

Bridgewater Township Board of Supervisors
County of Rice, State of Minnesota
May 10, 2017
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: Dennis Luebbe, Galen Malecha

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

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: None

Approval of Minutes & Claims

- May Claims
 - The insurance claim received this month will be paid with the claims in June.
 - Reviewed invoices this month and DNR reimbursement of \$210,610.30.
 - John Holden made a motion to approve the May claims, Gary Ebling seconded, all approved.
- April 17, April 12, April 25, May 1, 2017 Meeting Minutes
 - Sign Minutes – Gary Ebling made a motion to approve the minutes, John Holden seconded, all approved.

Treasurer's Report

1. Treasurer's Report
 - The signatures for 1st National Bank were updated.
 - PERA will be added for Jim Braun and Frances Boehning over the next month.

Clerk's Report-

1. Meeting Calendar – reviewed upcoming meetings
2. Sign Permit – the permit for the new township sign has been received from Dundas.

Planning & Zoning

1. Staff Report
 - Reviewed current permits
 - Reviewed resignation of Benny Svein.
 - Jim Braun will request all township files from Benny Svein. If files are not returned, a request will be sent from Peter Tiede. If needed, the township will go after Benny Svein E&O insurance to rebuild the files.
 - Reviewed the qualifications and start of the new building inspector; Jim Conn.
 - Scott Rosvold will mentor Jim Conn until he is fully certified.
 - Jim Braun will provide a list of all past permits to Frances Boehning to determine if files are complete.
 - Reviewed current activity on the gravel pits.
2. Request from Dundas Solar for extension to begin construction
 - Dundas Solar will need to finish the landscape and site plan prior to receiving the permit for construction.
 - NSP needs to complete their portion of the project by fall.
 - On-site construction is expected to begin in July and be completed early October.
 - A question was asked regarding their plan to deal with noxious weeds.
 - Prairie Restoration will complete the landscaping and perform general maintenance on site.
 - Gary Ebling made a motion to extend the deadline for completion to December 31, 2017, John Holden seconded, all approved.
3. Jurisdiction for Rice County C.U.P.s
 - A resolution is needed from Rice County stating that Bridgewater Township has administrative and enforcement duties for all C.U.P.s in the township.
 - The Board of Supervisors will sign and send a resolution requesting this to Rice County during the May 22 meeting.

4. Joint meeting with Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission on Thursday, May 25. –
 - Reviewed the upcoming meeting to confirm the time and place.

New Business

1. None

Old Business

1. Flood Mitigation Projects
 - Resolution for review and maintenance of flood structures – sign
 - John Holden made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-04 with updated details and locations, Gary Ebling seconded, all approved.
 - Kathleen Doran-Norton noted that she had recently spoken with Northfield regarding Flood Mitigation projects.
 - Gary Ebling reviewed recent invoices from Barnett Bros Construction. There is a need for signs at both the Central and Dundas Ponds. The township will cover the costs of these signs.
 - Edgebrook Meeting
 - Reviewed the outcome of the recent April 25 meeting.
1. Roadside vegetative management –
 - “No Mow” sign and agreement
 - Reviewed and revised the agreement to be signed by residents to obtain a sign.
2. Roads
 - Gravel – the roads are 1/3 done with plans to finish by early June.
3. Meeting with Dennis Luebbe and Galen Malecha
 - Dennis Luebbe reviewed the roads that the county would like to turn back to the township. These roads include; 83, 77, and 84. The costs of maintaining different types of roads were discussed.
 - Dennis Luebbe requested the following resolutions:
 - Resolution and map requesting the county to allow industrial and commercial development in the township.
 - Resolution 2017-05 to Rice County requesting that they take all of Baseline. Reasons to include: safety issues and CSAH funding. John Holden made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-05, Gary Ebling seconded, all approved.
 - Resolution to request a safely improvement on Hwy 3 and Cty Rd 8 to be given to both Rice County and MNDOT. Suggested notifying Senators and Representatives to help push this.
 - Resolution to Rice County to allow Bridgewater Township to have administrative and enforcement authority over Rice County written C.U.P.s.
 - Resolution to Rice County to request that the following roads be turned back to Rice County from Bridgewater Township (roads to include Decker and others).

Goals& Projects for the Year

- Town Code (Planning and Zoning)
- Update of the Comprehensive Plan
- Rice County Planning and Zoning requests
 - Roads
 - Cluster Housing
 - Senior Housing
 - Commercial/Industrial Opportunity
- Northfield Annexation
- Formal study of city versus township
- Road History – which cartways to keep and cemetery roads
- Complete Timberlane project
- Talk about Township L&R process for government funding for township roads

- Work with Northfield and Dundas on Flood Mitigation Projects.

Upcoming Meetings

- Board of Supervisors meeting, June 14, 2017, 7pm Bridgewater Town Hall
- Project Meeting, Monday, May 22 at 1:00pm, Bridgewater Town Hall
- Planning and Zoning meeting, May 25, 2017, 7pm Bridgewater Town Hall
- Joint meeting with Planning and Zoning, May 25th, 2017, 7pm Bridgewater Town Hall

Adjourn