

Bridgewater Township Board of Supervisors
County of Rice, State of Minnesota
April 9, 2014
Official Minutes

Call to order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: John Holden, Kathleen Doran-Norton, Gary Ebling, Brad Pfahning, Jim Braun, Frances Boehning

Introduction of Guests: None

Approval of Agenda: Approved with changes

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: None

Approval of Minutes & Claims

- March/April Claims – Gary Ebling made a motion to approve, John Holden seconded, all approved.
- February 12, 2014 Meeting Minutes - Gary Ebling made a motion to approve, Kathleen Doran-Norton seconded, all approved.

Treasurer's Report

- Kathleen Doran-Norton requested Brad Pfahning to email a copy of the annexation tax invoice to the clerk.

Gravel Bids were received –

	Kielmeyer	Castle Rock	Gleason
Rock Class 2	\$10.40/ton	\$10.65/ton	
Rock Class 5	\$10.40/ton	\$10.65/ton	\$11.97/ton
1 ½ inch rock	\$11.40/ton	\$14.75/ton	\$13.25/ton
Gravel Class 1	\$8.45/ton		
Gravel Class 5	\$8.45/ton		\$10.22/ton

Clerk's Report-

- External Hard Drive – Clerk to purchase an external hard drive (one terra byte with antivirus software) not to exceed \$200. Gary Ebling made a motion to approve, John Holden seconded, all approved.
- Rural Fire Board meeting – Wednesday, April 16, 2014, 7pm

Planning & Zoning 8:00 PM

- Update on Septic Ordinance – Changes to the Septic were discussed with the public. It was made known that the owner would need to bring the septic into compliance when the home was sold or if additional bedrooms were added. The ordinance will be available on-line at BridgewaterTwp.org along with a list of designers and pumpers.
- 2014 building permits – Reviewed new permits and correspondence. Jim B. will base a new Bridgewater Driveway Permit on the new one from Rice County.

Review new burning permits process – A new process is in place. The resident will now need to complete an annual permit with the agreement to call a phone number each time they wish to burn. The annual permit is also available on line.

Old Business

- *Status of Flood Mitigation Items/DNR Grant and WSB Drainage proposal* – Gary Ebling gave an update on where current projects stand; Fox/246 area – waiting on insurance company to complete bond prior to submitting petition to Rice County, Steve Pahs is working on a plan to move water through the Koester property. Kathleen Doran-Norton gave a report of her meeting with Rice County Soil and Water.
- *Status of road resolutions.-* Clerk will work with Kathleen Doran-Norton to send this out to Dennis Lubbe.

- *Fire Service Joint Powers Agreement* - A meeting has been set for Wednesday, April 16, 2014, at 7pm at the Bridgewater Town Hall.

Administration

- *Township computers* – update from XP. – Kathleen Doran-Norton requested \$1000 to cover the purchase of a new computer, hook up, and WiFi for the Bridgewater Township Hall. Gary Ebling moved to approve this, John Holden seconded, all approved.
- *Intergovernmental Meeting Agenda Items* – The following are to be included in the agenda; request Dennis Lubbe to attend and discuss moving Hwy 246 to Rice County, request Dundas to attend and discuss their new water fee, and ask Mike Groth to comment on the action being taken on the Koester property in regards to water.

Continuation of Re-organization Meeting – Tabled until next meeting.

- Add the goal of digging up the foundation to check for issues and replace landscaping.
- Add the goal of exploring the addition of a solar array behind the town hall
- Further explore the PACE program – John Holden moved to approve this, Gary Ebling seconded, all approved.
 - This would be a joint powers agreement to fund solar arrays and wind energy

Upcoming Meetings

- DNR flood mitigation grant updated April 11 2:30 PM, 171 Mudd Hall, Carleton College
- Rural Fire Board meeting to be held at the Bridgewater Town Hall on Wednesday, April 16, at 7pm
- Intergovernmental meeting will be held at the Northfield Town Hall on Wednesday, April 23, at 7pm.
- Planning and Zoning Commission Friday, April 25 7 PM
- Road Tour will be held on Friday, May 2, at 2pm. Starting at the town hall and covering all roads.

Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm.