

Bridgewater Board of Supervisors
County of Rice, State of Minnesota
Meeting Minutes, February 9th, 2011

Approved

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, Treasurer Pfahning, Zoning Administrator Braun in attendance.

Introduction of Guests: Representative Kelby Woodard MN House 25B, gave a legislative update.

Routine Business:

- Approval of the Minutes from the January 12th, 2011 meeting, Castore moved, Morlan seconded, all agreed.
- Approval of the Minutes from the January 16th, 2011 work session, Doran-Norton moved, Morlan seconded, all agreed.
- Approval of the Claims for February 9th, 2011, Morlan moved, Castore seconded, all agreed.

Treasurer Report: Pfahning reported on the account activity . Morlan introduced the audit check list for treasurer/clerk/chair to be signing at each meeting , to be filed for the Annual Audit in 2012. Pfahning noted that Rice Cty would be sending the Landfill Host Fee check . No other unusual items mentioned.

Correspondence: No unusual items noted.

Planning and Zoning Report: Braun submitted a list of the residents who live next to Wolf, Rice, Heath Creek, gave a permit report, led discussion on the Flood Plain Ordinance, and reported on the Leif Knecht lot split. The Bridgewater Planning Commission will be holding an Public Hearing on the Zoning Ordinance Amendment for the Flood Plain Ordinance on Wednesday, February 24th, 2011, 7p.m.

Resolution 2011-02 was presented. Castore moved that “ The setback variance for Fred Huemoeller be denied.” Doran -Norton seconded, all agreed.

Resolution 2011-03 was presented. Castore moved that “We approve the denial on the Huemoeller request for height variance”. Doran-Norton seconded, all agreed.

Resolution 2011-04 was presented. Castore moved that “We approve the Interim Use Permit for the construction of a wind turbine for Fred Huemoeller”. Morlan seconded, all agreed.

Old Business:

- Planning and Zoning Processes: The Board continued discussion of the planning and zoning processes.
- Scanning Township Records: Doran-Norton reported that birth and death records cannot be released to the public beyond 1911. Cooper was directed to contact Alicia Rueters to get an estimate of the cost per book, budget is \$1500 for 2011 on this project.
- 2011 Budget: Castore reported that the Board has held two work sessions to discuss the budget. Discussion centered on the loss of the Northfield Annexation Agreement income, the use of Landfill Host Fee monies to fund general operating expenses. It was decided that the gravel budget would be reduced to \$120,000, with a midsummer review to evaluate the condition of the roads.
- Hoover Dump: Castore is continuing talks with Waste Management, beginning contact with AE COM. The Board decided to invite AE COM to a work session to discuss, have requested a process list for the project.. Brown suggested we contact Enebeck Construction for more information. Castore will follow up with this.
- Dundas Annexation Payment : Doran-Norton reported that we are waiting for information from Rice County. She will give a report at the March Board of Supervisors meeting.
- Roads: Brown reported that 80% of our new signs are installed. Doran-Norton requested documentation to track the change outs from year to year.
- Clerk Treasurer Position Committee: The Board added Rick Risberg to this committee.
- Authorize Funds to Install Pressure Washer: Cooper is to request a letter from Gary Ebling that he has donated the washer to the township. Castore moved "That \$500 be authorized for plumbing and electrical work to make the pressure washer useable." Morlan seconded, all agreed.
- Report on Intergovernmental Meeting: Castore reported that Jerry Anderson, Rural Fire Assn, has been involved with talks with the city of Northfield on the Township contribution to the new safety center being considered by Northfield. He also reported on the condition of the Rescue Squad Truck. Local organizations, plus the townships, are being asked to consider a donation to refurbishing the truck.
- Update on Motokazie: An update from a local citizen was given, the Cannon City Township meeting on February 14th, was announced.

New Business:

- Dundas Bridgewater Joint Meeting: Castore and Morlan reported that Dundas and Bridgewater have to come to agreement on outlining a road policy for the ARD.
- Participation in the Flood Plain Program: Carolyn Braun gave a report on the changes to the Flood Plain Ordinance.

Administration:

- Election Administration:

Resolution 2011-05 was introduced. Doran-Norton moved that “The Board of Supervisors approve the list of election judges and Absentee Ballot Board for the March 2011 Township election.” Morlan seconded, all agreed.

- Clerk Handbook: Doran-Norton moved that “Castore and Morlan be authorized to merge notes online for the Clerk Handbook”, Castore seconded, all agreed.
- Election Forum: March 1st, 2011, 7p.m., Bridgewater Town Hall, was set for the Ballot Forum.
- Informal Discussion: Cooper reported that the Faribault Daily News had called, requesting an interview with Board members on township planning and zoning.

Adjournment: Morlan motioned for adjournment, Doran-Norton, seconded, all agreed.

Submitted by Janalee Cooper