

**Bridgewater Township  
Joint Meeting with Forest Township  
County of Rice, State of Minnesota  
August 25, 2021  
Official Minutes**

Call to Order at 7:00 pm

- Present were the Bridgewater Township Supervisors; Glen Castore, Andy Ebling, Mike Little, Forest Town Board, and Attorney Peter Tiede. Area residents also attended.
- A presentation by the Forest Chair was made to introduce the purpose of the meeting regarding the formation of a Joint Powers Board for area sewer and water district.
- Peter Tiede reviewed the joint powers agreement.
- Members of the Forest Town Board made a motion and a second to approve signing the Joint Powers agreement.
- Residents from the area expressed concern regarding the placement of a commercial industrial area in the townships. A request was made for more residents input before industrial businesses start entering the area.
- A question was asked regarding who would be paying for the sewer and water district. This concern was addressed by the Board; there is possible government funding for the project.
- There was concern that since Bridgewater does their own Planning and Zoning that they would permit everything and dictate what would happen in the area. Glen Castore reviewed the current parameters of Planning and Zoning and how projects are permitted.
- A member of the Forest Board of Supervisors called the question. A vote was taken and approved by all.
- The Forest Board Chair suggested that each Town Board contribute \$20,000 to the joint powers. Glen Castore made a motion to approve the contribution of \$20,000 from Bridgewater Township, Andy Ebling seconded, all approved.
- Glen Castore reviewed that the Minnesota Association of Townships could provide insurance for the Joint Powers.
- The Forest Board Chair offered the work of the Forest Town Clerk to the Joint Powers. Glen Castore suggested that Reese Winter & Associates could serve as treasurer similar to how NAFRS operates.
- The next meeting will take place on September 15, 2021, at 6:00 pm in the Forest Town Hall.
- A resident expressed concern regarding the message this was sending to farmers. Past consensus was that all development should occur in or next to cities.
- A request was made that residents have a voice and that the Joint Powers represent the people.
  
- Adjourn

Chair	
Clerk	