

Bridgewater Township Board of Supervisors
County of Rice, State of Minnesota
October 12, 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: Michael Daly, Marissa Jabert, Catherine Hollinger, Ben & Deb Gottfried, Nancy Johnson, Dennis Luebbe

Approval of Agenda: Glen Castore made a motion to approve the agenda, Mike Little seconded, all approved.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:

- Catherine Hollinger stated that she is making progress on cleaning the yard. She will be getting a dumpster soon and should be done before snowfall. She stated she will keep in touch with the Township.
- Nancy Johnson asked if a letter would be sent to the residents of Upper Oak Hills regarding the Zeledon garage. Kathleen Kopseng replied that no letter will be sent.

Approval of Minutes & Claims

- October Claims
 - Glen Castore made a motion to approve the claims for October, Mike Little seconded, all approved.
- September 14, 21, 28, 2022, Meeting Minutes
 - Andy Ebling made a motion to approved the September minutes from the 14th, 21st, and 28th, Thomas Hart seconded, all approved.

Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer's Report
 - Debbie Salaba reviewed the treasurer's report. The transfer of funds requested last month has been done.
 - \$18,020 from the ARPA funds will be moved to General Funds to cover the invoices related to the Town Hall expansion.
 - Check #9943 was voided
 - The invoices from ProCon will be paid from ARPA funds as they are related to the Town Hall expansion.
- IRS Reporting – completed.

Clerk's Report-

- The Clerk presented the updated resolutions regarding the election polling place and appointing Rice County to oversee absentee ballots and UOCAVA.
- Glen Castore made a motion to approve resolution 2022-11 designating 500 Railway Street as the Bridgewater Township polling place, Andy Ebling seconded, all approved.

- Andy Ebling made a motion to approve resolution 2022-12 designating Rice County to oversee Bridgewater Township UOCAVA voting, Thomas Hart seconded, all approved.
- Thomas Hart made a motion to approve resolution 2022-13 designating Rice County to oversee Bridgewater Township absentee voting, Andy Ebling seconded, all approved.

Planning & Zoning-

- Gottfried I.U.P
 - Andy Ebling made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-14 Interim Use Permit for Home Occupation at 11770 Falk Trail, Mike Little seconded.
 - Ben Gottfried reviewed the plans for a hydroponic container garden that will grow leafy vegetables, root vegetables, fruit, and herbs.
 - The motion was voted on and approved by all.
- Daly Variance
 - Mike Little made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-15 Variance for allowing a lot split of less than ordinance requirements, Glen Castore seconded, all approved.
- Mike Little reviewed the recent Planning Commission meeting. He noted that due to the holidays the November and December meeting will be combined into one meeting on December 1st. He also noted that three Planning Commissioners are planning to retire in May when their terms are up.

Old Business

- Dennis Luebbe – Baseline Road maintenance
 - Dennis Luebbe reviewed the memo provided to the Board of Supervisors.
 - He noted that due to staging delays of the Baseline Road project, Rice County is asking the township to continue to provide maintenance on Baseline.
 - Andy Ebling reviewed the request and stated that he does not see any issues.
 - Glen Castore made a motion to accept the proposed maintenance agreement from Rice County, Andy Ebling seconded, all approved.
 - Dennis Luebbe will obtain agreement from the Rice County Board of Commissioners and send the signed agreements to Bridgewater.
 - A discussion was held regarding plans for major road changes in Rice County.
- Williams Cartway
 - The survey of the new cartway has been completed and an appraiser has been contracted.
- Facility Improvements
 - The variance request will be submitted to the City of Dundas.
- Update on Industrial Zone
 - Larry Conrad's property rezone request will be presented to the Rice County Board of Commissioners this month.
 - Glen Castore provided an update regarding a possible business in the Rural Industrial Zone. There is an issue with a rail switch and Canadian Pacific.

- Northfield OAA
 - Glen Castore reviewed the most recent meeting with the City of Northfield.

- Clerk Position
 - A job description has been created and will be sent to the Board for feedback.

- Roads
 - Andy Ebling provided the following updates:
 - The brush trimming equipment is not available.
 - The grader painting is tentatively being scheduled for the first or second week of December.
 - The company contracted to grind the asphalt on Ebel has not started the work. Mike Groth will work to get it scheduled.
 - The culvert on Dahle will be fixed in the next two weeks.

New Business

- Rolling mailbox into new house permits
 - The addition of a mailbox to new house permits will be added when the fee ordinance is updated in January/February.

- Release of solar system escrow (Prawer solar site)
 - Glen Castore looked over the site and confirmed that the prairie vegetation has grown and everything looked good. There was only one thistle sited.
 - Glen Castore made a motion to approve the return of the vegetation escrow to Prawer Community Solar LLC, Andy Ebling seconded, all approved.

Adjourn

Chair	
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