

**Bridgewater Township Board of Supervisors**  
**County of Rice, State of Minnesota**  
**October 21st, 2024, 3:00pm**  
**Official Minutes**

Call to order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Andrew Ebling, Glen Castore, Kathleen Kopseng, Thomas Hart, Larry Alderks, Lori Noreen

**Approval of Agenda**

- Thomas Hart made a motion to approve the Agenda, Kathleen Kopseng seconded, all approved. Larry Alderks expressed his appreciation for setting up the work session.

**Topics of Discussion:**

- Proposed Township Projects Timeline
  - Discussion was held between the Supervisors regarding the upcoming proposed projects in the Township. A potential timeline and approximate cost for each project was worked through.
  - **(1) COMUS INDUSTRIAL PARK / CORE X PARTNERS PROJECT (2026):**
    - It was stated that the CUP and Height Variance will be reviewed by the Planning & Zoning Committee on 10/31, which is the initial step for CORE X Partners. It was noted that CORE X Partners is hopeful to begin construction in the Spring of 2025.
    - Glen Castore provided a spreadsheet with potential Township costs for infrastructure in the Comus Industrial Park. Discussion was held regarding bonding and it was decided to have Jess Green work on a \$1,250,000 Bond repayment plan to bring to the Board to review at the next BOS Meeting in November.
    - It was noted that the Township expects to close on the bond in December for these infrastructure costs.
  - **(2) PAVED & GRAVEL ROADS (2026);**
    - It was discussed that Bittersweet, Timberlane, Wendwood and Eaton are the paved roads that are in the most need of repair. The estimated cost to repair these roads is \$1.5M. The Board would work to obtain bonding for these repairs as well as assess the residents that live on the road being repaired.
    - It was discussed to apply the discussed concept of “chip seal” on the most traveled gravel roads first. This would approximately cost \$1M. This would be something the Township would try to bond for as well.
  - **(3) AFFORDABLE HOUSING (2025):**
    - It was discussed that this project would be worked on along with other companies and would potentially cost the Township \$50K. This money would be budgeted in the annual budget and not bonded for.
  - **(4) EQUIPMENT (2028-2029):**
    - It was discussed that the road equipment is dated and will need to be replaced in the future. The approximate cost would be \$400K. This is something that the Township could obtain a loan for as was done for the new shed.
  - **(5) 115<sup>th</sup> St (2030):**

- It was discussed that this would be a project that would need to be worked on with the City of Dundas. A minimum estimated cost to the Township would be \$500K.
- Long Term Financial Budgeting

<b>Bridgewater Township Projects</b>		
<b>Project</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>	<b>Projected Date</b>
<b>AFFORDABLE HOUSING</b>	\$50,000	2025
<b>CORE X PARTNERS</b>	\$1,250,000	2026
<b>PAVED ROADS</b>	\$1,150,000	2026
<b>GRAVEL ROADS</b>	\$1,000,000	2026
<b>EQUIPMENT</b>	\$400,000	2028
<b>115TH ST</b>	\$500,000	2030

- Other topics of discussion:
  - It was noted that NAFRS will increase again. It was discussed that the Board will account for that during the Annual Budget meeting for 2025.
  - It was noted that the phone/internet cost is 129% of the budgeted amount. The Clerk will look into that to see why.
  - Discussion was held regarding the upcoming levy and how much it may increase. This will be discussed further at the annual budget/audit meeting in January/February 2025.
  - Glen Castore provided a cashflow spreadsheet he is working on. He will continue to work on it with the Clerk so that it can be provided at the monthly BOS Meetings for review.
  - Andrew Ebling noted that the PUC billed Steele Waseca for its time reviewing the petition to have them serve Comus Industrial Park instead of Xcel Energy. It was noted that Steele Waseca reached out to see if the Township would be willing to help in the cost of this bill. Initially Steele Waseca asked if Bridgewater Township would be willing to pay 1/3, CORE X Partners pay 1/3 and Steele Waseca pay 1/3. CORE X Partners stated that they are not willing to help in the cost. Discussion was held and the Board decided give direction to the Attorney that the Township is willing to pay for ½ the bill.

Adjourn

Chair
Clerk

