

Bridgewater Township Board of Supervisors
County of Rice, State of Minnesota
November 19th, 2025, 4:00pm
Official Minutes

Call to order

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Approval of Agenda

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

Topics of Discussion:

- Northfield OAA Draft Review
 - The Board, along with Attorney Peter Tiede, reviewed the proposed Northfield Orderly Annexation Agreement draft.
 - Larry Alderks questioned how the Township and/or City notify the residents that they are in the proposed Annexation Area if the agreement were executed. It was noted that most residents are already aware their property is in a proposed annexation area.
 - Peter Tiede noted that Annexation Law is mostly City favorable.
 - Andrew Ebling noted that the Township can no longer grow, therefore what could or would be annexed into the City of Northfield would lessen the Township's tax base.
 - A discussion was held regarding the paragraph on Page 7, Number 5, Letter f – Annual Acreage Limitation. It was discussed to try and word this paragraph so that the City of Northfield could not annex additional land until the current land they have annexed in is 80-100% developed. Kathleen Kopseng suggested to look at the Annexation Agreement with the City of Dundas to potentially use the verbiage in that agreement pertaining to the section in the NOAA draft.
 - It was discussed that the St. Olaf parcels that are in the potential annexation area could be annexed as a whole due to the fact that it is already a non-profit area and the Township currently does not receive any tax revenue from this land. Having it annexed in to the City of Northfield would not change the Township's tax base.
 - Discussion was held regarding the paragraph on Page 4, Number 4, letter b – Conditions and Triggering Events for Annexations. It was discussed to make the terms be explicit.
 - It was decided to change the end date to a 20-year term instead of a 15-year as drafted.
 - After review it was determined that Supervisor Kopseng and Supervisor Castore will work with Attorney Peter Tiede to update the language in the above-mentioned paragraphs and will have a revised draft to review at a future meeting.

Adjourn