

**Bridgewater Township Board of Supervisors**  
**County of Rice, State of Minnesota**  
**October 11, 2023**  
**Unofficial Minutes**

Call to order

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Introduction of Guests: Kory Kurtt

**Approval of Agenda**

- Andrew Ebling requested to have “Landfill Committee Meeting update” added 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**

- September 13th Meeting Minutes
  - Mike Little made a motion to approve the September 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes, Andrew Ebling seconded, all approved.
- October Claims
  - Andrew Ebling made a motion to approve the October Claims, Mike Little seconded, all approved.

**Treasurer's Report**

- Treasurer’s Report
  - Debbie Salaba noted that the accounts quarterly interest has been added to accounts.
  - Debbie Salaba stated that the Hwy User proceeds were deposited to the Township account.
  - It was questioned as to why the Dundas Annexation Tax account is still at Merchants. After discussion it was decided to move this account to Frandsen Bank & Trust. It was also decided to move any accounts in other banks to Frandsen by the end of the year to consolidate all Township accounts to one bank.
  - Debbie Salaba noted that there was an advance of \$200K from the Township’s loan to the operating account. After October claims were paid the remaining balances holds at approximately \$100K.
  - It was noted that there are two voided checks – #10290 & #10313
- IRS Reporting
  - The Treasurer will provide the report to Glen Castore.

**Clerk's Report** n/a

**Roads**

- Road Policy Repair – Asphalt/Pavement Roads

- Mike Groth provided an update on the status of the paved roads in the Township. He stated that he went out and reviewed the roads with someone from BMI. The consensus of the roads are as follows. Edgebrook and Telemark are doing ok at this time. Timberlane, Farrel, Endwood and Eaton need to be addressed at some point with Timberlane being in the worst condition of the four.
- The recommendation is to repair Timberlane next. Mike Groth will obtain a quote in the beginning of the year for the cost to reclaim the road. It was mentioned for the best outcome of the road is to perform the work in the Fall, let it settle throughout winter and complete the following spring.
- Mike Groth stated that he received a quote from BMI to repair Endwood. This repair would add 5-7 years before a complete reclamation would be needed. It was stated that this has been budgeted for in 2023 and to go ahead with the repair work.
- Andrew Ebling and Glen Castore stated that they have an upcoming meeting with Jessica Green of Northland Securities to review options to obtain monies to pay for such needs throughout the Township.
- It was decided to have a type of form created by the next Supervisor's meeting to follow a schedule for repairing paved roads in the Township.
- Mike Groth added he obtained a quote to apply dust control to all gravel roads in the Township at the cost of \$4,250 per mile.
- There was a suggestion to add this as a question on the 2024 Town Election ballot.
- Update re: Road Policy meeting with Dundas
  - Thomas Hart noted that Jenelle Teppen responded to him that the city has not yet reviewed what was given to them at the last meeting. She suggested another meeting to review and discuss.

### **Planning & Zoning-**

- Comp Plan
  - Discussion was held regarding the most recent and final version of the Comp Plan that the Planning & Zoning Committee recommended approval to the Board.
  - It was noted that the Future Land Use map will be updated once the County provides an updated version.
  - Mike Little made a motion to approve the final version of the Comp Plan, Thomas Hart seconded, all approved. The Bridgewater Township Comp Plan has been adopted on October 11, 2023.
- Core X EAW recommendation on need for EIS
  - It was noted that the Planning & Zoning Committee recommended approval to the Board that an EIS is not needed for the EAW.
  - Discussion was held regarding the key notes brought up by the Planning & Zoning during their review.
  - Andrew Ebling made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-12 A Resolution Finding that the CORE X Partners Cold Storage Facility and 140<sup>th</sup> Street Improvements does not have the Potential for Significant Environmental Effects, Thomas Hart seconded, all approved.
- Meeting update
  - Mike Little provided a brief update of the Planning & Zoning meeting held on September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023. He stated the main topic reviewed and discussed was

the need of an EIS for the EAW, the Jesse Jacobson IUP. Mike Little also noted that Glen Castore provided an update on the CORE X Partners project to the Committee.

- Jacobson CUP update
  - It was noted that the process is in the first stages with the Zoning Administrator and Attorney.
  - The Clerk provided information that a realtor has reached out in regards to the IUP for Jesse Jacobson as she is looking possibly sell the property.

## **Old Business**

- Milwaukee Pit Agreement
  - Glen Castore provided an update that he and Andrew Ebling had a meeting with Don Redmon. He stated that Don won the bid for the Tractor Supply fill located in Dundas, MN then realized he had received a cease-and-desist letter from the Township.
  - It was decided at the meeting to let Don run the pit for the Tractor Supply project but he must apply for an IUP for mining.
  - An agreement was created stating such with specific stipulations which was agreed upon and has been signed.
  - It was noted that there is a reputable business that is interested in leasing the mine once an IUP is intact.
  - Andrew Ebling made a motion to approve entering into an agreement with Don Redmon, Mike Little seconded, all approved.
- RLS Project
  - It is noted to update RLS name change on future Agenda's and documentation.
  - Glen Castore provided an update on the CORE X Partners project stating that with the EAW being complete documents are now in process to apply for the CUP and permits.
  - Glen Castore noted that the reality of breaking ground yet this year is running out of time, it appears it will be in the spring at this point.
  - It was discussed that a lot split will be created for the 5.7-acre area the Township intends to purchase from Ed Koltavy.
  - It was discussed that the bid for Fiber Optic to be run to the area is \$270K by Metronet and decided to advertise for bids.
  - It was noted that there still had not been a decision between having Xcel or Steele Waseca as the utility provider, but it must be done prior to the end of the month. A petition to the P.U.C. is still on the table.
  - It was noted that Peter Tiede and the CORE X Attorney have exchanged drafts of an Escrow Agreement.
- Facility Improvements
  - Mike Groth stated that some of the noted issues the Township provided to Pro Con have been addressed while others have not been completed.
- Landfill Committee Meeting update
  - Andrew Ebling stated the first meeting was held on October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6pm with Kerry Barbetti being the Township's liaison.
  - It was noted that the committee will continue to meet to create a solid plan for future situations to work with the County as they occur.
  - It was noted to add Mike Little to the list of committee members

- It was suggested to invite residents from Cannon City Township as well.

**New Business**

- Resolution 2023-10 Supporting Clean River Partners
  - Glen Castore provided an update to the Board that the Township has been supporting the Clean River Partners for the past three years. He stated that the organization encourages covered crops, tile and clean farming.
  - Discussion was held to continue to supporting the project for another 2 years.
  - It was noted that Glen Castore will reach out to obtain data that shows all aspects of data fields.
  - Andrew Ebling made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-10 Supporting Clean River Partners, Mike Little Seconded, all approved.
- Resolution 2023-11 Grant Application for 140<sup>th</sup> St
  - It was noted that Dennis Luebbe of Rice County brought to the Board’s attention a grant to help with the improvements of 140<sup>th</sup> St.
  - Glen Castore stated the application states that Bridgewater Township would commit to \$400K and is seeking \$1.6M of the \$2M project.
  - Thomas Hart made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-11 Grant Application for 140<sup>th</sup> St, Mike Little seconded, all approved.

**Issues for future meetings**

Adjourn

Chair	
Clerk	