Non-compliant properties update
  - An update was provided regarding each of the non-compliant properties.

- Mailboxes
  - Andy Ebling reviewed that he is still hearing from a couple of residents regarding mailbox damage that occurred last year.
  - A newsletter detailing mailbox requirements along with drawings/pictures will be mailed to residents in September. This newsletter will detail what is acceptable and criteria for replacement of mailboxes.

Adjourn

Chair	
Clerk	