

**Bridgewater Township Board of Supervisors**  
**County of Rice, State of Minnesota**  
**September 14, 2022**  
**Official Minutes**

Call to order

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Introduction of Guests: Jesse Thomas, Mike Daly, Steve Underdahl, Adam Dowd, Lori Williams, Johnson Zeledon, Kerry Hanson, Adam Steffl

**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**

- September Claims
  - The Clerk noted that the claim for Inspection was not included in the list as it is being reviewed. A request was made to include approval for the Inspectron claim for the amount of \$16,051.66.
  - Andy Ebling made a motion to approve the September claims including the Inspectron claim, Glen Castore seconded, all approved.
  
- August 10, 2022, Meeting Minutes
  - Andy Ebling made a motion to approve the minutes of August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Mike Little seconded, all approved.

**Treasurer's Report**

- Treasurer's Report
  - Debbie Salaba reviewed the Treasurer's report.
  - The Treasurer noted that the bank CD for the Ebling memorial fund had come due. The Supervisors requested that it be renewed for one year.
  - Glen Castore asked if the money had been moved from the Dundas Annexation Fund to the General fund. The Treasurer noted that this would be taken care of this week.
  
- Budget Report
  - Kathleen Kopseng asked if tree trimming would be happening this fall. Andy Ebling will work with Mike Groth to determine an answer.
  - Glen Castore asked if the grader would be repainted this year and if the asphalt road would be repaired. Andy Ebling noted that both items were experiencing conflicts with scheduling.
  
- IRS Reporting – This is done.

### **Clerk's Report-**

- The Clerk will schedule the next intergovernmental meeting for November and send out emails.

### **Planning & Zoning-**

- Sunflower Maze I.U.P.
  - Glen Castore made a motion to approve resolution 2022-09 for an Interim Use Permit for a Seasonal Roadside Stand and an Agricultural Tourism Business, Andy Ebling seconded.
  - Mike Little expressed concern regarding parking on in the road right of way.
  - A request was made to modify condition #4 to read "Parking must be accommodated on site. No parking is permitted within the right of way or on Cabot Avenue".
  - Glen Castore made a motion to approve the resolution with the amendment, Andy Ebling seconded the motion with the amendment, all approved.
- Johnson Zeledon Variance
  - Andy Ebling made a motion to approve resolution 2022-08 for a Variance at 5453 124<sup>th</sup> Court East, Mike Little seconded, all approved.

### **Old Business**

- Williams Cartway
  - Glen Castore made a motion to approve resolution 2022-07 for a Cartway to Access Landlocked Property, Andy Ebling seconded. Discussion followed.
  - Adam Dowd requested the Board to consider:
    - 1. Allowing the driveway to join the existing private drive at the north edge of the Johnson property.
    - 2. Allow the driveway to angle when joining the private drive.
    - 3. Allow a berm to be constructed to provide drainage and snow protection.
  - Glen Castore noted that the next steps are to have a survey of the approved route completed and have an appraisal done of the condemned land.
  - Kerry Hanson expressed concern that trees and farmland will be taken.
  - Glen Castore and Adam Dowd noted that the existing private drive would be used up to the point it enters Franz's field. There are no plans to expand the private drive or remove trees and farmland.
  - Following discuss, the vote was called. All Supervisors voted to approve the motion.
- Hollinger findings
  - Glen Castore made a motion to approve the order to raze and remove the building at 10220 Dundas Boulevard, Mike Little seconded, all approved.
  - Glen Castore stated that the understanding is that the order will be filed and the homeowner will have 30 days to respond. Following that, the Township will proceed with remediation and assess the cost to the homeowner.

- Facility Improvements
  - Two bids were received for the construction of a garage facility at the Bridgewater Town Hall.
    - NCC Builders Inc. D/B/A Northfield Construction Company submitted at bid for a total of \$530,000.00.
    - Professional Contractors Inc. AKA: Procon submitted a bid for a total of \$422,128.00.
  - Andy Ebling made a motion to accept the bid from Professional Contractors for \$422,128.00, Thomas Hart seconded, all approved.
  - Steve Underdahl noted that the building could be constructed over the winter but they would like to get the footings in before frost.
  - A meeting will be held Friday morning to review details regarding the first steps prior to construction.
  - Mr. Underdahl is obtaining a survey that can be submitted with the building permit application.
  
- Update on Industrial Zone
  - Glen Castore noted that meetings are occurring between potential business owners and landowners.
  - The possibility of paving 140<sup>th</sup> street will be discussed at a later date.
  
- Roads
  - Safety Sign approval
    - Andy Ebling made a motion to approve the quote from Safety Sign for \$1200 for the installation of a sign at Edgebrook Drive and a mailbox in Upper Oak Hills.
    - An addition to next years budget will be made to include using Safety Sign as a backup option.

**New Business**

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**Issues for future meetings**

- Schedule special meeting
  - A special meeting to discuss the Clerk's role will be held on Wednesday, September 21, 2022, at 7:15 pm in the Bridgewater Town Hall.

Adjourn

Chair	
Clerk	