

**Bridgewater Township Board of Supervisors**  
**County of Rice, State of Minnesota**  
**June 10th, 2026, 5:00pm**  
**Official Minutes**

Call to order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Glen Castore, Larry Alderks, Nick Bolton, Frances Boehning, Andrew Ebling, Mike Groth, Lori Noreen. Absent: Debbie Salaba

Introduction of Guests: Nathan Budin, Kim Bradley, Sid & Martha Kasper, Matt Stordahl

**Approval of Agenda**

- Larry Alderks made a motion to approve the agenda, Frances Boehning seconded, all approved.

**Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**

- Nathan Budin – Rice County Sheriff Candidate
  - Nathan Budin introduced himself to the Board and guests. He stated that he is running in the upcoming election for Rice County Sheriff. Nathan provided a brief background of himself and his time with the Rice County Sheriff's office. He noted that he is running uncontested. During his time speaking with the Board, he answered questions and welcomed others to reach out if they had any further inquiries regarding the Rice County Sheriff's Office.

**Approval of Minutes & Claims**

- May 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes
  - Larry Alderks made a motion to approve the May 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes, Frances Boehning seconded, all approved.
- June Claims
  - Larry Alderks made a motion to approve the June Claims, Nick Bolton seconded, all approved.

**Treasurer's Report**

- Treasurer's Report
  - The Clerk reviewed the Treasurer's Report with the Board. She noted that there was little interest accrued on some accounts.
  - Larry Alderks questioned when the first portion of Property Tax revenue would be deposited with the response in mid-June.
  - Larry Alderks questioned if the Revenue Budgeting is on track with the response that, yes, the larger deposits have yet to be disbursed to the Township.
- IRS Reporting
  - The Clerk noted that the reporting had been completed.

**Roads**

- Resolution Adopting Assessment Policy
  - There was discussion regarding verbiage within the Resolution, questioning "similar properties" and what the definition of that is. It was noted that this is a policy to have in place. The policy should have some flexibility and the clear definition of said "similar properties" would be stated in a specific resolution. It was noted that this Resolution could be amended at a later date if deemed the verbiage needs updating.
  - Andrew Ebling made a motion to Approve Resolution 2026-08 Adopting an Assessment Policy, Larry Alderks seconded, all approved.
- Resolution Assessing 2026 Street Improvement

- A draft of Resolution 2026-09 Assessing 2026 Street Improvement was reviewed. It was questioned if the Township can pay the Bond off early with the response that, no it must follow the payment schedule.
  - It was noted that a letter will be drafted and sent to the homeowners informing them of the 30-day interest free grace period to pay the total amount being assessed.
  - The Resolution states that the Township will assess 30% of the Project Cost by neighborhood to the homeowners for 10 years at 4.72%. This interest rate is the rate the Township received on the Bond.
  - After review, Frances Boehning made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-09 Assessing 2026 Street Improvement, Andrew Ebling seconded, all approved.
- Decker Ave LRIP Project
  - Matt Stordahl provided a plan set for the Board to review before sending it to the State for approval. He noted that he will be cleaning up the plan set specifically looking at a performance spec for protection against damage.
  - It was noted that when the performance standard is set Matt Stordahl will send it to the Clerk who will distribute to the Board for review before determining if the project will happen in 2026 or 2027.
  - It was noted that dust control application on the road should not affect the material.
- 140<sup>th</sup> Street Update
  - It was noted that there has been some difficulty with communicating with Stantec on getting the survey needed done. It was asked if Stonebrook could perform the survey. Matt Stordahl stated that they having the ability to do so and he would get an estimate for completing the task.
- Holding Pond Outlet
  - It was noted that clearing of the outlet will be done with in the next month.
- Dust Control – Decker
  - Dust Control will be put down as soon as the company can do so.
- Road Tour
  - It was discussed that a tour of the roads that will be receiving gravel in 2027 should be looked at. Said potential roads are Bachrach, 100<sup>th</sup> St, Falk, 135<sup>th</sup> St, & Upper & Lower Oaks.
  - It was discussed the tour should take 1 – 1 ½ hour and will take place in August or September.
  - Mike Groth noted that he will get a '27 Gravel Budget amount for the Board to review.
- List of Graveled Roads 2026
  - A list of the roads that received gravel in 2026 was provided to the Board.

