

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

Call to order

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Introduction of Guests: Mike Swedin, Larry Alderks, Nate and Tabitha from Northfield WiFi

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

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:

- Mike Swedin stated that he works for Bridgewater Township as the back up plow driver. He requested a pay increase of \$10 per hour. His current pay is \$25. He noted that he is proficient in driving both the plow truck and the grader and can perform repairs to the equipment. The Supervisors requested that Mike Swedin leave the hall during the discussion. Following a discussion by the Supervisors, Glen Castore made a motion to approve increasing Mr. Swedin's hourly pay to \$30 per hour, Thomas Hart seconded, all approved. Kathleen Kopseng noted that position expectations should be written down. The clerk will write the job description with input from Mike Groth.

Approval of Minutes & Claims

- December Claims
 - Glen Castore made a motion to approve the December claims, Andy Ebling seconded, all approved.
- November 10, 2021, Meeting Minutes
 - Glen Castore made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of November 10th, 2021, Mike Little seconded, all approved.

Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer's Report
 - Debbie Salaba reviewed the Treasurer's report. An extra \$3,158 was received from ARPA and deposited in the bank. The property tax money was received and deposited.
 - The Treasurer will be working with Reese Winter to complete the end of year payroll.
- IRS Reporting – the printed report was given to Supervisor Kopseng.
- 140th Street Study – Glen Castore reviewed that the original Bolten & Menk contract was \$25,000. The project has exceeded that. A suggestion was made that in the future a report be given to the Board detailing how much is being spent in relation to the contract. This type of report will be added to the Treasurer's report.

Clerk's Report-

- The Clerk provided an update regarding election filing.

Planning & Zoning-

- Meeting update – The meeting will occur on December 9, 2021.

New Business

- Discussion with Galen Malecha – Commissioner Malecha did not attend.
- Northfield WiFi
 - Nate from Northfield WiFi reviewed where service is currently available in the Township. They provide up to 100 mbps. He noted that fiber is not always an option. Northfield WiFi has been expanding service in the area and typically covers the cost associated with it.
 - A request was made to obtain information from the Northfield school regarding where coverage is needed.
 - Nate from Northfield WiFi will define the area that they see as lacking then work with the Township to expand coverage.
- Forest/Bridgewater JPA – Amendment
 - Glen Castore reviewed the changes to the map and the new amendment.
 - Glen Castore made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-11 for the amendment to the Forest/Bridgewater Joint Powers Agreement, Thomas Hart seconded, all approve.
- Fee Schedule
 - The current fee schedule was reviewed and a proposal will be presented next month.

Old Business

- Discussion regarding enforcement of ordinances
 - Andy Ebling requested additional information on how to enforce. There is concern that the Township can not chase everything.
 - Noted that land uses are identified in the land use chart.
 - Glen Castore requested that the topic be reviewed at a future meeting.
 - Noted that when a request comes before Cindy Nash, she will need to enforce the ordinances.
 - Thomas Hart requested a better understanding of what criteria the Planning Commission would like regarding ordinances.
 - A request was made to continue this discussion during a special meeting to be held at 5:45 pm on Wednesday, January 12th, 2022. An invitation to John Klockeman will be emailed.
- Facility Improvements
 - It was reviewed that funds will need to be borrowed to construct the additional shop building to house the current equipment.
 - Glen Castore will obtain information regarding funding sources.
 - Other possible builders will be contacted to obtain estimates.

- Roads
 - Mike Groth noted that the salt ratio in the sand/salt mix will be reduced to 10%.
 - The roads are in good shape. The tree trimming was not completed, when the weather clears, Mike Groth will work to get it done.

Issues for future meetings

Adjourn

Chair	
Clerk	