

Bridgewater Board of Supervisors
County of Rice, State of Minnesota
Meeting Minutes, January 12th, 2011

Approved

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

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

Introduction of Guests: Cherie Albers on behalf of the Genealogy Society

Routine Business:

- Approval of the Minutes from the December 8th, 2010 meeting. Doran-Norton moved, Castore seconded, all agreed.
- Approval of the Minutes from the December 15th, 2010 work session. Doran-Norton moved, Castore seconded, all approved.
- Approval of Claims for January 12th, 2011 meeting. Morlan moved, Castore seconded, all approved, with changes. Bridgewater Planning Commission payments to be made after documentation submitted by Braun.

Treasurer Report: Pfahning submitted documentation comparing 2009 to 2010 totals. City of Northfield paid the annual annexation fee to the township, underpayment from the Rice Cty Auditor noted too.

Correspondence: No unusual items reported by Cooper.

Planning and Zoning Report: Braun reported that the township had received three housing start permits, and the Swartwoudt lot split was finalized with payment to the township. The flood plain ordinance was discussed.

Public Hearing: The public hearing on the Noise Ordinance 2011-01 was opened, several questions from the audience and supervisors were discussed. One sign will be installed on MN Hwy 19. A letter noting the the new ordinance and sign will be sent to local trucking companies and law enforcement agencies. Morlan motioned to approve, Doran-Norton seconded, all agreed. Clerk to submit copy to the Northfield News for publishing.

Old Business

- **Clean Water Partnership Grant:** Doran-Norton gave an update on the Clean Water Partnership Grant. Pfahning was directed to set up a separate checking acct to document revenue, expenditures, create a form to for all vendors to use to submit

request for payment. Morlan moved to approve, Castore seconded. Resolution 2011-01 passed by unanimous vote of all the supervisors.

- **Genealogy Society** : Cherie Albers presented the offer from the Genealogy Society to transcribe the birth and death records of the township. Doran-Norton is going to contact Alicia Rueters for cost of scanning the original documents, report back at the February 2012 meeting.
- **Legvold Letter:** Braun reported that one resident in the township is not in compliance with our Shoreland Policy. The Board directed Braun to arrange a meeting with the landowner to discuss remedies.
- **Road Issues:** Castore reported that Ziegler Cat Corporation has not had any claims filed nationally, to date, on equipment issues that were reported in December 2010 meeting. Warranty work by Road Supervisor, instruction to operator, deemed sufficient after action to complaints. Gary Ebling conveyed to the Board a legal opinion concerning the Township's liability regarding grader safety.
- **Telemark Road:** Rice County Commissioner denied the township's request for the name change at their December 2010 meeting. Commissioner Dokken contacted Castore in January 2011 to tell him that the Rice Cty Planning Commission is open to revisiting their decision and offered to have a discussion with the Township Board.
- **Hoover Dump:** Castore reported on meeting with Waste Management officials for future options of cleaning up the Hoover dump site and options for alternative energy generation at the Rice Cty Landfill.
- **Report on Clerk/Treasurer/Administrative Position:** Extensive discussion was heard from the audience and supervisors on the option of converting the clerk and treasurer positions, currently elected positions, to a paid administrative position. Comments surrounding the political impact, timing, education and putting it to ballot, plus possible ramifications to the township financially, turnover were all brought forth. Morlan moved "That we form a committee to be chaired by John Klockeman to determine whether or not to convert the clerk/treasurer positions to a paid administrative position, to report back to the Board in six months, and whether or not to have it on the ballot for March 2012." Castore motioned, Doran-Norton seconded, all agreed."

New Business

- **Question on March 2011 ballot of a Five Member Board:** Discussion was heard from citizens and the Board. It was explained that MN Statute drove the question being put on the ballot in March 2011, after we reorganized as an Urban Township in 2010. The township will be sending out a newsletter explaining the ballot question and it will also be a part of the Candidate Forum to be held two weeks before the election in February.

Administrative:

- Annual Audit is set for Saturday, February 5th, 2011, 8a.
- Budget Work Session date is January 22, 2011, 8a.
- Joint Meeting date with Dundas set for January 31st, 2011, 7 pm. At Town Hall

Adjournment:

- At 9:08p.m. Castore moved, Morlan seconded, all agreed.

Submitted by Janalee Cooper