Bridgewater Township Board of Supervisors
County of Rice, State of Minnesota
September 9th, 2026, 5:00pm
Official Minutes

Call to order
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call: Glen Castore, Andrew Ebling, Larry Alderks, Frances Boehning, Nick Bolton, Debbie Salaba, Lori Noreen, Mike Groth
Introduction of Guests: Matt Stordahl

Approval of Agenda

- It was requested to add "Steve Albers Invoices", "LRIP 2026", and "Evolve" under New Business.
- It was requested to add "Eaton Ave Update" & "Holding Pond Update" under Roads
- 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

- August 12th Meeting Minutes
  - Larry Alderks made a motion to approve the August 12th Meeting Minutes, Andrew Ebling seconded, all approved.
- September Claims
  - It was questioned what the higher cost for GDO Law was for with the response that it was the attorney's time spent on the Rudebusch Variance.
  - Larry Alderks made a motion to approve the September Claims, Frances Boehning seconded, all approved.

Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer's Report
  - Debbie Salaba reviewed the Treasurer's Report with the Board. She noted that in the upcoming months there may be a need to move some landfill funds to the operating account.
  - Debbie Salaba stated that the Landfill CD was renewed and the interest earned was deposited into the operating account for use.
  - It was noted that the revenue report shows a different amount earned than the budget report. This was due to the assessment payment collection from residents for the road reconstruction project. The assessment payments have been removed from the budget report as it is not budgeted revenue.
  - Checks 11084, 11085 and 11086 have been voided.
- IRS Reporting
  - The Treasurer stated that the reporting has been completed.

Roads

- Decker Ave LRIP Project
  - Glen Castore stated that the process is taking longer than expected and there is a potential that the project would not be performed until 2027.
  - Matt Stordahl stated that the plans are being reviewed by the State and are awaiting a response.
  - It was noted that there is an inquiry in to see if the chip seal could be put down in later months and still retain its quality
  - It was determined to proceed with moving forward with the project. If is gets too late in the year to perform the work the project can be moved to 2027.
- Road Reconstruction Update
  - Matt Stordahl provided an update on the resurfacing project. He noted that Endwood has received the concrete driveway and first layer of asphalt. Farrel & Timberlane are set to receive concrete and their first layer of asphalt in the upcoming days.
  - Matt Stordahl noted that the project appears to be going smoothly.

- Ditch Clean Up
    - Larry Alderks stated that the Road Superintendent provided areas in the Township that are in need of ditch and tree clean up. The Road Superintendent suggested to try and have the three developments receiving new asphalt to be done prior to the project.
    - The cost for the clean up in every area would be approximately $50K.
    - Larry Alderks suggested to the Board that they review the areas on their upcoming road tour. It was suggested to have the Road Superintendent along to show the Board what needs to be worked on.
    - It was noted that the holding pond east of Bridgewater Heights needs to be addressed this fall.
    - It was determined to budget accordingly for the work that needs to be done in 2027.
- Road Tour Date
    - Andrew Ebling will provide dates to the Clerk to distribute to the Board and Road Superintendent to send out and coordinate a date that will work best.
- Eaton Ave Update
    - It was stated that the work to repair the holes on Eaton Ave is set for Friday, September 11th. It was noted that if the work is not complete within the next few weeks the Township will hire someone to perform the work.
- Holding Pond Update
    - It was noted that there is a culvert that seems to be compiling debris. There was a suggestion to spray the vegetation around the culvert.
    - Glen Castore stated he would reach out to Todd Piepho to see how the area could be handled so that the culvert can work properly again.
    - Mike Groth stated he plans to take his backhoe and try and clear out the culvert and surrounding area in the next couple of weeks.
- 140th St Update
    - It was noted that after review of the grant awarded there must be a company in the rural industrial park in order to receive the grant money. It was suggested to wait until December to see if someone takes interest in building in the area. If not, the Board will pass a resolution in December returning the grant.
    - It was noted that a survey on the road in no longer needed at this time.

