

Bridgewater Board of Supervisors
County of Rice, State of Minnesota
Meeting Minutes, December 8th, 2010

Approved Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7p.m. The pledge of allegiance was said by all.

Roll Call: Supervisors Castore, Doran-Norton, Morlan, Clerk Cooper, Zoning Administrator Braun were present. Treasurer Pfahning was absent.

Introduction of Guests: Liz Messner , Waterford Township Supervisor, Professor Stephanie Schmitt, St Olaf College

Routine Business:

- Approval of Minutes from the November 10th , 2010 meeting. Castore motioned, Morlan seconded, all approved.
- Approval of Minutes from the October 13th, 2010 meeting. Doran-Norton motioned, Morlan seconded, all approved.
- Approval of Claims. Doran-Norton motioned, Castore seconded, all approved.

Treasurer Report: Castore gave the treasurer report. Second half of tax payment from Rice County arrived. The total was \$109,000. The payment for the Rural Fire Assn was made for \$16,500. No other unusual items noted.

Correspondence Report: No exceptions were noted by clerk.

Planning and Zoning Report: Zoning Administrator Braun will be supplying a year end report of township activities at the January 2011 meeting. Braun, Julie Runkel will be meeting on December 29th, 2010 to discuss Bridgewater Zoning ordinances. Hoover Dump test results are available from the MPCA on cd. Braun has ordered it.

Old Business:

Township Coalition: Liz Messner gave a brief report of the activity by Waterford Township to heighten the visibility of the Joint Governmental Meetings. The Rural Fire Assn has been invited to speak at their January 2011 meeting to discuss the relationship between the city of Northfield and townships. Cooper will be building an email list to facilitate communication between towns.

Landfill Policy: Supervisor Castore, John Klockeman, Erica Zweifel, and Suzie Nakasian will be meeting with Waste Management to discuss their alternative energy programs and get their ideas on what might be possible with the landfill.

Motokazie: There was extensive discussion on the proposed Motokazie operation to be located in Cannon City Township, on the border of Bridgewater Township. Citizens from Cannon City, Forest, and Wells Townships participated in the discussion. Supervisors pointed out that because the proposed location is outside of Bridgewater, there is little the Township can do directly to influence the placement and nature of the business. The possibility of Bridgewater locating noise monitoring stations on its border to document violations of MPCA noise regulations was discussed. Cannon City Township will discuss this at their regular meeting December 13th. Morlan will attend.

Jake Brake on MN Hwy 19: Doran-Norton moved that we purchase two signs that prohibit Jake Brake noise, to be installed on MN Hwy 19 and Decker Ave. Morlan seconded, all agreed.

Then, we will be sending letters to McLane Trucking, Malt O Meal, Upper Lakes Foods to inform them. And also to the Rice County Sheriff, MN Highway Patrol and Northfield and Dundas Police departments.

Rural Enterprise Center Project: Tabled till January 2011 meeting.

Update on Decker Ct: Road maintenance issues for Decker Ct were discussed.

New Business:

Clean Water Partnership Grant: Motion will be at January 2011 meeting.

Update on Rice Creek Research: Professor Schmitt gave a report from the Dept of Environmental Studies on their monitoring of Rice Creek.

New Staff Position for Bridgewater Township: Gary Ebling presented a proposal to eliminate the elected positions of clerk and treasurer and create a hired position of administrative assistant for the Township. Glen Castore, Gary Ebling and John Klockeman will work together to bring a recommendation to the Board at the January meeting.

Administration:

Dundas Tax Rebate: Jim Braun is preparing the report and invoice with support from Doran-Norton and Castore.

Clerk Handbook: Tabled until further notice.

Adjournment: Castore motioned for adjournment at 9:55 p.m. Morlan seconded, all agreed.

Submitted by Janalee Cooper