

Bridgewater Township Board of Supervisors
County of Rice, State of Minnesota
October 13, 2021
Official Minutes

Call to order

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Introduction of Guests: Keith Hanna, Brad Pfahning

Approval of Agenda: Glen Castore made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, Andy Ebling seconded, all approved.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: Keith Hanna commented that the ditches along 124th Street need to be mowed. Mike Groth replied that they will be mowed this fall before snow flies.

Approval of Minutes & Claims

- October Claims
 - Andy Ebling made a motion to approve the October claims, Mike Little seconded, all approved.
- September 8, 2021, Meeting Minutes
 - Glen Castore made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of September 8, 2021, Thomas Hart seconded, all approved.

Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer's Report
 - Debbie Salaba reviewed the current bank balances and that the IRS reports were run showing payment.
 - Glen Castore made a motion to authorize the transfer of \$20,000 from the General Fund to the Forest/Bridgewater Joint Powers Agreement, Andy Ebling seconded, all approved.
 - Check numbers 9604 and 9610 are voided due to printing error.

Clerk's Report-

- Polling Place Resolution
 - Thomas Hart made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-08 Designating the Bridgewater Township Polling location to be 500 Railway Street, Dundas, MN 55019 for all federal, state, and local elections, Glen Castore seconded, all approved.
- The Clerk reviewed the most recent demographics report for the Township showing a population of 1,840.
- The Board of Supervisors approved the Clerk taking the laptop computer in for repairs to Aldrich Technology.

Planning & Zoning-

- Mike Little reviewed the most recent Planning Commission meeting.

New Business

- Report from Forest/Bridgewater Joint Powers
 - Glen Castore reviewed the current work being done by the Joint Powers. The meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month in the Forest Town Hall. The Joint Powers will be consulting with an engineering firm regarding possibilities with water and sewer.
- Broadband in the Township
 - The current broadband availability in the township was discussed. Glen Castore suggested forming a working group to look into the current situation and explore possible funding.
 - Andy Ebling suggested asking Northfield Wifi to attend a future meeting to review what information they have.
- Comp Plan
 - The Comp Plan will be discussed following the determination of the Rural Industrial Zone.
- Noxious Weeds
 - Glen Castore made a motion to approve payment of \$400 to KC Betzold for storage of the township gator for the past 4 years, Andy Ebling seconded, all approved.

Old Business

- 115th Street Dundas meetings
 - The next road meeting with the City of Dundas will be Wednesday, October 27th.
 - The Memorandum of Understanding was reviewed and discussed. The purpose of the document is to create an agreement for negotiating a joint road policy, allow temporary access of emergency vehicles, prevent unauthorized connections, and layout a timeframe for working toward a common goal. Glen Castore made a motion to approve signing of the memorandum of understanding, Thomas Hart seconded, all approved.
 - The draft road policy and memorandum of understanding will be sent to the City of Dundas.
- Town Hall Addition
 - The quote of \$601,000 for the building of an equipment shed and addition to the town hall was reviewed.
 - Northfield Construction recommended the construction of a stick-built building to meet current codes and increase future value.
 - The construction could be done in two phases.
 - Glen Castore will request quotes for completing the work in two phases and the cost of producing bid documents.
- Non-compliant issues
 - Septic
 - The current non-compliant system was reviewed and recommendation by the Board was to refer the issue to the MPCA.

- Roosters
 - Complaints have been made regarding roosters in the residential areas of the Township. The Clerk will request information from the Township attorney regarding recommendations on how to enforce and if a change to the ordinance would be beneficial.

- Keepsake
 - The issue of noise complaints was reviewed. A recommendation was made to request that Keepsake place decibel meters along the perimeter to record sound levels.
 - A letter will be sent to Keepsake requesting noise levels be reduced.

- Yurt
 - The existence of a AirBnB yurt in the township was reviewed and discussed. As the building does not meet state building codes, Inspectron will be sending a letter detailing the changes that would need to be made.

- Roads
 - Dust control on 115th
 - A complaint regarding dust on 115th street was made by a Dundas city resident. They were informed that dust control would not be applied this year.
 - Renting grinder
 - The grinder will be rented and used this fall.
 - Fall Top Cut
 - This is mostly done with the only the developments left to be finished.
 - Edgebrook Sign
 - Signs will be placed on either October 29th or November 1st.

- Industrial Zone update
 - The recent Rice County Planning Commission meeting was reviewed.

Issues for future meetings

Adjourn

Chair	
Clerk	