

Bridgewater Township Board of Supervisors
County of Rice, State of Minnesota
July 9th, 2025, 4:00pm
Official Minutes

Call to order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Andrew Ebling, Thomas Hart, Glen Castore, Larry Alderks, Debbie Salaba, Mike Groth, Lori Noreen. Absent: Kathleen Kopseng

Introduction of Guests: Diane Johnson, Don Redmon, Matt Stordahl

Approval of Agenda

- Larry Alderks made a motion to approve the agenda, Glen Castore seconded, all approved.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

- Diane Johnson spoke with the Board, providing a brief summary and contact card to each regarding the upcoming District Meeting which will be located at The Church of St. Patrick in Shieldsville. She noted that she currently is the MAT District 4 Director and is running for re-election. The meeting will be held on August 12th with the election following the meeting. She stopped in to look for the support of the Supervisors of Bridgewater. It was noted there will be a dinner at 6pm, meeting to start at 7pm and election at 8pm.
- Don Redmon mentioned that he is looking to renew his Mining IUP with the Township. It was noted that Cindy Nash is working on this.

Approval of Minutes & Claims

- June 11th and June 24th Meeting Minutes
 - Larry Alderks made a motion to approve the June 11th and June 24th Meeting Minutes, Glen Castore seconded, all approved.
- July Claims
 - Glen Castore questioned the per foot cost of dust control this year. It was noted that it was \$1.08 per ft.
 - Glen Castore made a motion to approve the July Claims, Larry Alderks seconded, all approved.

Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer's Report
 - Debbie Salaba reviewed the Treasurer's Report with the Board. She noted that there were small changes in the account balances due to interest earned.
 - It was noted that Check #10818 was voided.
 - It was noted that the 1st half property tax has been deposited into the operating account.
 - Glen Castore questioned when the Landfill Host Fee CD is due to mature. The Treasurer will look into the exact date.
- IRS Reporting
 - The Treasurer stated that the reporting has been completed and information was provided to the Chair.

Roads

- Noxious Weed Sprayer for Tractor
 - Mike Groth brought to the Boards attention that the Township could utilize a sprayer for the cabbed tractor to spray for Noxious Weeds going forward. He stated that he has sourced one for the cost of \$7,500. He noted that this would be a better solution to spraying than the Gator. It would reduce the exposure to the chemicals for the applicator as well as the fact that the tractor has GPS which would track where to spray and can be followed each year.
 - It was determined that the topic will be further discussed at the August Meeting after pictures have been reviewed.
- Motion Authorizing RFP Documents to be Prepared
 - Glen Castore made a motion to approve authorizing Stonebrook Engineering to prepare RFP documents for Wendwood and Bittersweet roads to be reconstructed.
 - It was noted that the Township has decided to proceed with Stonebrook Engineering rather than Stantec to continue the working relationship with Matt Stordahl.
 - Larry Alderks expressed his concerns on the cost that will be incurred to completely reconstruct the roads vs sealing the roads as suggested by the report provided at the previous meeting. It was noted that constructions costs are continually increasing and are doing so faster than inflation at this time. It was noted that if the Township were to wait to reconstruct the roads the cost would be even higher than it would be now.
 - It was noted that the approximate cost to have the RFP documents prepared could be around \$10K and it could potentially be ready to review at the August meeting.
 - After discussion, Thomas Hart seconded the motion. Andrew Ebling, Thomas Hart and Glen Castore approved the motion. Larry Alderks abstained from voting. Motion passed.
 - Matt Stordahl was given the go ahead to proceed with have the RFP's prepared for Bittersweet and Wendwood Development roads.
- Set Date for Public Hearing for Bittersweet and Wendwood
 - It was discussed that if the RFP documents are ready by the August meeting to review bids could potentially be viewed by September. If this occurs on this timeline a date for a Public Hearing for Bittersweet and Wendwood is tentatively set for October 8th at 6pm.
- Motion Authorizing Road Work on Bittersweet and Wendwood
 - It was discussed that this motion to Authorize the road work cannot be done until the RFP documents and bids are reviewed. This motion will be readdressed at the September or October Meeting.
- Closing 132nd St at the intersection of Co. Rd. 20 / Speak with homeowners
 - Glen Castore stated that he spoke with the Township Attorney in which he learned that because Bridgewater is an Urban Township the Township can make the decision to close the intersection without having a Public Hearing.
 - It was suggested to speak to the homeowners that live on the road directly and have them sign a waiver regarding the closure.
 - It was determined to draft a letter to the homeowners inviting them to attend the August meeting to discuss the closure of 132nd St at the

