

Bridgewater Township Board of Supervisors
County of Rice, State of Minnesota
October 12, 2016
Official Minutes

Call to order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: John Holden, Kathleen Doran-Norton, Gary Ebling, Carolyn Braun, Jim Braun, Brad Pfahning, Deb Salaba

Introduction of Guests: Glen Castore, Dennis Brown, Ken & Bonnie Prower, Jeff & Deb Paulson, Camilla Correll, Larry Edwardson, Ken Bauer, Jake Gillen, Dennis Luebbe, Gaylen Malacha

Approval of Agenda: John Holden made a motion to approve the agenda with changes, Gary Ebling seconded, all approved.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: None

Approval of Minutes & Claims

- October Claims – Kathleen Doran-Norton made a motion to approve the October claims, Gary Ebling seconded, all approved.
- September 14, October 7 2016 Meeting Minutes
 - Sign Minutes

Treasurer's Report

1. Treasurer's Report – Treasurer reviewed current bank statements and reports.
2. Dundas Annexation Invoice – Brad Pfahning discussed the issues between Dundas and Bridgewater Township. John Holden requested a future meeting regarding this issue.
3. Credit Line update
 - Resolution 2016-07 – Brad Pfahning spoke with Frandsen Bank and the credit line is set up. Kathleen Doran-Norton made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-07 to create a line of credit with Frandsen Bank for the Central Pond project, Gary Ebling seconded, all approved.

Clerk's Report-

1. List of Election Judges – Reviewed list of judges that will work during the next election.
2. Carpet/chair cleaning – Kathleen Doran-Norton made a motion to approve cleaning the carpets/chairs, Gary Ebling seconded, all approved.

Planning & Zoning

1. Staff Report – Jim Braun is working on getting the permits up to date for those waiting.
 - An invoice will be submitted to the Hollinger residence when the dumpster invoice comes in.
2. CUP request for Solar Garden – Dundas Holdings
 - Carolyn Braun reviewed the current status of the Solar Garden.
 - Jeff Paulson provided an overview of the project.
 - Extensive conversations were held regarding weed control and storm water on the solar garden site.
 - Gary Ebling discussed how the tax base would look.
 - Kathleen Doran-Norton expressed concerns regarding the visual appeal of the fence given that there will be residential growth in the area.
 - Carolyn Braun reviewed the conditions of approval before a permit would be given would be storm water issues, landscape, and ground maintenance.
 - Kathleen Doran-Norton moved to approve Resolution 2016-08 for the Dundas Holding Solar Garden, Gary Ebling seconded, all approved.

New Business

1. Ken Bauer Trees
 - Ken Bauer requested permission to have Knechts plant two rows of trees across the property boundary – no closer than 38' from the center of the tree to the road. Mr. Bauer requested approval from the Board to plant the trees as when the trees grow the drip line will most likely encroach in the 33' road right of way.
 - John Holden made a motion to approve the trees, Kathleen Doran-Norton seconded, all approved.
2. Agenda for Intergovernmental Meeting (October 19)
 - The meeting will be held in the Bridgewater Town Hall. John Holden and Frances Boehning will be in attendance.
 - This meeting will be adjourned early as the last Presidential Debate takes place that evening.
3. Fire Service Update – Glen Castore –
 - The fire service building renovation project is moving ahead. Contracts are expected to be signed in January 2017 with construction in 2018. Waiting on details of who will own the building. Costs are expected to be about 3.2 million. A group is being created to discuss the taxing district. Kathleen Doran-Norton requested that Bridgewater Township be represented.
 - A formula needs to be figured out regarding how the costs will be distributed.
4. Township Innovation Award Application –
 - The deadline for this year has passed. The township will look into applying for this next year.
5. Create letter to send to Faribault regarding roundabouts on Cty. Rd. 1
 - No letter will be written at this time.
 - This will be discussed again during the October 17, Flood Mitigation meeting.
6. Discussion with Dennis Luebbe regarding Cty Rd 1 reconstruction
 - Dennis Luebbe reviewed the different profiles for the road design.
 - Kathleen Doran-Norton expressed concerns regarding Cty Rd 1/Hwy 246 flood issues; this is a priority issue for the township.
 - Conversation was held regarding round-a-bouts.
 - Discussed bike/walking trails. The county would like to have the cities and township contribute to the cost of the trails.
 - A discussion will need to be held regarding moving traffic to 115th street for Bridgewater Heights residents during construction on Highland Parkway.

Old Business

1. Edgebrook update - Repair work needs to be completed on the ditch and culvert as soon as the ground dries out.
2. Central Pond update – bids received for Phase 2.
 - a. Phase 2 of the project will be done by Barnett Bros. Const.
 - b. Gary Ebling will work with Adam Dowd to update the contract with Seeds Farm.
3. Roadside vegetative management
 - a. John Holden discussed some push back from residents requesting that their land not be sprayed. Brad Pfahning mentioned the weed impact under the solar panels.
4. Roads
 - a. This discussion was moved to Monday, October 17, during the Flood Mitigation meeting.

Upcoming Meetings

- Board of Supervisors meeting, November 9, 2016, 7pm Bridgewater Town Hall
- Flood Mitigation Meetings, Mondays at 1:00pm, Bridgewater Town Hall
- Planning and Zoning meeting, October 26, 2016, 7pm Bridgewater Town Hall
- Intergovernmental meeting on October 19, 2016, 7pm Bridgewater Town Hall

Adjourn – Kathleen Doran-Norton made a motion to adjourn, Gary Ebling seconded, all approved.