

**Bridgewater Township Board of Supervisors**  
**County of Rice, State of Minnesota**  
**February 8, 2017**  
**Official Minutes**

Call to order

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Introduction of Guests: Jerry Anderson, Dennis Brown

Approval of Agenda: Kathleen Doran-Norton made a motion to approve the agenda, Gary Ebling seconded, all approved.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:

- NAFRS – Jerry Anderson covered the Fire Service Annual Report. Discussed the need to replace the pumper truck with the next three years. There will be a cost to the townships for this replacement, the cost will be determined toward the end of 2017. Reviewed a recent report by Glen Castore and discussed the need to bring in and train new firemen. Reviewed the latest NAFRS budget.

Approval of Minutes & Claims

- February Claims
  - Brad Pfahning reviewed the recent amount received from Rice County for the Landfill - \$144,920.
  - Claims were reviewed; Gary Ebling made a motion to approve the February claims, Kathleen Doran-Norton seconded, all approved.
- January 11, January 17, 2017 Meeting Minutes – Gary Ebling made a motion to approve the minutes, John Holden seconded, all approved.
  - Sign Minutes

Treasurer's Report

1. Treasurer's Report
  - Brad Pfahning reviewed bank statements and balances versus budget.
2. Brad Pfahning reviewed the history of the current CD and rational to move it to the 5yr CD. This money is for emergency uses and not planned for use at this time.

Clerk's Report-

1. Mail – The clerk reviewed the current mail.
2. Approval of Election Judges – Bridgewater Township will use the same election judges as the recent November election.
3. Approval of Election notice in paper – the Clerk will post the notice of the election and annual meeting in the Northfield News paper.
4. Township Newsletter – This will be discussed during the upcoming Road Meeting.
5. Cleaning town hall – Kathleen Doran-Norton made a motion to allow the Clerks children to volunteer to clean the town hall, Gary Ebling seconded, all approved. The Bridgewater Board of Supervisors also recognized and extended a Thank You to Boy Scout Troop 313 for assisting in work at the Bridgewater Town Hall.

Planning & Zoning

1. Staff Report –
  - Reviewed the single permit received this month.
  - Discussed the need for the completed Certificate of Occupancy from Benny Svein prior to closing out the permit.
  - Jim Braun has completed the SSTS report.
  - Jim Braun is working with Seeds Farm regarding upcoming improvements.
  - A water sample was taken from a pond at SMC, the water will be tested and results reviewed when available.
  - It was noted that the Bridgewater Planning and Zoning Commission will meet on the last Thursday of the month going forward.
  - A discussion was held regarding the Keith Johnson junkyard

- Jim Braun noted that Mr. Johnson was way out of compliance regarding the current C.U.P.
  - Jim Braun questioned if Mr. Johnson had closed the junkyard and if he was impounding cars; if so, a new C.U.P. would need to be applied for.
  - This topic will be covered during the next Planning and Zoning meeting.
- A discussion was held regarding 13145 Faribault Ave and the house behind it. Both of these properties need to be declared unlivable as they are in need of excessive repairs. The Board of Supervisors gave approval to have Jim Braun contact Peter Teide to work on condemning these locations.

## New Business

1. Agenda for Annual Meeting on March 14, 2017
  - Brad Pfahning will cover the benefit to the township of the DNR grants and the work that Gary Ebling has done with this.
  - Brad Pfahning will cover the Treasurers reports during the Annual Meeting
  - Gary Ebling will cover the Flood Mitigation projects and gravel plans.
  - John Holden will cover roadside vegetation management.
  - Kathleen Doran-Norton will cover Planning and Zoning.
  - Gary Ebling made a motion to present a 3% Levy at the Annual Meeting, Kathleen Doran-Norton seconded, all approved.
2. County Commissioners meeting update
  - Kathleen Doran-Norton reviewed recent meetings with Rice County Planning and Zoning.
  - John Holden suggested using the \$30,000 for CSAH 1 Right of Way to assist in keeping the water on the south side of the road if Rice County determines that Right of Way will not be needed. Kathleen Doran-Norton will determine if the right of way will be needed.
  - A suggestion was made to transfer ownership of Decker Ave to Rice County and move Armstrong Road to ownership by the Cities of Northfield and Dundas.
3. Tax repayment invoice to Dundas/information from Cty Assessor
  - Kathleen Doran-Norton spoke with the Rice County Assessor
    - How could we determine if properties are taxed at 80% versus 100%
      - Properties in question will be sent to the Assessor and they will let us know what percent the properties are taxed at.
      - John Holden made a motion to have the tax assessment reviewed by Reese Associates before sending the numbers to Dundas, Gary Ebling seconded, all approved.
4. Sign recent resolutions and forward to Rice County – signed and sent to Kathleen Doran-Norton to forward to Rice County.
5. Intersection project for Cty Rd 8 and Hwy 3
  - This will be discussed during the road meeting.
6. Carleton Presentation
  - Kathleen Doran-Norton and Glen Castore met with Carleton students. The students would like to present information regarding LIDAR during the March 8, Board of Supervisors meeting.
7. Growing wheat behind town hall
  - Kathleen Doran-Norton is working with the U of M to possibly grow a new strain of wheat behind the Town Hall. This could be expanded to a few places around the township.
8. A discuss will be held at a later meeting regarding commercial possibilities in the township.

## Old Business

1. Flood Mitigation Projects
  - a. Berm on Central Pond
    - i. Reviewed a letter from Barnett Bros regarding the construction of the berm and future stability guarantees.
    - ii. Gary Ebling reviewed construction of the berm and past rationale for that construction.
    - iii. A meeting will be held on February 27, 2017, with Barnett Bros to review the letter.
2. Roadside vegetative management –
  - a. Updates – will be reviewed during the road meeting.
3. CSAH 1 – Kathleen Doran-Norton reviewed recent meetings with Rice County.
4. Roads
  - a. Discuss agenda for upcoming road meeting on February 13, 2017; agenda items are as follows:
    - i. Gravel needs
    - ii. Budget
    - iii. Trees in the right of way
    - iv. Albers Cartway
    - v. Topics from Dennis Brown
    - vi. 1<sup>st</sup> 100 feet of Dahl off of Hwy 3
    - vii. Ditch mowing
    - viii. Les Sanford issue

## Upcoming Meetings

- Board of Supervisors meeting, March 8, 2017, 7pm Bridgewater Town Hall
- Flood Mitigation Meetings, Mondays at 1:00pm, Bridgewater Town Hall
- Road Meeting, Monday, February 13, 2017, 1pm Bridgewater Town Hall
- Planning and Zoning meeting, February 23, 2017, 7pm Bridgewater Town Hall

Adjourn – Kathleen Doran-Norton made a motion to adjourn at 10:30pm, John Holden seconded, all approved.