

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

Call to order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Kathleen Kopseng, Andrew Ebling, Thomas Hart, Debbie Salaba, Glen Castore, Mike Little, Lori Noreen

Introduction of Guests: Peter Tiede, Cindy Nash, Frances Boehning, Jordan Hoover, Julie Buchwald, Kerry Hanson, Mary Franz

**Approval of Agenda**

- Andy Ebling made a motion to approve the agenda, Thomas Hart seconded, all approved.

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

**Approval of Minutes & Claims**

- December Claims
  - Glen Castore made a motion to approve the claims, Mike Little seconded, all approved.
- November 9th, 2022, Meeting Minutes
  - Mike Little made a motion to approve the minutes of November 9<sup>th</sup>, Andy Ebling seconded, all approved.

**Treasurer's Report**

- Treasurer's Report
  - All claims were paid for the month, checks 10027 and 10030 have been voided.
  - New account signature cards were created to add Lori Noreen and remove Frances Boehning as signors.
  - \$8,682.60 (\$6,562.60 to Pro Con, \$2,120.00 to DJ Medin) was transferred from the ARPA funds to the general account to pay for townhall addition invoices.
  - There is a possibility that the Township may not have the need for a loan for the Hall addition as there is still sufficient funds in the account.
- IRS Reporting –
  - The report was provided to Kathleen Kopseng.

**Clerk's Report- none**

**Planning & Zoning-**

- Concern regarding former Medford/Owatonna Construction mine
  - Glen Castore discussed that he had a meeting with Rice County and C.U.P. with mining was brought up in the meeting. There is a new attorney within the County, Adam Johnson, that is a contact the Township can use to possibly help with the mine. Glen will reach out to Adam.
- Sartor Lot Split

- Jeff Sartor sent an email 12/14/22 prior to the meeting. He asked for acknowledgement regarding the status of the lot split.
- There was a discussion regarding the fact that the application was not submitted with all documents required therefore not meeting the conditions to approve the lot split.
- It was recommended by Peter Tiede that the lot split should be denied at this time, noting that one can apply again in the future.
- Peter Tiede was designated to send a letter to Mr. Sartor explaining the denial of the current lot split application.
- Glen Castore made a motion to deny the Sartor Lot Split, Thomas Hart seconded, all approved the denial.
- ADU Ordinance
  - Cindy Nash commented that at the December 1<sup>st</sup> Planning and Zoning Meeting the committee approved the ADU Ordinance with the proposed restrictions in the draft.
  - There was a discussion regarding the purpose of an ADU being built. Julie Buchwald explained her reasoning and want for one to the board.
  - Glen Castore made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-06, Mike Little seconded, all approved. Ordinance 2022-06 passed.
- Rezoning in Rural Industrial
  - Ordinance 2022-07 Rezoning the Conrad property to Rural Industrial was brought to the board.
  - Andrew Ebling made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-07, Glen Castore seconded, all approve. Ordinance 2022-07 passed.
- Meeting update
  - Mike Little stated, The Hendersons expressed concerned of the potential development that could happen on the Conrad property of the Rural Industrial Site as they live near that section of the area. They were not concerned on the other areas of the site.
  - There was a suggestion in the meeting that there be a sign created for the area or a possible name change for the road.
  - There will be new fees in 2023 for Cindy Nash

## **Old Business**

- Williams Cartway – update
  - The appraisal came through.
  - There could be a resolution regarding the cartway addressed in the January meeting.
  - Peter Tiede will send a letter of what will be paid to each party.
  - Peter Tiede made the suggestion that a private settlement could be better for all involved prior to the property at hand being condemned.
- Facility Improvements – update
  - The panels for the new building will be delivered soon. Once those are up, the trusses will be delivered and put up as well.
  - The landscape plan was sent to the City of Dundas for approval
  - There is a question regarding if the heating system that is currently in the building can handle the addition.

- Update on Industrial Zone – update
  - Resolution 2022-16 Railroad Siding was brought to the Board for review. Glen Castore made motion to approve Resolution 2022-16, Thomas Hart seconded, all approved.
  - RLS is still in negotiations with Ed Koktavy on the purchase of the property.
  - RLS is applying for a grant
  - It was agreed to add additional meetings regarding the Industrial Zone as it progresses.
- Northfield OAA – resolution to extend through 2023
  - Resolution 2022-17 Extension of Joint Resolution between the City of Northfield and Bridgewater Township was brought to the Board for review.
  - Kathleen Kopseng noted in Paragraph three the date should be December 31, 2022, not 2021.
  - Andy Ebling made a motion to approved Resolution 2022-17, Glen Castore seconded, all approved.
- Roads
  - Andy Ebling stated that he has heard some concerns from homeowners regarding mailboxes, potholes, etc.
  - A letter will be sent to Dennis Luebbe at Rice County rescinding the agreement to maintain Baseline Rd south of County Road 1.
  - There will be a quote requested to remove the excess tarred area on Cabot Ave.

#### **New Business**

- Septic Inspector
  - Darrel Gilmer, the current Septic Inspector, is planning on retiring in the near future. There was a discussion for his replacement.
  - Inspectron does septic inspections, and the advantage of using them is that they have the capability of doing Type 4.
  - The Board agreed to move to Inspectron beginning April 1, 2023
  - There will be a letter sent to Darrel explaining the Board's decision.
- Frances Boehning
  - The Board expressed their sincere appreciation and thanked Frances for her years of service as Town Clerk.

#### **Issues for future meetings**

- Johnson Auto Salvage
  - They are not in compliance at this time.
  - Cindy Nash and Peter Tiede will work on what they are not in compliance with and what is actionable.
- New Furnishings for the Town Hall
  - Andy Ebling suggested that the Hall could use new furniture for the meeting room.
  - The Clerk will look into this in January.

Adjourn

Chair	
Clerk	