

Bridgewater Township Board of Supervisors
County of Rice, State of Minnesota
September 14, 2016
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: Tom Hallet, Nick Gerhardt, Dan Zander

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

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: Tom Hallet reviewed his position in running for Rice County Commissioner.

Approval of Minutes & Claims

- September Claims – Kathleen Doran-Norton made a motion to approve, Gary Ebling seconded, all approved.
- August 10, August 29, August 31 2016 Meeting Minutes – Kathleen Doran-Norton made a motion to approve, Gary Ebling seconded, all approved.
 - Sign Minutes

Treasurer's Report

1. Treasurer's Report –
 - The Credit Line has expired. Brad Pfahning and Gary Ebling are working with Rick at Frandsen Bank to establish an additional line to be used to complete phase 2 of the Central Pond project.
2. Dundas Annexation Invoice – Brad Pfahning spoke with John McCarthy regarding the invoice sent from Bridgewater Township. John McCarthy acknowledged that it was received and he would bring it to the Dundas Board.
3. Credit Line update – discussed in the Treasurer's report.

Clerk's Report-

1. The Deputy Clerk will be attending the October Board of Supervisors meeting as the Clerk will be out of town for the evening.

Planning & Zoning

1. Staff Report – Jim Braun reviewed current permit activity.
 - Zander request – Dan Zander requested permission to locate/store old building panels in a gravel pit until they are sold.
 - Jim Braun mentioned storage locations such as one of the Redmond pits or the Quame property.
 - The request was approved as we do not have anything in the ordinance against this.
 - Mr. Zander will keep the township updated on the storage issue.
2. CUP request for Solar Garden – Dundas Holdings
 - Bridgewater Township received a letter from the Paulson Law Office. They requested, on behalf of ReneSolar, that we postpone this request until the October 12, 2016, Board of Supervisors meeting.
 - ReneSolar is working on completing all action items from the Planning and Zoning Meeting.
3. Hollinger Property
 - Work is progressing on cleaning the property.
 - Jim Braun is confident that the cleaning will be completed.
 - An invoice will be sent to the resident upon completion.
4. Swanson Property
 - This property is in the process of being fixed up.

New Business

1. Agenda for Intergovernmental Meeting (October 19) –
 - An email will be sent out to determine if the meeting should be moved to November to accommodate harvest and elections.

Old Business

1. Edgebrook update
 - a. Gary Ebling met with SWCD to answer questions that had come up regarding our request for reimbursement for project expenses.
 - b. SWCD did not give any timeline regarding our request for reimbursement.
 - c. Gary Ebling will meet with Adam Parker to update the invoices to meet SWCD's request.
2. Central Pond update
 - a. The bid meeting for the contractors interested will take place on Thursday, September 15, at 1pm in the Bridgewater Town Hall.
 - b. The bid review meeting will take place on October 3, 2016, at 1pm in the Bridgewater Town Hall.
3. Roadside vegetative management
 - a. Reviewed a draft of the weed control plan.
 - i. Reviewed the goals of the plan
 - ii. Reviewed the planning and schedule
 - iii. Reviewed the preliminary spray plan and when mowing should take place.
 - iv. Bridgewater Township will need to continue to work with surrounding townships, cities, Rice County, and MNDOT to encourage others to help limit wild parsnip.
 - v. Discussed process and possible options for residents that do not wish to mow.
 - vi. We will need to create a budget to include this for next year.
 - vii. Gary Ebling made a motion to approve hiring Scott Bailey to spray for wild parsnip and other weeds in the spring, Kathleen Doran-Norton seconded, all approved.
4. Roads
 - a. Kathleen Doran-Norton attended a meeting regarding County Road 1.
 - i. Reviewed the construction options for Rice Cty Rd 1.
 - b. Decker Avenue – the new culverts should be completed by the end of the month.

Upcoming Meetings

- Board of Supervisors meeting, October 12, 2016, 7pm Bridgewater Town Hall
- Flood Mitigation Meetings, Mondays at 1:00pm, Bridgewater Town Hall
- Planning and Zoning meeting, September 28, 2016, 7pm Bridgewater Town Hall

Adjourn – 9:25pm