

**Bridgewater Township Board of Supervisors**  
**County of Rice, State of Minnesota**  
**May 11, 2022**  
**Official Minutes**

Call to order

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Introduction of Guests: Brad Pfahning, Jesse Thomas (Rice Cty Sheriff), Conrad Ertz, Marie and Greg Johnson, Gary Kes

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

**Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:**

- Sheriff Thomas introduced himself and noted that the Sheriff's department would continue to work with the Township.
- Gary Kes reviewed that he would like to add a shed to his property to replace a current one. Current ordinance does not permit the addition of a shed, but the Clerk will look into the possibility of approving an addition to a current structure.
- Conrad Ertz expressed concern regarding the amount of trash that he is uncovering on his property. The trash is a result of past owners burying appliances, car batteries, and other items on the premises. He is requesting financial assistance in covering landfill fees for disposal of the items.

**Approval of Minutes & Claims**

- May Claims
  - Glen Castore made a motion to approve the May claims, Thomas Hart seconded, all approved.
- April 13, 2022, Meeting Minutes
  - Andy Ebling made a motion to approve the April 13, 2022, minutes, Mike Little seconded, all approved.

**Treasurer's Report**

- Treasurer's Report
  - The landfill host fee of \$153,893.66 was received from Rice County.
  - Debbie Salaba reviewed the current bank balances.
  - Check number 9779 was voided.
- IRS Reporting
  - The IRS taxes were filed and paperwork completed.

**Clerk's Report-**

- The Clerk did not have anything to report.

**Planning & Zoning-**

- Meeting update
  - Mike Little reviewed the April Planning Commission meeting.
  - He noted that the Planning Commission recommended the addition of a 200-foot setback from residential properties in the Rural Industrial Zone.

- Appoint Commissioner
  - A discussion was held regarding an opening on the Bridgewater Planning Commission.
  - Glen Castore made a motion to appoint Nate Watters to the Bridgewater Township Planning Commission, Thomas Hart seconded, all approved.

### **New Business**

- Williams Cartway Hearing Order
  - Andy Ebling made a motion to approve the Order Setting A Hearing to be held June 1, 2022, at 7:00 pm Upon Petition Requesting the Establishment of a Cartway, Thomas Hart seconded, all approved.
  - Glen Castore noted that the Supervisors could visit the site prior to the meeting. A note will be sent to the Supervisors regarding when the lawyers will be visiting the site.
- Wild Parsnip Control
  - Glen Castore reviewed the current wild parsnip present on private land in the Township. He provided copies of the liability waiver and information from M.A.T. for the Township to assist in eliminating wild parsnip from private properties. It was noted that Township employees are covered under our insurance when entering private property.
  - Glen Castore will draft a letter to be sent to residents with wild parsnip on their land.
- Resolution regarding trash pickup by residents
  - A discussion was held regarding assisting residents with the landfill fee when they are removing trash from the area. Examples were cleaning up former dump sites and removing trash from the ditches.
  - Glen Castore made a motion to approve resolution 2022-05 Supporting reimbursement of resident assisting in ditch clean up in Bridgewater, Andy Ebling seconded, all approved.
- Baseline Road agreement revision
  - A discussion was held regarding the new offer from Rice County for reimbursement of maintenance on the unimproved section of Baseline Road.
  - Andy Ebling will work with Dennis Luebbe regarding the reimbursement.

### **Old Business**

- Comp Plan
  - The draft of the comprehensive plan was sent to Cindy Nash for review and will be presented to the Planning Commission in May. Following this, the plan will come to the Board of Supervisors with a projected completion of September.

- Rural Industrial update
  - The next public hearing for zoning the rural industrial area will be at the Rice County Planning Commission meeting. Glen Castore and Cindy Nash will be present.
- Facility Improvements
  - DJ Medine will have the bid documents prepared for the Township early next week. There will be two projects; town hall expansion and new shed.
- Northfield Annexation Agreement
  - The next meeting with the City of Northfield and Andy Ebling and Glen Castore will be at the end of May.
- Non-compliant properties from 2021
  - The properties were briefly reviewed.
  - A suggestion was made to look into the possibility of monetary assistance in cleaning up properties that present a health hazard.
- Roads
  - Andy Ebling reviewed that a substantial amount of the gravel has been placed and the roads were looking good.

**Issues for future meetings**

Adjourn

Chair	
Clerk	