

**Bridgewater Township Board of Supervisors**  
**County of Rice, State of Minnesota**  
**May 13th, 2026, 5:00pm**  
**Official Minutes**

Call to order

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Introduction of Guests: Peter Tiede, Jessica Green, Matt Stordahl, Steve Albers, Residents of Timberlane, Bittersweet & Endwood Developments

**Approval of Agenda**

- It was requested to add “MAT” Law Review Mtg 6/5”, “Rice Co. Emergency Mngmt Mtg 7/15”, “Portable Computers”, “Demo of Sprayer” and “Intergovernmental Mtg 5/20” to New Business, “140<sup>th</sup> St Easement” and “Road Tour” to Roads, and “Holding Pond” and “Newsletter” to Old Business.
- Larry Alderks made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, Frances Boehning seconded, all approved.

**Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:** N/A

**Approval of Minutes & Claims**

- April 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes
  - Andrew Ebling made a motion to approve the April 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes, Larry Alderks seconded, all approved.
- May Claims
  - It was questioned when the NAFRS payment will be made, with the response that the Contract had not been received with the amount that is due. The payment will be made in at the June meeting.
  - After review, Larry Alderks made a motion to approve the May Claims, Nick Bolton seconded, all approved.

**Treasurer's Report**

- Treasurer’s Report
  - Debbie Salaba reviewed the Treasurer’s Report with the Board. She noted that interest was accrued on two CD’s that matured. The interest was added to the principal balance of each CD and they were renewed for a 5-month term at 3%.
  - It was questioned when the Landfill Host Holding CD matured. The response being in August and will revisit what to do with the monies at that time.
- IRS Reporting
  - The Treasurer completed the report and a copy was sent to the Chair.

**Roads**

- Public Hearing: Assessing Residents for Road Improvement Project
  - The Public Hearing was opened at 5:08pm
  - It was questioned if the residents can pay for the assessment in entirety instead of being assessed over 10 years on their property taxes with the response, yes there will be a 30-day period after the assessments have been determined to pay in full to avoid paying interest.

- There was a question as to the schedule/timeline of the project with the response that the schedule has not been determined as of yet but should be in the near future.
- Matt Stordahl provided a brief description of his involvement in the project to the residents.
- The Public Hearing was closed at 5:17pm
- There was discussion of potentially assessing the residents 30% of the project cost. The assessment would be added to their property taxes for a 10-year period at the same interest rate the Township Bond would be set at.
- After discussion it was determined that a Resolution to Adopt an Assessment Policy and the Assessments for the Road Improvement Project will be acted upon at the June 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting.
- Bonds for Road Improvement Project
  - Jessica Green reviewed the Resolution Awarding the Sale of General Obligation Improvement Bonds, Final Term Sheet and supporting documents with the Board for consideration.
  - It was noted that the interest rate is better than originally thought.
  - After review, Andrew Ebling made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-07 Awarding the sale of general obligation improvement bonds, series 2026A, in the original aggregate principal amount of \$1,088,000; fixing their form and specifications; directing their execution and delivery; and providing for the payment thereof, Frances Boehning seconded, all approved.
- LRIP Award
  - Glen Castore stated that the Township has been awarded a \$400K grant for an improvement project on Decker Ave. The project would put a form of double seal coat on the road.
  - Matt Stordahl explained the scope of work the project would entail. He stated the next step is that if the Board approves the provided contract, Stonebrook would proceed with producing the required engineered drawings and write the request for proposals. The contract states the fees would not exceed \$38,598.
  - It was questioned how long the Township has to complete the project. It was noted that the grant money would be available for 2-3yrs. This could allow the Township to wait to do the proposed project until 2027.
  - It was noted that the road recently received new gravel which would need to be worked. If the Township delayed the project to next year there would be time to ensure the road is fully prepared for the material to go down on the road.
  - After discussion, Larry Alderks made a motion to approve the Master Client Agreement Work Order allowing Stonebrook to proceed with preparing the Construction Documents and assist with procurement of bids, construction observation and project closeout for the Decker Ave Double Sealcoat LRIP Project, Frances Boehning seconded, all approved.
- Eaton Ave Condition
  - It was discussed that there was an email received from a resident on Eaton Ave stating there are potholes that need addressing on the road. Mike Groth stated that he will take care of this as well as a significant crack in Upper Oak Hills.

