

Bridgewater Township Work Session
County of Rice, State of Minnesota
January 2, 2019
Official Minutes

Call to order at 1:00 pm

Roll Call: John Holden, Glen Castore, Gary Ebling, Jim Braun, Frances Boehning, Ron Wasmund

- Inspectron.
 - Ron Wasmund, President of Inspectron, provided information regarding how Inspectron works and how they could help the township.
 - No one in the company currently holds an official planning degree.
 - Ron Wasmund has over 40 years of experience.
 - The township would be looking for assistance with permits and inspections in addition to possible zoning administrator functions.
 - When permits are requested through Inspectron, they turn them around in 5-7 business days after a complete application is submitted. For permits fees, they use Building Code Table 1A.
 - Per Glen Castore, they would be expected to attend the monthly Planning Commission meeting.
 - Conditional Use Permit fees would be set by the Township during the Re-Org meeting. Ron Wasmund noted that the fees typically range from \$600 to \$1,500.
 - Jim Braun questioned how lot splits are handled. Ron Wasmund replied that in Dakota County, the applicant comes to the Board of Supervisors and requests a lot split.
 - Glen Castore asked if Inspectron could provide information from townships similar to ours regarding what services they provide (i.e. nuisance issues, lot splits, permits, ordinances . . .)
 - Inspectron utilizes a flat fee of \$100 for some basic permits. For example, a re-roof permit would be \$100 and have two inspections.
 - Inspectors are paid an hourly rate of \$35-37 dollars with benefits.
 - Ron Wasmund is the building official over the inspectors.
 - Jim Braun asked if they would be open to the idea of just starting with performing inspections for the township?
 - Ron Wasmund replied that it is open for discussion.
 - It was noted that Inspectron does not change its operations depending on whether the entity is a township or a city.
- Nuisance Properties
 - To date, no improvements have been made to the house on Timberlane, or the Swanson property.
 - Jim Braun spoke with Peter Tiede, who advised taking all of the issues to court at one time to get a final ruling. Jim Braun will get an estimate from Peter Tiede regarding this.
- Snow Plowing
 - A meeting will be set in the future to determine who will operate each piece of equipment during a snow event. A request was also made to get more information regarding adding a belly blade to the truck to better clear the roads.
- Miscellaneous
 - A short discussion was held regarding the current tax rates from Rice County.

- John Holden reviewed an offer from Aspenwall regarding providing a quote to the township for on-going tree maintenance. Glen Castore suggested that Brent Aspenwall be requested to attend the work session on February 25th at 1:00 pm.
- Gary Ebling distributed a preliminary annexation agreement for review. This will be discussed and reviewed during the next Board of Supervisors meeting on Wednesday, January 9, 7:00pm.
- A request was made to have the clerk contact the Rice County Steam and Gas to ask for an invoice from them for the use of the site for tree debris removal.

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