

Bridgewater Township Board of Supervisors
County of Rice, State of Minnesota
March 11th, 2026, 4:00pm
Official Minutes

Call to order

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Introduction of Guests: Bittersweet, Timberlane, and Wendwood Neighborhood Residents, Matt Stordahl, Dan Little, Jim Flaaen, Nick Bolton

Approval of Agenda

- Glen Castore made a motion to approve the agenda, Andrew Ebling seconded, all approved.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

- There was a request to replace the speed limit sign that has faded on First Timberlane. It was noted that the Township will work to get it replaced.

Approval of Minutes & Claims

- February 11th Meeting Minutes
 - Andrew Ebling made a motion to approve the February 11th Meeting Minutes, Glen Castore seconded, all approved.
- March Claims
 - There was a question as to why the cost of the telephone & internet is so high on the budget report. It was noted that there could have been a typo in the current month and will be addressed.
 - It was questioned why the payments to Inspectron (Building Inspector) is so high. It was noted that the February invoice was considerably higher than normal due to a large home that was built at the end of the 2025 year.
 - It was questioned why the asphalt maintenance amount is high on the budget report with the response that the engineering fees to work on the road improvement project are categorized as asphalt maintenance.
 - After discussion, Andrew Ebling made a motion to approve the March Claims, Glen Castore seconded, all approved.

Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer's Report
 - Debbie Salaba reviewed the Treasurer's Report to the Board. It was noted that there was a \$15K deposit made due to a transfer from the Landfill Host Holding Fee to cover a February Claim.
 - It was noted that there was a \$39K deposit which was the Hwy User Tax
 - It was noted that the Landfill monies were transferred as required.
 - Debbie Salaba stated that 2 CD's Renewed in the last 30 days at a 5-month term.
- IRS Reporting
 - The Treasurer completed the report and will send a copy to the Chair

Roads

- Public Hearing: Consider Ordering Improvements to Neighborhood Roads

- Glen Castore explained to the residents that the Board approved to have a study performed on the quality of the asphalt roads in the Township to value the quality of each road. The purpose of this Public Hearing is to hear the opinions of the residents on the roads the Township would potentially reconstruct in 2026. Next steps upon approval of the project are to award the contract to the construction company, then hold a public hearing notice to determine assessments to the residents, then bond for the project to finally have the project begin.
 - Opened at 4:09pm – Closed at 4:46pm
 - Alice M on Timberlane questioned the process of the reconstruction with the response that the Company will grind the current asphalt and replace as a base, then place two layers of asphalt on top to totally reconstruct the road.
 - Greg N of Timberlane questioned if the contract price is locked in with the response of yet. The project bid is valid until May 2026. Greg N also questioned if the road, after reconstruction, will be better maintained in the future with the response that the Township has now engaged in the assistance of a road engineer to help maintain roads going forward.
 - Donna M questioned if the project will limit the access to their homes. The answer being access will be readily available with very limited time when access would not be.
 - There was a question if the Company performing the work would work with residents to pave into their driveways if wanted. The answer was the engineer would see it could be done.
 - Ryan J of Endwood questioned if damage were to occur on the underground utilities or infrastructure would the company performing the work be responsible for the repair. The response being, yes.
 - There was an inquiry if there was a form of warranty of the work. The response was there is a 2-year warranty.
 - Gary P of Wendwood questioned how the number of properties was determined. If the “park” on Endwood was considered an assessable parcel. The response was that only the parcels with homes on would be assessable.
 - Gary P of Wendwood questioned if the Township could decide to only do one neighborhood if other neighborhoods strongly disagreed with proceeding. The answer was yes, but the Township has the authority to do all three even if many disagreed with proceeding.
 - Gary P questioned how the cost was determined per neighborhood with the response it was based on linear mile.
 - The question was asked to the residents attending the meeting what the general consensus of proceeding with the reconstruction project was with no one in attendance objecting.
- Resolution to Proceed with Road Improvement Project
 - After closing the Public Hearing, Andrew Ebling made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-04 Ordering Improvements for the 2026 Road Improvements Project, Glen Castore seconded, all approved.

- County Line Materials Amendment to IUP
 - The request for an amendment to the current mining IUP is due to the owner listed on the current IUP has sold the property to another. The purpose of the amendment is to update the IUP with the correct owner.
 - The Bridgewater Township Planning Commission reviewed the County Line Materials application to amend its current IUP at its February 26th meeting with the recommendation to approve the amendment.
 - After review by the Board, Glen Castore made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-05 Amending and Replacing an Interim Use Permit for County Line Materials Dundas Mine, Thomas Hart seconded, all approved.

Old Business

- Landfill Project Report
 - Glen Castore provided an update on the current landfill projects the Township has invested in. It was noted that the current research project is due to terminate in June, 2026 and at that time it will be reviewed if the Township would like to continue to support research into removing PFAS and reducing volume of the Landfill.

New Business

- Northfield OAA Resolution
 - The Board reviewed the final draft of the Northfield OAA Joint Resolution. After review, Glen Castore made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-03 Northfield Joint Resolution for Orderly Resolution, Kathleen Kopseng seconded, all approved. The Clerk will send the signed copy to Northfield to them to review at their March 17th meeting.
- Set Date for Re-Org Meeting
 - The date of Thursday, April 2nd at 4pm was set for the 2026 Reorganization Meeting.
- Rice County Historical Society Request for Donation / Rice County Fair Request for Donation
 - The Board reviewed the letters sent by the Rice County Historical Society and Rice County Fair in the sum of \$500 each.
 - Thomas Hart made a motion to approve \$500 donations to each, Andrew Ebling, all approved.

Issues for future meetings

Adjourn