## **Planning & Zoning**

- Drenth Variance
  - It was noted that a variance has been applied for to build a deck which would not comply with the 35-foot front yard setback.
  - Larry Alderks noted that the variance request is a true hardship and is in favor of approving the variance after review.
  - After review, Larry Alderks made a motion to approve the variance at 5990 110<sup>th</sup> St E., Frances Boehning seconded, all approved.

## **Old Business**

- 2026 Noxious Weeds Update / Sprayer Demo
  - It was noted that a sprayer demo would be done once the it has been attached to the tractor and the chemicals to be used are determined.

- It was questioned if a separate letter should be sent to residents regarding no longer having the availability of spraying with the gator. It was determined a letter was not necessary at this time.
- Weed Policy update and approval
  - This topic has been moved to the July Meeting
- 4M (Minnesota Municipal Money Market Fund) Update
  - Larry Alderks stated that he spoke with the League of Minnesota Cities regarding a 4M Fund for the Township. He stated that the interest rate for an account is at 3.6% and there is flexibility to move money in and out at any time. The question is how to go about moving the money, ACH vs Wire. There are fees tied to wiring for certain.
  - Frances Boehning noted it would be a good opportunity to earn some interest if moving money when needed would be simple.
  - It was discussed that the current money that are being held in CDs to earn interest could be put into the 4M Fund when they come due.
  - It was determined to hold off on opening a 4M account until the Treasurer is back. The topic can be discussed further at that time.
- 5-Acre Parcel Rent
  - Larry Alderks stated that he spoke with K.C. Betzold and he would be willing to pay \$200 per acre on a year-by-year contract to rent the Township's 5-acre parcel.
  - It was discussed renting the land out would maintain the parcel and the Township would not have to,
  - It was determined that Larry Alderks will speak with K.C. Betzold and if he would like to rent the land the Township could prepare an invoice for the land rent.
- Intergovernmental Meeting update
  - Frances Boehning stated that she attended the Intergovernmental Meeting held with no new news.

## **New Business**

- Planning & Zoning Committee Appointment
  - Andrew Ebling stated that he spoke with Kory Kurtt and he is willing to serve as a Planning & Zoning Commissioner.
    - Andrew Ebling made a motion to appoint Kory Kurtt as a Bridgewater Township Planning & Zoning Commissioner, Larry Alderks seconded, all approved.
  - It was noted that there is another position open and the Board will work on filling that.
  - Andrew Ebling stated that he spoke with Kurt Schrader and he stated he would be willing to serve as Chair of the Committee. The topic will be discussed at the next Planning & Zoning Meeting.
- 3645 Lonsdale Blvd – Clean-Up / “Tree House”
  - A draft of a notice was reviewed regarding the parcel. It was determined that the Township should hold a Public Hearing before sending the notice to the property owner.
  - It was determined that the Clerk will speak with the Township Attorney to see if he would be available to attend the July meeting to have a Public Hearing regarding the property.
  - The Clerk will reach out to the Township Building Inspector to see if they would be able to review the “Tree House” and see if it is compliant.
- Township District Meeting – August 5<sup>th</sup>
  - Larry Alderks questioned if any of the Supervisors planned on attending the upcoming meeting. It was determined to move this topic to the July meeting.
- Bridgewater Award

- Larry Alderks worked on creating a Bridgewater Award to recognize the service members of Bridgewater Township. It was noted that he will continue to work on the Award and have something further to review at the next meeting.

#### **Issues for future meetings**

- Set Date for Special Meeting – Capital Planning
  - A Works Session has been set for July 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5-7pm. Topic: Capital Planning.
- Moratorium Request
  - It was noted that at the May Planning & Zoning meeting Bruce Morlan requested to recommend to the Board to allow a 6-month Moratorium to enable the Planning Commission to develop a process to see if proposed industrial projects are using too much water and energy.
  - Glen Castore recommended not to proceed with a moratorium. He noted that the Township has an EAW in place.
  - After discussion it was determined a moratorium is not necessary at this time.
- Road Improvement Project
  - It was noted that Crane Creek has the road reconstruction project penciled in for August.

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