

Bridgewater Township Project Meeting
County of Rice, State of Minnesota
May 21, 2018
Official Minutes

Call to order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: John Holden, Gary Ebling, Glen Castore, Dennis Luebbe, Frances Boehning, Mike Groth

Legal issues regarding Central Pond:

- Glen Castore reviewed the legal issues regarding the Central Pond. Memos and recent conversations with Peter Tiede were reviewed and discussed. Acting on the advice of legal counsel, Glen Castore made a motion to have the township sign the Tolling Agreement from the Army Corps of Engineers, John Holden seconded, all approved. It was noted that Barnett Bros will need to obtain legal advice from their own attorney.

Roads:

- Dennis Luebbe mentioned that Rice County is looking into fixing County Road 8 at Hwy 3 in 2022. As information comes available, he will continue to keep the township informed regarding costs and designs. It is unknown at this time if the state will contribute to the project.
- A discussion regarding Decker Avenue was held. The township is willing to discuss a turn back of this road with the county.
- Rice County would like to turn back county roads 77 and 83 to the township. The Township would prefer to take back Falk (gravel portion) and 145th Street instead of the county roads.
- The timber bridge on Baseline Road needs to be replaced.
 - Per Dennis Luebbe, the township may need to purchase right of way, remove the old bridge, and provide funding of \$10,000 for design work, and \$10,000 for construction. As this is a shared road, a discussion with Forest Township will need to take place regarding payment of this project.
- Gary Ebling requested that additional gravel be placed on Baseline north of 100th Street E. – Dennis Luebbe will look into this.
- Rice County is doing a county wide safety improvement plan update. Included in this study is Decker Avenue, county road 59 and the curve into Northfield.
- 115th Street
 - The frost boil on the Dundas Section of 115th Street is getting large and should be repaired.
 - Dennis Luebbe noted that the county has been getting calls regarding this.
 - The Township will look into who carries the liability for the Dundas Section of 115th Street.
 - Mike Groth suggested closing the road and repairing the boil.
 - Mike Groth and Gary Ebling will work with Dundas to get the repairs done
 - Dennis Luebbe will see if the county water truck is available to assist with the repair work.
 - The east section of the road is developing a wash board feel. It was decided that this is not a hazard and will not be smoothed out at this time. This development will assist in slowing vehicle traffic speeds.
- The township is willing to work with Rice County regarding creating a partnership for the 2022 road project on Hwy3/Cty Rd 8/ Dahle Avenue.

Township Roads

- Most of the rock has been placed on the roads.
- Gravel has not begun yet
- Dust Control will take place after we get rain and the road can be worked into shape.
- A request was made to add placement of garbage cans in the next newsletter. Some garbage cans are being placed too close to the road.
- The township will look into hiring a different engineering company for any future work
 - The new company will need to be able to work with both water projects and road projects.
 - Glen Castore and Gary Ebling will look into different companies that are available.
 - Glen Castore will work with Todd Phiepho to determine if anything else needs to happen with the Central Pond
- Mowing at the town hall has been contracted out to Steve Nelson at \$60 per time.

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