

Bridgewater Township Board of Supervisors
County of Rice, State of Minnesota
February 12, 2014 Meeting Minutes
Approved

Call to order at 7pm by Glen Castore

Roll Call: Supervisors; Glen Castore, Kathleen Doran-Norton, Gary Ebling, Brad Pfahning, Jim Braun, Dennis Brown, Frances Boehning

Introduction of Guests: Rebecca Benedict (Election Judge)

Approval of Agenda: Ebling moved, Doran-Norton seconded, all approved.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:

- Stephanie H. mentioned that she has a copy of the original 2006 petition regarding large agricultural businesses entering Bridgewater Township.
- It was noticed that Kathleen Doran-Norton and Gary Ebling will attend the Strong Towns meeting at The Grand in Northfield at 5:30pm on February 17, 2014.

Approval of Minutes & Claims

- January 15, 2014 Meeting Minutes- Spelling changes made. Doran-Norton moved, Ebling seconded, all approved.
- February 12, 2014 Claims- Doran-Norton moved, Ebling seconded, all approved.

Treasurer's Report

- Resolved Verizon question – check detail lags behind billing cycle
- Pfahning will look into possibly changing banks to avoid fees

Clerk's Report-

- Township elections – March 11, 10am – 8pm
- Notice to appear in Northfield News
- Appointed Bruce Morlan as deputy clerk to attend L&R meeting as representative, Kathleen Doran-Norton will also be attending the meeting.

Planning & Zoning

- Reviewed issues and new permits.
 - Fined Contolatis; Verizon moving to tower in Bridgewater; SMC new permit
- A septic system on Cty Rd 1 is plugged/frozen. Will need to thaw before it can be cleaned out.
- A request was made to break the Klasson land for resale. Jim Braun is looking into options to accomplish this.
- Jim Braun will place a notice in the paper for the upcoming Septic Ordinance meeting on March 1 at 10am. A meeting will take place prior to this at 9:30am to review permit fees.
- Kathleen Doran-Norton has received requests from biking enthusiasts that would like to see a trail through Bridgewater planned. One person noted that he was an urban planner and would be willing to help.

Old Business

- *Status of Flood Mitigation Items/DNR Grant and WSB Drainage proposal*
 - Steve P. has preliminary design for Edgebrook. An easement will be needed, Gary Ebling will speak with Ophaug regarding who holds the easement, a survey will need to be done to determine if all of the residents are on-board with the changes that need to happen.
 - Kathleen Doran-Norton is working with Rice County Soil and Water. They are working on a soil erosion ordinance.
 - Gary Ebling reported that there is an upstream project (south of 125th). They are requesting Bridgewater to publically fund the permit that would allow them to push the DNR to work on retaining the water on the land. We need more information on what this design would accomplish.
 - Steve P. has an engineer working on Gary Rock's land. Gary Rock seems willing to allow the work, but a complete plan has not been done as he is waiting to see if Koester is willing to accept the water.
 - Gary Ebling received a letter from Tom Voll, in which ideas were presented regarding Timberlane.

- *Fox Ave. residents meeting with Reppe on Saturday, February 15, 10:30 am.*
- *Candidate forum, format of March 8 meeting; questions will be asked of the candidates.*
- *Status of road resolutions; Csa 1, Decker, 115th St*
 - 115th St – Legal counsel has noted that Dundas cannot give the road back to the township. A maintenance agreement could be proposed, but this may cause other issues. **Glen Castore** will follow up with a detachment proposal.
 - Csa 1 and Decker road resolutions were passed and signed– **Kathleen Doran-Norton** will get copies of the resolutions to Dennis Luebbe.
 - A motion was made to support MNDOT in returning ownership of Hwy 246 to Rice County- Glen Castore approved and Gary Ebling seconded. **Kathleen Doran-Norton** will look into the steps needed to move this forward to the state level.
- *Status of Annexation court case*
 - No new updates
- *Joint Powers Agreement for Fire Service*
 - The city agreement will be finished in mid-February and approved in March
 - The rural agreement will need to be approved by April 1
 - City owned trucks are in need of repair. Rural pumper truck needs to be replaced, best option is to replace rural pumper truck with older city owned one, and city to purchase a new pumper truck.
- *Status of roads.*
 - They have been plowed.

New Business

- Approval of election judges. Gary Ebling approved, Kathleen Doran-Norton seconded.

Upcoming Meetings

- Strong Towns, February 17, 5:30pm at The Grand
- Planning and Zoning February 21, 7pm
- MAT – L&R meeting February 26-27
- Septic Ordinance and Fee schedule, March 1, 9:30am
- Candidate Forum, March 8, 2014 10am – 12pm
 - Paybills, and sign Joint Powers Agreement after Candidate Forum meeting
- Elections and Annual Meeting, March 11, 8:15pm

Adjourn