

**Bridgewater Township Board of Supervisors**  
**County of Rice, State of Minnesota**  
**September 8, 2021**  
**Official Minutes**

Call to order

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Introduction of Guests: None

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

**Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:** None

**Approval of Minutes & Claims**

- September Claims
  - Andy Ebling made a motion to approve the September claims, Mike Little seconded, all approved.
- August 11 and 25, 2021, Meeting Minutes
  - Glen Castore made a motion to approve the minutes of August 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, Andy Ebling seconded, all approved.

**Treasurer's Report**

- Treasurer's Report
  - Debbie Salaba reviewed the Treasurer's report.
  - Following discussion, the Board requested that the Disaster Funds be placed in a CD while the ARPA funds be placed in a dedicated checking account.
  - It was noted that check number 9589 was voided.
- IRS Reporting
  - The report was provided to the Chair.

**Clerk's Report-**

- Mail
  - The Clerk noted that an invitation from Dundas for the grand opening of the Dundas City Hall was received.

**Planning & Zoning-**

- Meeting update
  - The minutes from the recent Planning Commission were reviewed.

**New Business**

- ARPA Uses presentation
  - The presentation from M.A.T was reviewed regarding the permitted uses of the ARPA money.
  - Glen Castore noted that an approved use of the money is for Broadband and local businesses.
  - It was noted that the Township could use the ARPA money for:
    - Broadband

- Town Hall expansion
  - Provide funds for the joint powers project to introduce sewer and water in the industrial area.
- Broadband in the Township
  - The current limitations of internet availability in the township were discussed.
  - A Supervisor will look into the availability of an internet coverage map for the township.
- Update from Intergovernmental meeting
  - Kathleen Kopseng reviewed the recent Intergovernmental meeting.
    - Sheriff Troy Dunn spoke of the complications experienced by intersection of mental health and law enforcement.
    - Updates to local roads were reviewed.
    - Updates from Rice County were reviewed.

### **Old Business**

- Assessment on 10563 Timberlane
  - There is concern regarding the non-payment of taxes by the owners of 10563 Timberlane. The Township has assessed the property for the demolition of the house.
  - Per the Rice County Tax Department, if the property is foreclosed and sold, the Township would receive the assessment in full at that time.
- Town Hall Addition
  - The possible additions to the shop area of the town hall were reviewed. Multiple design ideas were submitted by the architect and one design was preferred. This information will be shared with the architect and a cost estimate will be provided in October. Also reviewed was the possible addition of 8' to the meeting hall.
  - Updates to the town hall furnishings, chairs, tables, and sound system will be discussed in future meetings.
- Report on Joint Meeting with Forest Township
  - Glen Castore reviewed the recent joint meeting with Forest Township.
  - It was determined that Glen Castore and Andy Ebling will be the appointed Supervisors to the Forest Bridgewater Joint Powers Board.
  - Glen Castore reviewed the possible future businesses in the area and possible septic and water options.
- Dundas 115<sup>th</sup> Street
  - Andy Ebling reviewed the drafts of the memorandum of understanding and the town line policy as created by Peter Tiede.
  - Glen Castore suggested copying the dispute resolution language from the current OAA into the town line policy.

- It was noted that the town line policy is in draft form and will need to be reviewed and revised.
- Roads
  - Renting grinder
    - With Board of Supervisor approval, Mike Groth will be renting a grinder for two weeks this fall to clean up some of the right of way in the ditches.
  - Fall Top Cut
    - A fall top cut will be done in Wendwood to improve sight lines and safety. Ditches will be cleaned along Eaton Ave.
  - Edgebrook
    - The “dead end” sign will be installed at the entrance of Edgebrook.
- Industrial Zone update
  - Glen Castore noted that the next Rice County Planning Commission will meet on October 7<sup>th</sup>.

Adjourn

Chair	
Clerk	