

Bridgewater Board of Supervisors  
County of Rice, State of Minnesota  
Meeting Minutes, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010

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

Roll Call: Supervisors Glen Castore, Kathleen Doran-Norton, Bruce Morlan were present, along with Clerk Cooper and Treasurer Pfahning.

Introduction of Guests: We had no special guests at this meeting.

Agenda: Approval of Agenda with additions, was motioned by Morlan, seconded by Doran-Norton, all approved.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: Stephanie Henriksen brought up the subject of feedlots in the township.

Routine Business:

Approval of the minutes ,with changes, from August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010 was moved by Doran-Norton, seconded by Morlan, all agreed.

Approval of Claims was motioned by Castore, seconded by Doran-Norton, all agreed.

Treasurers Report: Pfahning gave the report, nothing special noted.

Correspondence: Cooper gave the report, nothing exceptional noted.

Planning & Zoning Report: Jim Braun, planning and zoning administrator, handed out several examples of reports he uses to keep track of the permits for Athens Township. He suggested that these be implemented by Bridgewater Township. Morlan was actively involved in this part of the discussion, as the overall plan for tracking planning and zoning permits is being revised. The Newland permit, along with the Robert Tuma variance was discussed in detail, with suggestions for improvement by Castore and Morlan. Cooper is going to compile an email list of local attorney's to support improved communications.

Old Business:

Inter-Governmental Report: Morlan expanded on the role that Bridgewater is taking with meetings he held with Liz Messener, Waterford Supervisor and Greg Langer, Greenvale Supervisor. The purpose of these meetings is to determine specific measureables for the townships , then take this information to our local cities.

Response to Annexation: Castore was effective in getting our position known and supported by the community.

Rice Creek Conservation: Castore opened the discussion about planning long term for the protection of Rice Creek, specifically mentioning that an independent group own the land along the creek.

Allocation of Dundas Road Funds: Castore brought to our attn that the city of Dundas has not responded to our letters from early in the summer, that meeting together with the city was not profitable for the town, resolution passed and it was decided that we would publish it in the Northfield News.

New Business:

Sustainable Farming: Castore gave a brief report on the Carleton MPIRG Chapter, Doran-Norton suggested the Town host a forum in January supporting local sustainable farmers and issues specific to them.

Long Term Road Planning: Doran-Norton led the discussion on assembling a road committee to discuss and plan for long term road use for the Town. A work session was planned for November, with a report to the Bd by January. Castore noted that this information would be helpful to have for the planning in February for the 2011 budget.

Online Tracking of Planning and Zoning: Morlan said topic was adequately covered in the earlier discussion with p&z.

Procedures/Disposition of Paperwork for Planning and Zoning: Morlan said topic adequately covered earlier, but the discussion led to an indepth conversation on the new septic laws. Towns are fighting the new laws to implement pressurized systems, compliance to be monitored by septic pumpers. It was mentioned by Braun that the system that Rice County uses is much cheaper than what we have in place for Bridgewater currently with Benny Svein.

Administration:

Joe Thibodeau was in attendance to explain his bid on air conditioning the office. Option number 2 was approved .

The new copier was discussed, the bank signature form for Frandsen Bank accts was discussed with it being decided that Morlan would talk to the bank to clarify their information.

Motions:

\*Castore moved, Morlan seconded, all approved that Castore be authorized to open discussions with Ken Praver about conservation easements or other options on land around Rice Creek.

\* Castore moved, Doran-Norton seconded, all agreed on Resolution 2010-12, response to the city of Dundas on road allocation funds, be published in the Northfield News.

\*Morlan motioned, Castore seconded, that “option number 2” be approved, all agreed, on the proposal by Thibodeau Heating & Air Conditioning.

At 9:34p.m. Morlan motioned for adjournment, Doran-Norton seconded, all agreed.

Submitted,

Janalee Cooper