

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

Call to order

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Introduction of Guests: Deanna Hovland

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

**Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:** None

**Approval of Minutes & Claims**

- July Claims
  - Mike Little made a motion to approve the July claims, Andy Ebling seconded, all approved.
- June 8, 2022, Meeting Minutes
  - Glen Castore made a motion to approve the June 8, 2022, minutes, Andy Ebling seconded, all approved.

**Treasurer's Report**

- Treasurer's Report
  - Debbie Salaba reviewed the current Treasurer's report and noted that the funds from ARPA were received at the beginning of July along with property taxes from Rice Cty.
  - Check numbers 9855 and 9839 were voided.
- IRS Reporting
  - The report was provided to the Chair.

**Clerk's Report-**

- Election Judge list
  - Glen Castore made a motion to approve the amended election judge list, Andy Ebling seconded, all approved.
- Google monthly fee
  - The Clerk reviewed that Google has started to charge a monthly fee for use of the Township email account and addresses.

**Planning & Zoning-**

- Meeting update
  - Mike Little reviewed the recent Planning Commission meeting held on June 30<sup>th</sup>. He noted that a Public Hearing for the Rural Industrial Ordinance will be held on July 28<sup>th</sup>.
- List of Zoning Administrator priorities
  - Kathleen Kopseng reviewed the current list of priority for the Zoning Administrator.

- Following a discussion regarding the priorities, a suggestion was made to move the Comprehensive Plan up in the list. The issue of mining permits and older Rice County conditional use permits was reviewed.

### **New Business**

- Dust Control Policy
  - Glen Castore made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-06 for Dust Control on Township Roads in Bridgewater Township, Mike Little seconded, all approved following discussion.
  - Andy Ebling reviewed feedback from residents on gravel roads and roads near Keepsake Cidery.
  - A request was made to place traffic counters out near Keepsake to determine the level of traffic.
  - Glen Castore noted that the resolution allows for flexibility in splitting costs with residents.
- Johnson Auto Salvage
  - A recent concern from a resident regarding excess semi traffic was relayed to the Board.
  - Andy Ebling provided information regarding the nature of Mr. Johnson's business. There is concern regarding the expansion of the business and the effect on the roads.
  - A request will be made to Cindy Nash to review the issue and the owner conditional use permit.
- Trees behind Parker property
  - Glen Castore reviewed the Edgebrook flood control project. Construction of the berm caused damage to Mr. Parker's trees. Glen Castore noted that Knecht's nursery could replace the four trees for a total of \$2,400.
  - Andy Ebling suggested that funds from the disaster fund be used.
  - Kathleen Kopseng and Glen Castore will talk to Mr. Parker.
  - Glen Castore made a motion to approve up the \$3,000 for the replacement of trees at Dennis Parker's property at 9144 Edgebrook Drive, Andy Ebling seconded, all approved.

### **Old Business**

- Rural Industrial update
  - Motion regarding Conrad property
    - The process of rezoning a property from agricultural to rural industrial was reviewed.
    - Glen Castore made a motion to approve Bridgewater Township acting as agent for Larry Conrad and covering the fee to rezone PID 07.29.4.50.001 from agricultural to rural industrial, Mike Little seconded, all approved.
    - It was noted that the portion of the property east of Hwy 3 would not be rezoned.

- Kathleen Kopseng stated that the Rural Industrial Ordinance should be coming before the Board next month.
  - Glen Castore reviewed upcoming discussions about the infrastructure in the rural industrial area.
- Northfield Annexation Agreement
  - Andy Ebling and Glen Castore reviewed that the next scheduled meeting with the City of Northfield is Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup>.
  - A draft OAA was sent to the City of Northfield from Bridgewater Township. The City responded with a redline draft laying out the preferences of the City.
  - Andy Ebling reviewed some of the requests in the redline draft from the City of Northfield.
  - The City of Northfields draft will be discussed at the next scheduled meeting between Northfield and Bridgewater.
- Award contract for facility improvements
  - The bids for the expansion of the Bridgewater Town Hall were reviewed. Two bids were received; Northfield Construction for \$128,650 and Professional Contractors for \$74,366. While other bids were requested, only these two responded.
  - Glen Castore made a motion to approve the bid from Professional Contractors for \$74,366, Andy Ebling seconded, all approved.
- Dokmo nuisance complaint
  - Kathleen Kopseng and Glen Castore reviewed a recent meeting with Mr. Dokmo. A site visit will be done to determine the current and past size of the berm and next steps.
- Cartway status
  - Glen Castore stated that the wetland delineation report from Bolten & Menk should be available at the end of July. Following review of this report, the Board of Supervisors will look at possible cartways. Once a route is determined, a meeting will be set with the petitioner and neighbors to review and discuss.
- Roads
  - Andy Ebling reviewed the current state of the roads and noted that there were no issues.
  - Baseline road is in the process of being rebuilt by Rice County.
- Miscellaneous
  - Hollinger property
    - Kathleen Kopseng noted that the owner of the Hollinger property had not responded to a request from Peter Tiede to bring the property into compliance and the compliance date was past.
    - The Board of Supervisors will refer the matter back to Peter Tiede for resolution.

- Speed limits on Dahle Avenue
  - The intersection of Dahle Ave and Hwy 3 was discussed along with current traffic speeds on Dahle Avenue.
  - The question of the Township setting speed limits on Township roads will be referred to Peter Tiede for advisement.

Adjourn

Chair	
Clerk	