

Bridgewater Township Board of Supervisors
County of Rice, State of Minnesota
July 8, 2015
Official Minutes

Call to order

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Introduction of Guests:

Approval of Agenda: John Holden made a motion to approve the agenda, with changes, seconded by Kathleen Doran-Norton, all approved.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:

Approval of Minutes & Claims

- July Claims – Kathleen Doran-Norton made a motion to approve, John Holden seconded, all approved.
- June 10, June 10 Special Meeting, June 15, June 29, 2015 Meeting Minutes – Kathleen Doran-Norton made a motion to approve all minutes, John Holden seconded, all approved.

Treasurer's Report

- Reviewed Rice County payments, bank statements, and profit/loss statements
- Invoice to Dundas for annexation payment status, 115st Gravel/\$8210 - Brad Pfahning sent the invoice to Dundas on July 7, 2015. Payment from Dundas is due August 7, 2015.
- DNR Grants – expenses, claims sent to DNR, Status – Brad Pfahning is working on this
- Northfield Annexation – a notice needs to be sent to Northfield regarding payment of the Annexation agreement. An audit will be requested from Northfield regarding past payments. Kathleen Doran-Norton and John Holden will work together and speak with the financial director of Northfield.

Clerk's Report-none

Planning & Zoning

- Ordinance 2015-01 Fee Schedule Amendment – Per the June 10, 2015, meeting changes were made. John Holden made a motion to approve the amended fee schedule, Kathleen Doran-Norton seconded, all approved.
- Staff Report
 - Reviewed current permits
 - Reviewed a new sewer permit for Bridgewater Township
- Residential Zoning Changes
 - Rural residential setbacks from roads – The Planning and Zoning Commission is working on this.
 - Accessory structures in rural residential – Carolyn Braun is working on a draft ordinance and will present to the Planning and Zoning during the next meeting prior to the next Board of Supervisors meeting.
 - Discussion with neighborhoods incorporating covenant rules into the township rural residential ordinance. Kathleen Doran-Norton suggested a meeting of representatives from each of the rural residential areas to determine if there is anything that should be added to the township ordinance. John Holden made a motion to approve this plan, Gary Ebling seconded, all approved.
- Update Comprehensive Plan –
 - The Planning Commission is looking at updating the plan. Carolyn Braun will bring examples to the Planning Commission to discuss. Gary Ebling requested that we include information on cluster housing.
 - Gary Ebling made a motion to have the Planning Commission work on the Comprehensive Plan, John Holden seconded, all approved.
- Blight Ord – some complaints have been received from the Edgebrook area and in regards to a barn falling down. In addition, some properties have not been mowed. Jim Braun will be issuing citations.
- Road Right of Way Report – Jim Braun is working on completing this.
- Rice Creek Discussion – Carolyn Braun is working on finishing this to review during the next Planning Commission. Due to recent legislation, buffers are being removed from the discussion.

- Solar Discussion – Carolyn Braun brought information to the Planning Commission. She is continuing to research additional engineering information.

New Business

- Ditch Mowing issue – A request was made to make “wildlife” signs available to landowners requesting ditches not be mowed until August. Landowners would be responsible for obtaining the signs and placing them.
- Local Resolution of Climate – Resolution 2015-11 – Kathleen Doran-Norton will create a resolution addressing climate change and present during the next Board of Supervisors meeting.

Old Business

- DNR Grant/Flood issues/updates
 - Central Pond Soil Analysis and suitability – will discuss during next Monday meeting.
 - Idea for fill for west end of 115th Street, review data suitability – will discuss during next Monday meeting.
 - Status of bid process for Edgbrook and Dundas Pond projects (7,7,2015) suitability – will discuss during July 23 meeting.
 - Survey/ letter of intent/ purchase agreement for Dundas Pond – A meeting will be held with Gary Rock on July 9, 2015.
 - Land Purchase and Easement for Dundas Pond – Gary Ebling and Kathleen Doran-Norton will work together to get a resolution and information for the Dundas City Council.
 - Easement for Edgebrook; changes in SWSC/NRCS layout
 - Gary Ebling reviewed plans and costs.
 - Kathleen Doran-Norton made a motion to approve entering into a contract for cost share assistance, John Holden seconded, all approved.
 - Gary Ebling reviewed how the July 15 Edgebrook meeting will proceed.
 - Edgebrook Bid financials to SWSC –SWSC board review 7/8/2015 contract approval 7/8/2015 from SWSC
 - Central Pond land purchase – status holding – Discussed options for purchasing land.

Road Discussion

- Road Tour – will take place Monday, July 13 following the flood meeting
- Update on gravel/completion/budget update – Reviewed budget – went over budget by approximately \$7500, which will be covered by FEMA.
- Status of invoices to private parties – not discussed.
- Dust Control/status – currently over budget. Gary Ebling and Brad Pfahning will review and determine where money will come from. The township is currently 2/3 done with dust control. Dust Control applied to 115th street should come out of the Dundas annexation fee.
- Upper Oak Hill – street repair request – Requests have been received from the residents to repair the street. Discussed current state of the road and when maintenance was last completed. John Holden made a motion to approve a crack fill and seal coat project on Upper Oak Hill Street, Kathleen Doran-Norton seconded, all approved.
- Ditch Seeding/status/cost – This will be discussed during the road tour.
- 115th Street Road Boundary – This has been confirmed with John McCarthy.

Upcoming Meetings

- Board of Supervisors meeting, August 12 , 2015, 7pm Bridgewater Town Hall
- Flood Mitigation Meetings, Mondays at 1:00pm, Bridgewater Town Hall
- Planning and Zoning meeting, July 29, 2015, 7pm Bridgewater Town Hall
- Intergovernmental Meeting, July 29, 2015 7 pm, ? location
- Road Tour, July 13, 2015, 2pm Bridgewater Town Hall

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