

**Bridgewater Township Board of Supervisors**  
**County of Rice, State of Minnesota**  
**November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 4:00pm**  
**Official Minutes**

Call to order

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Introduction of Guests: Greg Frank, Matt Stordahl

**Approval of Agenda**

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

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

**Approval of Minutes & Claims**

- October 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes
  - It was questioned if Amanda Novotny received what she needed to proceed with the permitting process for an ADU. It was noted that Ms. Novotny submitted for an application for a Variance as well as the application for the ADU and it is in the process of being reviewed.
  - Larry Alderks made a motion to approve the October 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes, Andrew Ebling seconded, all approved.
- November Claims
  - Kathleen Kopseng questioned what the Landscape fee was for, with the response that it was for the removal of old and placement of new landscape rock in front of the Town Hall after the asphalt was poured as well as the rock around the shrubbery.
  - Kathleen Kopseng questioned if the \$15K for the Landfill PFAS study was a one time if this was a payment of a few. It was noted that this is a quarterly payment of the \$60K committed. The money will come from the Landfill Host Fee.
  - It was questioned what the Reclamite bill was for, with the response that it is a sealant that was placed on some of the asphalt roads in the Township. It was noted that the Board will revisit if this will be done again after the roads encountered winter weathering.
  - Glen Castore made a motion to approve the November Claims, Thomas Hart seconded, all approved.

**Treasurer's Report**

- Treasurer's Report
  - Debbie Salaba reviewed the Treasurer's Report with the Board. She noted that she transferred the \$15K from the Landfill Host Holding account to pay for the PFAS Study bill. After the transfer, the Operating Account will be at \$68K instead of \$53 as noted in the report.
  - It was noted that the ARPA Funds Account is down due to paying some bills for the work done on the parking lot of the Hall.
  - It was noted that the Comus Junction Bond is at \$298K which was supposed to be \$300K. The Clerk will look into why there is a difference.
  - It was noted that the Praver 1 Solar CD renewed for another 6 mo. The interest earned was added back to the principal balance of the CD.
  - It was questioned what the Township has spent on "Misc Construction" under Roads as the budget was for \$10K and it is already at \$15K. It was noted that the Clerk will

need to look at the transactions to determine what it is for. The Clerk noted that she will provide an update after looking into it.

- It was noted that Check #10919 has been voided.
- IRS Reporting
  - The Treasurer stated that the reporting has been completed and information was provided to the Chair.

## **Roads**

- Asphalt Update
  - Glen Castore questioned when the documents for Bids would be complete. Matt Stordahl stated that he hopes they will be done in time to review at the December meeting.
  - It was noted that the bids will be for 2 separate projects and after review of the bids the Township has the right to award one or other, both or neither.
- Local Road Improvement Program
  - Glen Castore stated that Decker Ave is a candidate for the LRIP Funding. A resolution was drafted to approve applying for monies from the Local Road Improvement Program for improvement of Decker Ave.
  - It was noted that if the Board were to approve the Resolution, it would be sent to Dennis Luebke at Rice County. He would take the Resolution to the County Board the following week.
  - Matt Stordahl expressed his feeling that there would a good opportunity the project would be looked at closely for funding.
  - After review of the Resolution and discussion, Glen Castore made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-08 Support for Bridgewater Township's Application for Local Road Improvement Program Funds, Andrew Ebling seconded, all approved.
- Snow Plowing Help
  - It was asked by the Road Superintendent to speak with the Board regarding hiring help for the winter for plowing. He noted that he will be out of town for a portion of February and backup may/could be needed.
  - It was determined to state help is needed in the next Newsletter to see if the Township can obtain some additional winter plowing help.
- Noxious Weeds Update
  - Larry Alderks noted that the spraying for noxious weeds has been completed for 2025. The Annual Report will be submitted after review and signed by the Chair.
  - It was noted that potential changes for next year will be to send out letters in January to the residents that had spraying on their property in 2025. There will be a form for the residents to fill out and sign allowing the Township to have permission on their property
  - It was suggested to touch on Noxious Weeds at the Annual Meeting presentation as well as another the following month.

## **Old Business**

- Bond Call-In Review
  - Northland Securities provided a repayment schedule of the Bond now that it has been called in. The Board reviewed the repayment schedule for their reference.
- Northfield Annexation Agreement Update
  - Glen Castore stated that he and Kathleen Kopseng have been working with Northfield to complete an updated OAA to have in place.

- The Board reviewed a proposed final draft of the OAA. It was noted that the maps were not yet provided to review.
- It was noted that the current draft follows closely to the OAA that Northfield Township now has in place with the City of Northfield.
- It was determined that there will be a special meeting/work session to be held on Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 4pm at the Town Hall to review the draft with Peter Tiede.
- It was noted that the Supervisors will review the draft and make notes, questions, etc. The notes can be sent to the Clerk who will then send to the Attorney for review, or the Supervisors can send them directly to the Attorney prior to the meeting.
- Debt Service Projections
  - Glen Castore provided an updated Debt Service Spreadsheet for the Board to review and be aware of future potential debt services. It was noted that it needs to be updated with the Bond repayment schedule.
  - It was decided to keep this information updated so that the Board stays aware of potential debt percentage as it pertains to the budget.

### **New Business**

- Resolution Absentee Board and Location for Elections
  - The Board reviewed Resolution 2025-07 Resolution of Designating Annual Absentee Ballot Voting Location.
  - After review, Larry Alderks made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-07, Glen Castore seconded, all approved.
- Development Rights
  - Glen Castore stated that he has been in contact with Greg Frank and a few other residents who have situations where they would like to possibly sell some of their land but would like to ensure that the land sold would have a buildable right on it.
  - Greg Frank provided information to the Board regarding his situation and why he would like to sell some of his land. It was noted that at this time The Township could not guarantee that if he sold some land, the land sold would be buildable.
  - Glen Castore suggested that the Board, Zoning Administrator and the Planning & Zoning Committee should meet to review the current ordinances regarding development rights to better understand what can and cannot be done at this time.
  - It was determined to add Development Rights to the next Planning & Zoning Meeting, which will be held on Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm and the Board Supervisors that can attend will to take part in a discussion on the topic. If an additional work session is required, a date will be set for after the Holidays.

### **Issues for future meetings**

Adjourn