

**Bridgewater Township Board of Supervisors**  
**County of Rice, State of Minnesota**  
**March 12th, 2025, 4:00pm**  
**Official Minutes**

Call to order

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Introduction of Guests: N/A

**Approval of Agenda**

- It was requested to add "Milwaukee Pit" to Planning & Zoning.
- Glen Castore made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, Thomas Hart seconded, all approved.

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

**Approval of Minutes & Claims**

- February 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes
  - Kathleen Kopseng made a motion to approve the February 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes, Glen Castore seconded, all approved.
- March Claims
  - Glen Castore made a motion to approve the March Claims, Thomas Hart seconded, all approved.

**Treasurer's Report**

- Treasurer's Report
  - Debbie Salaba noted that on the Treasurer's report the amount of the Comus Bond is incorrect and will be corrected.
  - Debbie Salaba reviewed the Treasurer's report with the Board. It was noted that the Landfill income was deposited into the operating account. That amount will be transferred to the host fee holding accounts.
  - It was noted that there were some small interest deposits into accounts.
  - The Treasurer noted that Check #1029 of the Escrow Checking account has been voided.
  - It was discussed that the first principal payment for the Comus Bond is due in August of 2027. The Board has until then to decide if the bond should be paid down or left open for further economic development projects.
  - Kathleen Kopseng questioned the amount the Township has spent on Economic Development so far being approx. \$73K. The Clerk will look into the amount to ensure it is in fact accurate and let the Board know her findings.
  - It was questioned if the Township is likely to receive the amount invoiced to COREX Partners. The answer being unlikely.
- IRS Reporting
  - The Treasurer stated the reporting has been completed and provided the information to the Chair.

## **Roads**

- It was noted that Stantec will be out in April surveying the Township paved roads and will return a report to the Board by the end of June.
- It was stated that the Town Hall driveway will be asphalted hopefully in the Spring when Ebel receives its second coat. This will be paid for with the remainder of the ARPA grant money.

## **Planning & Zoning**

- Ordinance 2025-02 Rezoning of Property from Agricultural to Rural Residential
  - The Board reviewed the Zoning Administrator's memorandum regarding rezoning Mark Thompson's parcels from Agricultural to Rural Residential.
  - It was noted that Rice County has already rezoned these parcels in October of 2024 and the Township is doing so to be in compliance with the County.
  - Glen Castore made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-02 Rezoning of Property from Agricultural to Rural Residential, Thomas Hart seconded, all approved.
- Milwaukee Pit
  - Glen Castore stated he met with Don Redmon and Zach Timm regarding Mr. Redmon's pit. It was noted that there is one section that is still viable and Mr. Timm would like to lease it from Mr. Redmon. Glen Castore has reached out to Cindy Nash and Peter Tiede to see what can be worked out.
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## **New Business**

- Set Date for Re-Org. Meeting
  - The date of Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 at 1pm was set for the 2025 Reorganization Meeting.
- Rice County Fair request for Donation
  - The Board reviewed the letter sent by the Rice County Fair Manager requesting help with the fair by a donation to county events in the sum of \$500.
  - Glen Castore made a motion to approve donating \$500 to the Rice County Fair, Andrew Ebling seconded, all approved.

## **Issues for future meetings**

- Glen Castore mentioned that he has applied for a \$50K MPCA grant that would aid in the study of how to handle storm and waste water on a potential affordable housing site. It will be decided if the grant will be awarded by the first week of April.
- Glen Castore stated that he has been working on submitting an application for a \$300K / 2-year grant to further the study to develop a system to aid in cleaning landfill. It was noted that the County will eventually have to sign off on a project and the Board will set up a meeting with the County Commissioners to discuss.
- It was requested to have the Compliance Report added to April's meeting Agenda.
- Debbie Salaba questioned the status of the Siebenaler property. The Clerk stated Ms. Siebenaler would like to demolish the house, but there are concerns if she does, the buildable right would be lost on the property. The Clerk will look through correspondence to see where this is at and how to move forward.
- Keith Johnson stopped in and offered to help during snow plowing events. The Board was appreciative of the offer and will discuss with the Road Superintendent.

Adjourn

Chair
Clerk