Bridgewater Township Newsletter

November 2023

Comus Industrial Park / CORE X Partners Project Status

CORE X Partners (formerly known as RLS) plans to start construction in early 2024 on a 200,000 sq ft cold storage facility located just north of 140th Street and adjacent to the Union Pacific Railroad tracks. They expect to be in operation in Q1 of 2025. During 2024 the Township will reconstruct 140th Street to be a 10-ton road. A rail spur serving the facility will also be constructed. The second phase of the project will start in Q2 of 2025. It will be a highly automated cold storage operation, about 170,000 sq ft and 140 ft high. CORE X has received a \$1.9M grant from MNDOT for the construction of the rail spur. The Township is applying for grants for improving 140th Street and for other pieces of infrastructure. The phase 1 facility will result in about \$50,000 annually for property taxes to the Township. CORE X has plans for phase 3, another tall, highly automated facility, and phase 4, an intermodal transfer operation south of 140th Street.

Town Hall Addition

The Township applied for and received funds from the federal government for an expansion of the current Town Hall meeting room. The expansion of 8 ft to the north will allow people to space out during meetings and better assist in traffic flow during elections. Construction is expected to be complete by the end of the year. In addition to the hall addition, a pole building was constructed to house the snow plow and other equipment used by the Township in maintaining roads.

March Bridgewater Township Election

The annual election and meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 12th, 2024. This election will include two of the five Supervisor positions. Candidates that would like to apply for the position of Supervisor need to obtain and submit the forms between <u>January 2rd and January 16th at 5:00 pm</u>. Please contact the Clerk for copies of the forms and for further information regarding the positions.

-One Supervisor "A" – 3-year term -One Supervisor "D" – 3-year term

Township Road Maintenance

The Township does its best to notify its residents of any road maintenance that will be performed in their area in a timely manner. In some events ample time is not provided by the contractors to allow such notification. The Township apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause.

Snow Removal and Mailboxes

The Township snow removal/sanding trucks will be out as soon as possible following a 2" snow event. Following a wet snow, the weight of the snow being thrown into the ditch can exceed 500 lbs. Older wooden mailbox supports are sometimes not able to withstand this pressure and may topple over. Mailboxes and mailbox supports are the property of the resident. The most important features of a mailbox installed according to MN DOT recommendations and placed on a rural roadway includes the following:

- 1. The post is located a minimum of three feet from the edge of the road shoulder
- 2. The front of the mailbox is located above the edge of the shoulder
- 3. The bottom of the box is between 42" and 48" above the shoulder
- 4. The installation can pivot or rotate in some fashion when the snow or snowplow blade hits the mailbox.

If, during plowing, a mailbox is tipped or knocked over by the weight of the snow, it is the resident's responsibility to enact repairs. If you believe your mailbox was hit by Township equipment, please complete the mailbox reimbursement form which can be found on the Township's website or one can be provided from the clerk and return to the address indicated. Please remember that reimbursement will only be permitted when direct contact has occurred between the mailbox and plow blade.

Building Permits in the Township

Permits for roofing, siding, and window replacement are available over the counter at the Bridgewater Town Hall Office. Permits for maintenance, remodeling and new building are required in the Township. Permit applications are available online at our website: <u>bridgewatertwp.org</u>. Building inspections are handled by Inspectron. If you need an inspection for a current building project, please call 651-322-6626 to set up an inspection time.

Bridgewater Township Contact Information

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Office hours: Monday – Wednesday: 8:30am - 12:30pm Thursday: 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm.

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