Planning & Zoning

- Rudebusch Update
    - Glen Castore reviewed with the Board that the Township received a signed letter to extend taking action on the Variance request until December 31st, 2026.
    - It was stated that the hope is to not need the Variance if the property owners are able to use a TDR to build a house on the property.
    - It was noted that Rice County was going to meet the property owner to determine why the property is classified as homesteaded.
    - It was discussed that if the TDR's are not a solution the Board must act on the Variance request prior to December 31st or the variance is automatically approved.
    - Glen Castore stated he met with the Township Attorney regarding the Townships legal exposure. The Attorney felt the Township would have a strong position if the property owners were to sue.
- TDR
    - Discussion was held on a timeline in having an ordinance in place regarding allowing TDRs in the Township.
    - It was determined to hold a work session with the Zoning Administrator to start the TDR process. The date of the work session will be Wednesday, September 16th at 5pm with a potential of another work session in the beginning of October prior to sending it for the Planning Commission to review.
    - It was determined to hold a joint meeting at the Planning & Zoning Meeting September 24th. Larry Alderks and Frances Boehning will work on putting together a presentation for the meeting.

- 3645 Lonsdale Blvd Status
    - Nick Bolton stated that he has some dates that he and the Township Building Inspector can go out to the property to review any violations.

Old Business

- UMN Landfill Project
  - It was discussed that the grant received in 2025 to study how to remove leachate from landfills resulted in encouraging results.
  - Since the study the University of Minnesota would like to apply for another MPCA grant and asked the for the Township's assistance. Glen Castore suggested that he speak with a land management company which could benefit from the research to see if they would be interested in assisting.
  - It was determined that Glen Castore will reach out to the Rice County Commissioners requesting they attend the Township Board Meeting in October to review the topic.
- Newsletter Topics
  - It was noted that the Clerk intends to get a newsletter out in October. She requested paragraphs on the topics determined in the previous meeting so she can compile the newsletter and get it sent out.
- Capital Review and Updates
  - Larry Alderks noted that he saw no other changes needed to the capital budget
  - The Board is waiting for estimates from Matt Stordahl on some items who has not yet received the data.
  - It was determined to keep the topic on the upcoming agenda to stay apprise of any changes.

New Business

- Resolution 2026-12 Amending Assessment Policy
  - Resolution 2026-12 was reviewed by the Board. After review, Larry Alderks made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-12 Amending Resolution 2026-08 Adopting A Special Assessment Policy, Frances Boehning seconded, all approved.
- Review 2027 Levy
  - It was noted that when the Township submitted the 2027 Levy it was not the "Final" Levy. The current levy was reviewed and after discussion it was determined to change the 2027 Levy to have a 0% Inc/Dec from 2026.
  - Andrew Ebling made a motion to approve the 2027 Levy at a 0% inc/dec, Frances Boehning seconded, all approved.
  - The Clerk and Treasurer will finalize the report and send it to the County.
- Bridgewater Awards
  - Larry Alderks presented the finished awards to the Board to review. It was determined to invite the awardees to the meeting in October to present. A letter for Steve Albers will be finished for the October meeting.
- Steve Albers Invoices
  - Two invoices were sent to the Clerk for Steve Albers regarding spraying noxious weeds. The invoices were distributed to the Board for review as there was some misunderstanding as to what was supposed to be invoiced.
  - After review it was determined that Larry Alderks will reach out to Steve to review the invoices with him.
- LRIP 2026
  - Larry Alderks questioned if it would be work applying for another LRIP grant. It was noted that in order to have a LRIP grant awarded the Township would need to have an area/route of regional significance. After discussion, it was determined the Township would not apply for the grant this year.
- Evolve
  - Larry Alderks noted that there is an AI system for Townships and reviewed his findings with the Board. He noted that he would work with the system to possibly prepare a small presentation that shows where Bridgewater stands compared to other Townships in the area.

Issues for future meetings

- Andrew Ebling noted that it has been brought to this attention the Hollinger Property on Dundas Blvd may be worth taking a look at again.
- Mike Groth asked if the shed could be looked at to fix/replace missing screws. Andrew Ebling stated he would reach out to Dan Stewart to schedule a time for him to do the repairs.

- Mike Groth asked if the Board would approve completing the concrete between the apron and the shed as he finally received a quote for the work. The Board reviewed the area and determined to not complete the work this year.
- Larry Alderks noted that Andrew Wierson has resigned as a Weed Inspector for the Township.

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