

Bridgewater Board of Supervisors  
County of Rice, State of Minnesota  
Meeting Minutes, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Approved

The meeting was called to order at 7:05p.m. by Chair Doran-Norton. The pledge of allegiance was said by all.

Roll Call: Supervisors Castore, Doran-Norton, Morlan were present, along with Clerk Cooper, Treasurer Pfahning and Zoning Administrator Braun, Road Supt. Brown.

Introduction of Guests: Jerry Anderson, MN Hwy 3, County 8 Realignment Project

Approval of Agenda: Morlan motioned, Castore seconded, all agreed with changes.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: None

Routine Business:

- Approval of Minutes from November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011, Castore motioned, Morlan seconded, all agreed.
- Approval of Claims for December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011, Castore motioned, Morlan seconded, all agreed.
- Approval of Rice Creek Claims, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011, Morlan motioned, Castore seconded, all agreed.

Treasurer Report: Pfahning briefed the Board on the December activity and emphasized that the EOY budget numbers were going to be close to actual totals spent.

Clerks Report: Cooper reported on that she will have the March 2012 election organization information ready for the January 2012 meeting, recommended that the Board adopt the Rice County Auditor offer to act as Absentee Ballot Board for the March election.

- Clerk reports that *"The Board authorized 21 claims for a total of \$12,586.02, 1 claim for the Rice Creek Project, totaling \$2462.75 for December 2011, as listed on the Approved Checks list maintained in the town files in town hall office."*

Planning and Zoning Report: Braun briefed the Board on December activity.

- Dundas Planning Commission: Morlan will prepare the letter for the Bridgewater Planning Commission on behalf of Jim Rossow's appointment.
- Strong Towns Report: Morlan reported on the Nfld City Council meeting that reviewed this information.
- Direction to Bridgewater Planning Commission on Cluster Housing: Morlan led discussion on this issue, and direction was given to Braun for Bridgewater PC.

#### Discussion Issues:

- Snow and Ice Policy: Castore presented the 2011 Snow and Ice Policy for approval. Castore motioned, Morlan seconded, all agreed to “approve the revised snow and ice policy”.
- Road Grader Equipment Add On: Gary Ebling presented to the Board a proposal for the “weights” to be added to the road grader to improve handling safety of the equipment. Morlan motioned, Castore seconded, all approved “the plan to spend up to \$5000 for the control weights” for the road grader.
- Hoover Dump Grant Proposal Update: Castore reported that grant proposal was sent off November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011 and we now wait till the EPA reviews and makes its’ decision.
- Clerk Treasurer Appointed Position: Doran-Norton led the discussion after Castore introduced the study that the Governance Committee had prepared. A work session was set for January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012 to discuss the issue in depth.
- Dundas Plowing: Doran -Norton led a brief discussion on this topic.
- Rice County Address Changes: Doran-Norton briefed the Board on the meeting that Rice County held to discuss implementation of the proposed new system.
- Property Tax Changes: Doran-Norton led a brief discussion on the subject.
- 2012 Budget Discussion: A work session was scheduled for January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012 to discuss in depth. January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012 was set for the Annual Audit date.

#### Administration:

- MAT Annual Conference: Cooper reported on the conference, materials procured for the Board.
- Donation to the Rice County Genealogical Society: Morlan motioned that “sixty dollars be donated to the Rice County Genealogical Society for expenditures”. Doran-Norton requested that this be added to the January 2012 claims.
- Insurance Review: Doran-Norton moved this item to the budget work session on January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012.

#### Schedule of Upcoming Meetings:

- InterGovernmental Meeting January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012, to be hosted by the city of Northfield.

Adjournment was motioned by Morlan at 10:09p.m., seconded by Doran-Norton, all agreed.

Janalee Cooper

