

Board of Supervisors
BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP
County of Rice, State of Minnesota
May 13, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kathleen Doran-Norton at 7:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present. Present were supervisors Leif Knecht and Glen Castore, treasurer Brad Pfahning and clerk Pam Petersen.

Additions to the agenda: G Castore, update on the lawsuit from ABE
L Knecht, plans for the remodel/addition of town hall
K Doran-Norton, telecommunications for town hall

G Castore made a motion to accept, second by Knecht, motion carried.

Dennis Luebbe from Rice County Engineering was a guest at the meeting. He spoke of the federal requirements for new reflective signage. The townships have 4 years to inventory and implement for the signs, starting January 2008, then 3 more years to have all signs in place (total of 7 years). Check with MAT for any info on the new signs as they must meet with certain requirements for reflectivity. Also, check if there are any funds yet available to help defray the cost.

This includes all road signs including street name signs.

Cty Rd 1: Rice County plans repaving from 35W to Dundas with 8 foot shoulders, 12 foot lane width and will flatten out some of the curves, mainly near the Littles to enhance safety on that stretch and also make the road a 10 ton road.

CSHA 8 bridge: the goal is to replace it late the fall of 2008. At the moment there is a mussel survey taking place along that stretch of Wolf Creek.

Seal coat for Endwood Trail- Dennis Luebbe will get back to the Board on when that is scheduled to be done.

Planning & Zoning: Jim Braun- 5 building permits the past month. The planning commission is working on variances and conditional use. The flood plain ordinances should be done by the end of June.

The Board would like a list of the original parcel ID's in the annexation areas to be certain all income from Dundas and Northfield is correct. A listing can be purchased from the county for \$360.00. L Knecht made a motion to authorize the expenditure, second from G Castore. The motion passed.

In the minutes from the Rice County Planning Commission is the passing of the motion to construct a new building and to expand the landfill. The permit must come from Bridgewater Township, as it is in our township, but, our ordinances do not allow a landfill, so it must come before the board. K Doran-Norton will instruct P Tiede to send the county a letter to apply at the township for the building permit.

Dennis Brown brought up that it would be a good gesture to pay Gary Ebling for his time to attend to some roadwork on Decker Avenue the night it was closed. L Knecht made a motion to authorize a payment of \$75.00, second by G Castore, motion carried.

The minutes from the April 8 regular meeting and the minutes from the work sessions , April 15, April 29, and May 6, were approved as read with a motion from L Knecht, second by G Castore, motion carried.

Treasurers Report: Ending balance of \$89,677.26. B Pfahning stated that funds needed to be transferred from saving to checking to cover some expenses. L Knecht made a motion to authorize Brad to transfer the necessary funds, keeping the Board apprised of any transfers with second by G Castore. Motion passed. The treasurers report itself was approved by a motion from L Knecht, second from G Castore, motion carried.

B Pfahning has signed the signature cards at Wells Fargo, P Petersen will also. She must also located one more hard copy COD from First National Bank.

Plans for town hall: Gary Ebling drew up 3 concepts to add office space to the town hall. They are all using the existing structure. One addition to the plans would be for a secure drop box for residents to leave plans, checks, and applications. A motion was made by L Knecht to work with Gary Ebling , Jim Braun and Benny Svien on the final plans and to move forward with the process. Second by G Castore, motion carried.

Telecommunications: K Doran-Norton, still in contact with the company, the board would like written verification that all landscape, etc., would be put to rights after install has taken place. Move forward with obtaining internet and phone for the town hall.

Results from road survey to date: Move the repair of Decker Ave. to late June when it has had a chance to dry out. Also needed repairs to portions of Baseline and Cates due to frost boils.

Formalize the closure of Decker Ave. from County Rd. 59 and HWY 19 until such time the road supervisor deems it fit to reopen. Motion made by L Knecht, second by G Castore, motion carried.

Deposition in Bloomington regarding ABE at the law firm of Iverson Reuvers-place public notice in the Northfield News due to the fact that more than one supervisor may be in attendance.

Trails & Greenways: move to a July work session. Goals would be to have all units of government work together to form a plan to allow a network of green areas and trail connecting all areas to leave places for habitat, not to take away from land owners, would be only when the area is development land.

NW Corridor study: K Doran-Norton. The group seems to be leaning towards a Decker-Garrett pathway to get to Lakeville. There will be one more open house.

Dakota County does mapping ordinances as all of their townships handle their own P&Z. this allows for the preserving of right of ways.

Dundas Annexation Agreement: K Doran-Norton has met with Tom McMahon, and Peter Tiede on this matter. The biggest issue now is that the agreement identifies the Planning Commission as the governing body, where as Dundas believes it to be their City Council. Great care was taken to balance the Planning commission with Dundas city residents and Bridgewater Township residents so that everyone's best interests would be felt.

Motion to adjourn made by G Castore, second by L Knecht, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Petersen, Clerk