

Bridgewater Township Board of Supervisors
County of Rice, State of Minnesota
April 13, 2022
Official Minutes

Call to order

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Introduction of Guests: Lori Williams

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

- Lori Williams noted concerns that she had regarding farming and food production in the U.S. She also noted concerns regarding free speech.

Approval of Minutes & Claims

- April Claims
 - Mike Little made a motion to approve the April Claims, Andy Ebling seconded, all approved.
- March 8, 9, 23, 2022, Meeting Minutes
 - Glen Castore made a motion to approve the minutes of March 8th, 9th, and 23rd, Thomas Hart seconded, all approved.

Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer's Report
 - The Treasurer's report was reviewed.

Clerk's Report-

- The Clerk noted that the ARPA annual reporting requirement had been completed.

Planning & Zoning-

- Meeting update
 - Mike Little reviewed the recent Planning Commission meeting held on March 31. The Rural Industrial ordinance will be reviewed at the next meeting with a Public Hearing to be held in May.
 - The Supervisors requested that "dark skies" be included in the standards for the Rural Industrial ordinance.

New Business

- Rice County I.U.P TEPP
 - The conditions for the Rice County TEPP were reviewed and discussed.
 - Andy Ebling made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-03 for the Interim Use Permit for Temporary Equipment Placement for Rice County, Glen Castore seconded, all approved.

- Williams Cartway Resolution
 - A discussion was held regarding the background of Resolution 2022-04, a request for escrow related to the petition for a cartway accessing property owned by Lori Williams.
 - Glen Castore made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-04 establishing an escrow account for the petition of a cartway, Mike Little seconded, all approved.
 - Lori Williams addressed the Supervisors and provided a history of the property in question.
 - It was noted that Township attorney, Peter Tiede, will work with Adam Dowd, attorney for Lori Williams, to move the petition forward.
 - The Clerk will contact Peter Tiede regarding a schedule of next steps in the process.
 - Lori Williams submitted the escrow money for Resolution 2022-04.

Old Business

- 115th Road Meeting update
 - Andy Ebling reviewed the paperwork provided by the City of Dundas for the road meeting held on April 13th.
 - The proposed future of the road as suggested by Dundas was discussed.
 - The documents provided by Dundas will be reviewed by Peter Tiede.
- Comp Plan
 - Glen Castore reviewed the current status of the plan and will submit revisions to the Clerk for inclusion in the updated draft.
- Rural Industrial update
 - Glen Castore reviewed the recent Rice County Planning Commission meeting. The Planning Commission approved the request to rezone Township properties to Rural Industrial. The request will now proceed to the Rice County Board of Commissioners.
- Facility Improvements
 - Glen Castore noted that the bid will be divided into two; hall expansion and shop building.
 - The specifications should be available in two weeks.
 - There is a question regarding the number of bathrooms needed.
- Roads
 - Andy Ebling reviewed the current gravel plans. Decker Avenue is currently being graveled. There are plans to place dust control on Decker Avenue this summer.
 - A request was made to place the “dead end” sign at the beginning of Edgebrook Drive and replace the faded speed limit signs on Endwood Trail.

- Northfield Annexation Agreement
 - Peter Tiede is working on an annexation agreement draft that will be shared with the City of Northfield. A meeting will be scheduled following the draft submission.

- Noxious Weeds
 - A meeting for residents with wild parsnip on their land will be held in Northfield Township in May.
 - It was noted that Bridgewater Township needs to locate another person to assist with spraying noxious weeds in the Township.

- Older Rice County C.U.Ps
 - A request will be made to Cindy Nash to work with Rice County to determine who has jurisdiction over the older Rice County issued conditional use permits.

Adjourn

Chair	
Clerk	