- intersection of Co. Rd. 20. Glen Castore will work with the Clerk to get a letter sent out.
 - Glen Castore stated that he will contact Peter Tiede to have a waiver form drafted as well.
- Asphalt Update
 - Mike Groth provided an update regarding Ebel Way and its second layer of asphalt. He stated that we are waiting in BMI to finish. He noted that he will reach out to BMI to see when this will get done as well as the Town Hall parking lot. It was mentioned that BMI cannot get us on their schedule to reach out to M&W to see if they have availability to complete the work.
 - It was noted that Ebel & Albers will receive the newer approved form of chip seal.
- Improved Gravel Update
 - Larry Alderks provided pictures of some roads in Illinois as well as in New Market that have had the improved gravel chip seal done for the Board to view. The roads in Illinois had the material on for at least 5 years. He stated that in all, he was impressed with the quality of the material and the wear on the roads he viewed.
 - Mike Groth mentioned that he would like to try the material on a road that is already paved in hope it could reseal and prolong the life of the road.
- Gravel
 - It was mentioned that new gravel on roads will resume in spring of 2026.
 - It was noted that there are a few roads that will receive a couple loads of gravel to help with problem areas on Albers S curve and potentially Falk.

Old Business

- Purchasing property in Industrial Park
 - It was noted that the lot split for the property needs to be completed in which Cindy Nash is working on. Once that is done the property can be purchased.
- Landfill Project
 - Glen Castore stated that a meeting was held in June in which it was discussed to continue to current project using the Landfill Remediation money to help fund the continued studies
 - The proposed Resolution to Continue the Landfill Project was reviewed by the Board.
 - Glen Castore made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-04 Continuation of Landfill Project, Thomas Hart seconded, all approved.
- Weed Policy
 - Larry Alderks provided an update on the Weed Policy draft. He stated that he is working with Peter Tiede on some changes to the draft and believes that a final copy of the draft will be available to review at the next meeting.
- Affordable Housing Update
 - Glen Castore provided an update on the Affordable Housing project. He stated that the project is potentially moving forward in Northfield Township.
 - Glen Castore stated that will continue to work with Northfield Township and all others involved in hope to build affordable housing in the nearby area.
 - Glen Castore mentioned that there is a project funded by the U of M who is working with Dynamic Homes to produce a more cost-efficient home. It was noted that the local Habitat for Humanity is going to purchase one of these

homes and it will be placed in Northfield. There is hope that Supervisors may be able to view the home prior to a family moving in.

- Battery Recycling Location - <https://www.call2recycle.org/locator/>
 - Larry Alderks provided a website that he found which finds locations that accepts batteries in order to properly dispose of them. It was noted that the website states Ace Hardware in Northfield is a location in the nearby area.
 - It was mentioned to place this on the Township website after verifying that Ace Hardware does, in fact, accept used batteries.

New Business

- Dundas Annexation Agreement
 - Glen Castore provided an update on a resident that is looking to build a shed in Bridgewater Township but has been having difficulty with the process due to the fact that his farm is located in the Dundas Annexation Reserve District.
 - It was noted that Cindy Nash suggested to make a change to the Agreement in which Bridgewater Township would perform certain functions administratively instead of the City of Dundas. She offered to write a modification to the Annexation Agreement and take it to the City of Dundas.
 - It was determined to have Cindy Nash proceed with doing so.
- Ordinance 2025-03 Re-Establishing Ordinance 2023-03 Reimbursement for Third-Party Fees
 - It was noted that the Clerk worked with Peter Tiede to create an Ordinance to re-establish the original Ordinance 2023-03 Reimbursement for Third-Party Fees.
 - Larry Alderks made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-03 Re-Establishing Ordinance 2023-03 Reimbursement for Third-Party Fees, Glen Castore seconded, all approved.
- Northfield Annexation Agreement Meeting update
 - Glen Castore stated that he and Kathleen Kopseng met with Northfield and worked through several changes to the Annexation Agreement draft. It was noted that the changes were not up to satisfaction and Northfield is going back to update the draft.
 - Glen Castore noted that he believes there could be a draft to review by the Board at the August meeting.
- Bond Repayment
 - It was discussed that the lot split and purchase of the land needs to be complete. Once this is done the amount for the bond repayment will be known.

Issues for future meetings

- Larry Alderks requested to have Weed Policy on the August Agenda.
- Glen Castore mentioned that Jim Kelly is working on taking care of the noxious weeds on his property this year.

Adjourn

Chair
Clerk

