

Bridgewater Township Board of Supervisors
County of Rice, State of Minnesota
February 9, 2022
Official Minutes

Call to order

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Introduction of Guests: None

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

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: None

Approval of Minutes & Claims

- February Claims
 - Mike Little made a motion to approve the February Claims, Glen Castore seconded, all approved.

- January 12, January 12 Special Meeting, and February 2, 2022, Meeting Minutes
 - Glen Castore made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections to the February 2nd meeting minutes, Thomas Hart seconded, all approved.

Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer's Report
 - Debbie Salaba reviewed the Treasurer's report and current bank accounts.
 - Glen Castore noted that the money spent on maintaining Decker and 115th should be determined and pulled out of the Dundas annexation fund.
 - The Treasurer stated that the report for the Mn State Auditor will be completed in March and submitted.
 - It was noted that check numbers 9696 and 9697 were voided.

- IRS Reporting
 - A report detailing payment to the IRS was submitted to the Chair.

Clerk's Report-

- Mail – No mail to report beyond invoices.
- Appoint election judges
 - Mike Little made a motion to approve the list of judges for 2022, Glen Castore seconded, all approved.

Planning & Zoning-

- Meeting update

- Mike Little reviewed the past month's discussion regarding semi-trailers being used as storage on properties. A discussion will be held with the Planning Commission regarding enforcement of this concern.
- Kathleen Kopseng noted a concern regarding a property with multiple storage pods in the northern section of the Township. The situation will be monitored.
- A request was made to add a discussion on allowing Air BnB in the Township at an upcoming Planning Commission meeting.
- Glen Castore noted that he is working on a draft of the Comp Plan and will present it to the Board of Supervisors in March.
- Regarding the new Rural Industrial Zone, there is one piece of information that is due to Rice County. This will be sent by Cindy Nash, who will then complete work on the new ordinance for the area and present to the Planning Commission.

New Business

- Fee Schedule Public Hearing
 - The Public Hearing was opened at 7:47 pm.
 - The proposed 2022 fee schedule was reviewed.
 - The Public Hearing was closed at 7:52 pm.
 - Following a short discussion, Glen Castore made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-02 Amending the Bridgewater Township Fee Schedule, Thomas Hart seconded; roll call vote – Thomas Hart -approve, Mike Little – approve, Glen Castore – approve, Kathleen Kopseng – approve, and Andy Ebling – absent.

- Comp Plan
 - Glen Castore is working on the draft and will present to the Board of Supervisors in March.

- Budget
 - The proposed 2022 budget was reviewed by line item.
 - It was noted that due to changes in the rules, ARPA funds may be used in the general fund.
 - A request was made to increase the legal budget to \$30,000.
 - The total expense budget for 2022 will be \$645,050 and will be presented and approved at the annual meeting.

- Annual Meeting Agenda
 - The annual meeting agenda was reviewed and it was determined which Supervisor would present the different items.
 - The levy for 2023 was discussed.
 - The Board of Supervisors will request a 4% increase in the levy for a total of \$372,442.

- Ordinances online

- The online language noting that the ordinances are under revision was reviewed.

Old Business

- Facility Improvements
 - Glen Castore noted that DJ Medin Architects will be creating the documents necessary for the bid packet.
- Roads
 - Thomas Hart and Andy Ebling are working on the description for the position of Snow Plow Driver and will present to the Board in March.
 - Thomas Hart reviewed recent discussions with the City of Dundas regarding the Road Policy.
 - Glen Castore will work with Dennis Luebbe regarding possible funding for the improvement of 140th Street.
 - A request was received from a resident on Wendwood to replace the current road speed signs with ones that are not faded.
 - A discussion was held regarding concerns with damages to mailboxes and excessive sand on the road. Kathleen Kopseng will work with Andy Ebling to determine next steps.
- Miscellaneous
 - Mike Little asked if a community clean-up day would be possible.
 - A discussion was held regarding pros and cons.

Adjourn

Chair	
Clerk	