

Bridgewater Township Board of Supervisors
County of Rice, State of Minnesota
November 9, 2022
Official Minutes

Call to order

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Introduction of Guests: Peter Tiede, Mike Hoover, Don Redmond, Jeff Sartor, Keith Johnson, Kate Franek.

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

- November Claims
 - Mike Little made a motion to approve the claims, Thomas Hart seconded, all approved.
- October 12th, 29th, 2022, Meeting Minutes
 - Andy Ebling made a motion to approve the minutes of October 12th, Thomas Hart seconded, all approved.
 - Andy Ebling made a motion to approve the minutes of October 29th, Mike Little seconded, all approved.

Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer's Report
 - The solar landscaping escrow was returned per a request last month.
 - \$1,060 will be transferred from the ARPA funds to cover an invoice for improvement of the town hall.
 - The CD for the solar garden is coming due and will be reinvested in a 28-month CD.
- IRS Reporting
 - The report was provided to Kathleen Kopseng.

Clerk's Report- None

Presentation- Alan Krause

- The background of the Rice Creek study was reviewed by Alan Krause
- Paul Jackson reviewed the cover crop program and the impact on the land.
- Glen Castor noted that Bridgewater partnered with the Clean Water program to promote cover crops for three years at \$10,000 each year.

Planning & Zoning-

- Board to act on lot split application
 - Peter Tiede reviewed the current request to split three parcels into two parcels. One of the properties is possibly a non-compliant mine with a Rice County C.U.P.
 - The initial lot split application was missing information. Additional information was provided to Cindy Nash and provided to the Board.
 - Jeff Sartor stated that he has been working with Don Redmond to purchase the property starting back in December 2021. He was not aware of any conditional use permits on the property.
 - Mr. Sartor stated that he had received a voicemail from Cindy Nash that he was approved for a lot split. He also expressed frustration with the lack of return phone calls.
 - Mr. Sartor acknowledged the receipt of a letter from Cindy Nash in September detailing the additional information needed for the lot split application. He said that an easement has been drawn up to access the proposed property.
 - Glen Castore stated that the process would be reviewed and that the current C.U.P may not be in compliance. He requested that Jeff Sartor submit a mining application to replace the current older Rice Cty C.U.P and the Township would waive the \$250 application fee.
 - The lot split will be tabled until December 14 at which time the mining application will be reviewed also.
 - A public hearing notice will be published for the C.U.P for mining application for the Board meeting to be held on December 14th, at 7:00 pm.
 - A short discussion was held regarding mining currently occurring.

- Hollinger non-compliant property
 - Peter Tiede reviewed that the court date has been set for January 6th. The next steps will be determined by the judge.

- Public Hearing for ADU Ordinance at next December 1st meeting
 - Glen Castore reviewed the recent Planning Commission meeting. The Board approved publishing a public hearing for the Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance at the December 1st Planning Commission meeting.

Old Business

- Intergovernmental agenda (11/16/22)
 - The draft agenda was reviewed and will be distributed.

- Williams Cartway – update
 - The appraisal is in process. The Township will pay the landowners based on the appraisal and Lori Williams will reimburse the Township.

- Facility Improvements – update
 - The walls and footings for the shed are up.
 - Glen Castore noted that he is looking into a construction loan to cover the cost of the shed. He will update the Board next month.

- Update on Industrial Zone – update
 - A company will be purchasing land in the industrial area for a building south of 140th Street. Site plans will be provided to the Township in early 2023.
 - The company will work with Union Pacific for a siding in the area.
 - An agreement will be signed for the township to provide sewer and water.
 - Grant money is being sought for pavement of 140th street.
 - Glen Castore reviewed the a Stantec agreement for the professional services that would allow an engineer to complete work up to a certain amount.
 - The industrial area is currently served by Xcel Energy. Steele Waseca services the area to the west and has grant money available for infrastructure. The Township will work with an attorney to expand Steele Waseca services into the industrial area.
 - A suggestion was made to hold a meeting with neighbors to keep them informed of the timelines and proposed changes.
 - A request was made to provide the Supervisors with updated timelines and expenses on a monthly basis.
 - A suggestion was made to engage a project manager to ensure the project moves smoothly.
 - Glen Castore made a motion to enter into a professional services agreement with Stantec, Andy Ebling seconded, all approved.

- Northfield OAA – update
 - The next meeting will be held on November 17th. The current agreement will be extended by one year.

- Roads
 - A dead tree in Wendwood needs to be taken down.
 - Andy Ebling made a motion to engage Gilles Tree Service to remove the tree at an expense not to exceed \$1,000, Mike Little seconded, all approved.
 - Andy Ebling reviewed that Mike Groth had found a truck that the Township could use to transport signs and review road conditions. It is an older Suburban for \$4,500. Andy Ebling will look into it.

Adjourn

Chair	
Clerk	