

**Planning Commission Meeting  
Bridgewater Township  
Official Minutes  
Friday, September 25, 2014**

- ❖ John Klockeman called the meeting to order at 7:05pm. Members present were John Klockeman, Ray Larson, Jim Rossow, Bruce Morlan, Jim Braun, and John Holden.
- ❖ The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- ❖ Bruce Morlan made a motion to approve the agenda, Ray Larson seconded, all approved.
- ❖ Ray Larson made a motion to approve the minutes from August 22, 2014, Bruce Morlan seconded, all approved. Jim Braun noted that the bond was reduced to \$75,000 for Haselton during the Board of Supervisors meeting.
  
- ❖ *Public Hearings – None*
- ❖ *New Business:*
  - Solar Arrays
    - Mike Allen from All Energy Solar gave a presentation. They have been putting up Solar Arrays all over Minnesota for the last 12 years. Included in the presentation were types of systems, how they operate, and considerations for drafting ordinances.
    - Jim Braun stated that Carolyn Braun will put together a draft for the next meeting.
- ❖ *Old Business*
  - A lively discussion was held regarding what the township would like to see regarding chickens in the rural residential area.
  - Bruce Morlan made a motion to table the discussion, request was later withdrawn.
  - Bruce Morlan made a motion to approve the draft to begin the Ordinance process. Jim Rossow seconded and the following approved; John Klockeman, Bruce Morlan, Jim Rossow. Ray Larson opposed.
- ❖ *Adjournment*
  - Ray Larson made a motion to adjourn at 9:30pm, Jim Rossow seconded and all approved.
  - Next meeting will take place Thursday, October 23, at 7pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Frances Boehning  
Bridgewater Township Clerk.

## Chicken Ordinance Requirements

1. Anyone who lives on five acres or less within the Rural Residential and Urban Reserve Districts of Bridgewater Township can keep as many as six adult chickens per ½ acre.
2. The owner has to reside on the same lot.
3. No roosters.
4. The enclosure/fenced area setback is at least 25 feet away from any neighboring residential structure and is setback five feet from any lot line.
5. Chickens must be kept in a coop separate from the residences.
6. If the proposed coop/building is larger than 120 square feet, a building permit must be obtained by the property owner or a licensed contractor.
7. If electricity is provided for heating or lighting, an electrical permit must be obtained by the property owner or a licensed contractor; extension cords are not allowed.
8. Feed must be stored in covered, rodent-proof containers. When feed is provided to the animal, it must be done in a manner that will not attract rodents.
9. Birds must be tended to once daily, assuring sufficient water, shelter (shade), and feed.
10. Structures and grounds must be well maintained and in a clean and sanitary condition.
11. All animal waste (fecal matter, bedding, food, etc.) shall be properly stored and disposed of responsibly.
12. Flies, rodents, and noxious odors must be controlled.
13. Chickens must be confined to the property.