

MINUTES

FEBRUARY, 2005 BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

**February 7, 2005 – 5:00 PM**

Bridgewater Town Hall

500 Railway Street South, Dundas, MN 55019

Purpose of Meeting:

- Review issue, project, task, action item, and financial status of Bridgewater Township for the month of January, 2005; and plan for the month of February, 2005.
- Review correspondence and claims received since the last Board Meeting; those claims that are allowed will be paid.
- During the meeting, the Board of Supervisors welcomes comments by residents at appropriate times.

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**A Call to Order, Roll-call of Town Officers, and Introduction of Guests: 5:00 PM** Ebling

The meeting was called to order by Town Board Chair Gary Ebling at 5:00 PM. All Town Officers were present, namely Supervisor and Chair Gary Ebling, Treasurer Le Ann Finger, Supervisor Leif Knecht, Supervisor Paul Liebenstein, and Clerk Mike Piper.

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**B Flag Pledge** Ebling

Chair Ebling invited all present to rise and pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

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**C Approval of Agenda** Ebling

The Agenda was approved as presented. Motion by Liebenstein, second by Knecht, motion passed unanimously (Ebling: aye, Knecht: aye, Liebenstein: aye)

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**D Approval of Minutes from January, 2005 Town Board Meeting** Piper

Approval of the Minutes from the January 3, 2005 was postponed until the March, 2005 meeting.

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**E Approval of Treasurer's Report** Finger

The Treasurer's Report for January, 2005 was approved as presented. The checking account balance as of January 1, 2005 was \$47,460.82. Income was \$19.53. Expenses were \$2,675.42. The checking account balance as of January 30, 2004 was \$44,804.93. Motion by Liebenstein, second by Knecht, motion passed unanimously (Ebling: aye, Knecht: aye, Liebenstein: aye)

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**F Review of Claims/Deposits Received** Piper

Claims received since the January meeting of the Town Board were reviewed. Those claims approved by the Supervisors were paid. Claims paid totaled \$4,255.86. Motion by Liebenstein, second by Knecht, motion passed unanimously (Ebling: aye, Knecht: aye, Liebenstein: aye)

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**G Review of Correspondence Received and Generated**

Piper

Significant correspondence received since the January meeting of the Town Board was reviewed. The Board decided to defer discussion of Dust Control to the March, 2005 meeting of the Town Board, and to defer discussion re PERA to the April, 2005 meeting of the Town Board. Action item for Clerk: include these items in the Agendas for March and April.

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**H Old Business/Action Items**

Supervisors

There was no old business.

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**I New Business**

Supervisors

**I.1 Status of Annexations**

Chair Ebling reviewed the present status of the Dundas annexations.

a. The Clerk has inserted into these Minutes the status of the following three Dundas annexations as of March 1, 2004. (Attachment)

- Geiger/Paulson Phases 1A and 1B (“Bridgewater Farms”) and the Rock property
- College City Homes (“Stone Ridge”)
- DeMann family property

b. Chair Ebling gave an update on the Rice County plat review meeting:

- Future traffic loads on Rice County 1, need for turn lanes, acceleration lanes, etc. The County expressed concern for overloading and safety on Rice County 1. Agricultural movement.
- Future planning, funding and time line for improvements to 115<sup>th</sup> Street. Dundas wants the County to review and make this a priority and render agreement on the potential redesignation before the Transportation Plan is completed.
- Discussion with Jim Brown revealed concerns for funding and real questions if this can be accomplished. Mr. Brown recommended a special meeting between himself, Tom McMahon, Glenn Switzer, and Gary Ebling.

c. Chair Ebling discussed issues concerning how and when road improvements for the Paulson and College City developments:

- What role does the Township play in the maintenance and improvement of these roads? Preliminary inferences indicate an expectation of Dundas to ask the Township for considerable financial assistance.
- How does Dundas fund them as part of the development agreements?
- Tom McMahon has asked for a meeting with David Salane and Gary Ebling to start the process.
- In response to Kathleen Doran-Norton’s concern for safety issues on Rice County 1 now and particularly when the Bridgewater Farms development is populated, Chair Ebling indicated that a work session will be scheduled with representatives of the city of Dundas before the March meeting of the Town Board.

d. Copies of the Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) for Bridgewater Farms are on file in the Town Hall. Comments from the public are due to the city of Dundas, attention Sue Kylo, by February 16, 2005.

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**I.2 County Zoning and Economic Development**

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a. Committee representation submissions:

- Leif Knecht, I-35 Master Planning Committee
- Gary Ebling, County Wide Economic Development Committee

b. Funding the process: Arlen Grussing will need outside resources to help “plan” the various areas and write the ordinance.

c. We need to take a prepared strategic point of view to these meetings so as to help guide the use of the County 1 area separate fro I-35 and Minnesota 19 to their respective “best” uses. Tom McMahon will represent Dundas. He will be a great ally if he is communicated with.

Chair Ebling stressed the importance of forming effective alliances with Rice County and the cities of Dundas and Northfield.

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| I.3 | Ambulance Association<br>Chair Ebling gave a report from the Ambulance Association. As a part of this Agenda item, Supervisor Liebenstein reported that the Fire Association is looking at a new pumper truck for which money has been set aside | Ebling<br>Liebenstein |
| I.4 | Meeting Rules and Notices<br>Discussion of this matter was deferred. Action item for Clerk: Mail MAT Document Number TM2100 to members of the Town Board.  | Ebling                |

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**J      Future Meetings** Clerk

- J.1 February 14, 2004 “Main Street Minnesota” meeting with Representatives Ray Cox and Steve Sviggum at The Kitchen, 212 South Division Street, Northfield, from 7:30 to 8:30 AM
- J.2 March 7, 2005 March Meeting of the Bridgewater Town Board at the Town Hall at 7:00 PM.
- J.3 Date, location, and time to be announced: Rice County Transportation Meeting

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**K      Motion to Adjourn** Supervisors

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**Reference:**

Town Officers: Supervisor and Town Board Chair Gary Ebling, Treasurer Le Ann Finger, Supervisor Leif Knecht, Supervisor Paul Liebenstein, and Clerk Mike Piper.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:  
Gary Ebling

C. Michael Piper  
Town Clerk

Supervisor, Town Board Chair