## Planning & Zoning – N/A

### Old Business

- 2026 Noxious Weeds
  - Larry Alderks noted that the letters to the homeowners were sent out and Steve Albers will be contacting the owners to work with them to help control the noxious weeds on their property.
  - It was questioned if a demonstration of the new sprayer on the tractor could be performed. It was noted that the parts to attach the sprayer have not yet been received. Once the sprayer is attached and ready a demo can be performed.
  - It was questioned who the weed inspectors of Bridgewater Township are with the response that Steve Albers, Drew Wierson, Leif Knecht and the five Supervisors are the weed inspectors.
  - It was questioned who is insured under the Township's insurance to spray the weeds with the response that Township Employee's are covered. Mike Groth will train whomever is going to spray with the Tractor. It was noted that Joe Hollinger may also be available to help with spraying.
  - Frances Boehning questioned if the State and County allow the Township to spray along state and county road right of ways. The response is that the state sent a letter allowing it but the county does not.
- Holding Pond
  - It was discussed that Mike Groth will take an excavator out to the try and clear out the blockage at the intake. He suggested putting a form of a screen on to avoid future blockage or do an annual cleaning.
- 140<sup>th</sup> St Easement
  - It was noted that Stantec is performing a boundary survey in the near future. Once the survey is complete the Township will post notice declaring the easement. Once posted, the homeowners have 1 year to object or contest the declaration of the easement.
- Road Tour
  - It was determined the Clerk will send out an email asking for dates that would work for the Supervisors and Road Superintendent. Upon receiving a date will be set.

### New Business

- Rent 5-acre parcel
  - It was noted that KC Betzold reached out inquiring about renting the 5-acre parcel the Township owns to plant hay. The Board determined to reach back out to KC stating they would be willing to rent it out at \$300 per acre.
  - It was determined that Larry Alderks will reach back out to KC to discuss further.
- Planning & Zoning Committee Appointment
  - It was discussed that Committee Chair John Klockeman has expressed that he will not seek to continue on as a Planning & Zoning Commissioner when his term is up at the end of the Month. The Board will need to find a replacement.
  - It was noted that Bruce Morlan's term is also up at the end of the month. Glen Castore stated that he will reach out to Bruce to see if he is willing to

continue on as a commissioner. If not, the Board will need to fill his place as well.

- Andrew Ebling stated he reached out to Kory Kurtt asking if he would be interested in becoming a commissioner. Larry Alderks stated he spoke with Kory as well. Both Supervisors stated Kory didn't say yes, but he did not decline either. Andrew Ebling stated he will reach out to Kory again.
- Debbie Salaba suggested Mark Koltavy as a potential candidate. She stated she will reach out to him to see if he would be interested.
- MAT Law Review Registration
  - Larry Alderks stated there is a meeting on June 5<sup>th</sup> and wondered if it would be worth attending. After discussion it was determined that Larry will attend and the fee will be reimbursed by the Township
- Rice Co. Emergency Mngmt
  - It was noted that there is a training on July 15<sup>th</sup> and questioned if a supervisor should attend.
  - After discussion it was determined that Andrew Ebling and Larry Alderks may attend the training.
- Portable Computers
  - It was discussed that the Supervisors have Township emails so using portable computers are ok.
- Transportation Meeting
  - It was noted that Glen Castore attended the meeting. There was not an update regarding Hwy 246. The Hiawatha Bus Service was a topic discussed.
- Intergovernmental Meeting 5/20
  - It was noted that the next Intergovernmental Meeting will be on May 20<sup>th</sup> at Greenvale Township. Frances Boehning stated she would be willing to attend the meeting. Glen Castore stated he may also attend.
  - It was questioned what the Township would like to discuss at the meeting regarding Bridgewater with the determination that the Infrastructure Road Improvement Project and the LRIP grant are items that could be mentioned.
- Newsletter
  - It was discussed the next newsletter should go out in the upcoming weeks.
  - Topics in the next newsletter decided were Noxious Weeds, Road Improvement Project, and LRIP Grant.
  - It was determined that Glen Castore will write a few paragraphs on these topics providing updates and get them to the Clerk. The Clerk will then get a newsletter sent out to the residents.
- Dundas Planning Commission
  - Andrew Ebling provided an update of the Dundas Planning Commission meeting. He noted that the City's Zoning Administrator suggested to the City that they take over 115<sup>th</sup> St based on the potential of the newly annexed area being developed.

### **Issues for future meetings**

- Resolution adopting Assessment Policy
- Resolution to assess 2026 Street Improvements
- Capital Planning/Finance Work Session – later in summer

Adjourn