

Bridgewater Township Board of Supervisors
County of Rice, State of Minnesota
September 13, 2023
Official Minutes

Call to order

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Introduction of Guests: Lori Davies, Jim Olds, Don Diehl, Brad Pfahning, Tyler Dahm, Keith Casson, Che Regnier

Approval of Agenda

- Kathleen Kopseng requested to add Update on the Landfill Fire to Old Business.
- Andrew Ebling made a motion to approve the Agenda, Mike Little seconded, all approved as amended.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items n/a

Approval of Minutes & Claims

- August 9th Meeting Minutes
 - Kathleen Kopseng made a motion to approve the August 9th Meeting Minutes, Andrew Ebling seconded, all approved.
- September Claims
 - Mike Little made a motion to approve the September Claims, Thomas Hart seconded, all approved.

Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer's Report
 - Debbie Salaba stated that the operation account will go into the negative after the September Claims have been paid. The decision was made to advance \$200,000 from the Line of Credit in place at Frandsen Bank & Trust to provide operating monies for the Township.
- IRS Reporting
 - The Treasurer will provide the report to Glen Castore.

Clerk's Report n/a

Roads

- Road Policy Repair – Asphalt/Pavement Roads
 - Glen Castore stated that there currently is not a process in place on repairing asphalt/paved roads in the Township. There have been discussions with the residents of the Wendwood Development as their road needs resurfacing.
 - Don Diehl, a resident in the Wendwood Development, stated to the Board that he has been working on receiving quotes for resurfacing the road which are anywhere from \$18K-\$330K to repair and was wondering how the Township would contribute.
 - There was discussion regarding how the Township could afford to aid with maintenance to the paved roads. The cost of the improvements can be assessed to the residents living on the roads if all residents agree to be assessed.
 - The decision was made that the Board will come up with a process on how to assess the roads and on how to proceed to get a policy in place for reviewing and determining repair to the paved roads in the Township when needed.
- Ebel Way
 - Residents living on Ebel Way questioned when Ebel Way will be resurfaced. The asphalt was ground earlier in the summer. It was stated that there is an

area that needs to be corrected before the road can be resurfaced. It is slated to be completed by spring 2024.

- Update re: Road Policy meeting with Dundas
 - Thomas Hart discussed that a draft of a Road Maintenance Agreement was presented to the City of Dundas to review at their most recent meeting and requested a response with any changes. It is anticipated to receive a response at the next meeting to be held, possibly in October.
- 2024 Dust Control
 - It was discussed on how to proceed with Dust Control in 2024. It was mentioned there were many calls fielded regarding why the Township cannot provide more relief with the largest reason being the cost.
 - It was discussed to have the residents of the Township purchase dust control on their own volition making sure that they are aware the roads will be graded when the weather permits even if they have had the treatment.
 - It was decided to reconvene discussion on the dust control policy in the spring.

Planning & Zoning-

- Meeting update
 - Mike Little stated that the Believet CUP and County Line Materials IUP were reviewed and passed by the Planning Commission.
 - Mike Little stated that it was decided that there will be a Public Hearing at the next meeting to address the Comp Plan.
 - Kathleen Kopseng asked if there was an update on the Jacobson CUP compliance. It was stated that Cindy Nash was going to review and follow up. It was suggested to have the Township Attorney send a letter. Kathleen Kopseng stated that she will reach out to Peter Tiede regarding having a letter sent.
- Believet CUP
 - Lori Davies gave a brief background of what Believet is and does to the Board. She stated that they are looking to expand to help more veterans with service dogs as they are running out of space to train at their current facility.
 - It was discussed that a large concern to the neighboring residents is dust control which will be addressed both by Believet and the Township
 - Kathleen Kopseng questioned if dust control is a topic of concern and should it be included as a condition in the CUP.
 - It was decided to add Condition #13 – Dust Control where Believet will be responsible for 1000 ft of dust control treatment on 100th St per year.
 - Kathleen Kopseng pointed out a few grammatical corrections in the CUP draft which will be addressed and corrected.
 - Mike Little made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-08 Conditional Use Permit for Believet with the addition of Condition 13 as amended, Kathleen Kopseng seconded, all approved.
- Castle Rock/SMC Mining
 - Text Amendment to Zoning Ordinance re: TEPP.
 - Tyler provided a brief background of County Line Materials to the Board.
 - The Board reviewed the recommendation.
 - Andrew Ebling made a motion to approve the Text Amendment to Zoning Ordinance re: TEPP, Kathleen Kopseng seconded, all approved.
 - Interim Use Permit for Mining
 - The Board reviewed the recommendation for the Interim Use Permit for Mining for County Line Materials.

- Andrew Ebling made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-09 Interim Use Permit for County Line Materials Dundas Mine, Thomas Hart seconded, all approved.
- Jacobson CUP update
 - This item was discussed during the Planning & Zoning Meeting Update.

Old Business

- Core X (formerly RLS) Project
 - Glen Castore stated that the Public Comment Period for the EAW is currently underway and will end on October 5th, 2023. If sufficient permits will be issued for Core X Partners.
 - Glen Castore discussed that there is anticipation of the Height Variance application to be submitted within the next week and the CUP hopefully the first week of October.
 - It was stated that Peter Tiede and the Core X Partners attorney are working on the final stages of an escrow agreement.
 - It was noted that there will be a public hearing regarding the CUP and Height Variance where the residents of the Township that live near the area will be notified.
 - It was stated that Core X Partners have signed a right of first refusal with Ed Koktavy, the current owner of the land.
 - It was mentioned that Core X is hopeful to have a foundation in the ground before winter.
 - It was noted that John Ebling is helping with information regarding fiber optic options.
 - There was mention that there could be a special meeting regarding Core X.
- Facility Improvements
 - It was noted that the shed has some items that need addressing yet.
 - It was mentioned that the truss for the Hall addition is questionable if it is usable.
 - It was decided that Glen Castore will reach out to Pro Con regarding the projects.
- Landfill Fire Committee
 - Andrew Ebling stated that he is going to reach out to get a meeting set with Kerry Barbetti and others to form a committee and review the draft Kerry provided.
 - Andrew Ebling will follow up once a meeting is set.

New Business

- Mike Little suggested that the Township reach out the Dennis Luebbe regarding 130th Street and its potential for additional travel. He stated that there have been concerns regarding larger trucks jake braking and noise.
- It was mentioned that there are monies available now for local roads someone will reach out to with Dennis Luebbe regarding working to obtain some of those funds for Township roads.
- Debbie Salaba suggested reaching out to Aaron Sublet to possibly help with the repair on Ebel Way. It was noted to have the Road Superintendent reach out to Aaron to possibly help with the repair.

Issues for future meetings

Adjourn

