

MINUTES

JUNE, 2005 BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

June 6, 2005 – 7:00 PM

Bridgewater Town Hall

500 Railway Street South, Dundas, MN 55019

Purpose of Meeting:

- Review Minutes, finances, and the status of issues, projects, tasks, and action items for Bridgewater Township for the month of May, 2005; and plan for the month of June, 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.

A Call to Order, Roll-call of Town Officers, and Introduction of Guests Knecht

The June Meeting of the Bridgewater Town Board was called to order by Vice Char Leif Knecht at 7:00 PM. The following officers were present: Supervisors Leif Knecht, Gary Ebling and Clerk Mike Piper.

Blair Fowler from WSB and Town Attorney John Ophaug attended the meeting to discuss the status of the four anticipated road improvement projects for 2005.

B Flag Pledge Knecht

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

C Approval of Agenda Knecht

The Agenda was approved as submitted. Motion by Ebling, Second by Knecht, motion passed unanimously (Ebling aye, Knecht aye).

D Approval of Minutes from May, 2005 Town Board Meeting Piper

E Approval of Treasurer's Report Finger

The Treasurer was not present at the meeting; therefore, the Treasurer's Report will be given at the July meeting.

F Review of Claims/Deposits Received (Clerk's Record of Expenses and Revenues) Piper

The Treasurer and the Clerk met earlier in the month to prepare checks in response to claims that the Clerk received after the May, 2005 meeting of the Town Board. The Supervisors allowed those claims. Ebling, Second by Knecht, motion passed unanimously (Ebling aye, Knecht aye).

G Review of Correspondence Received, Generated, and Of Interest Piper

Correspondence received by the Clerk since the May, 2005 meeting of the Town Board was reviewed. Of particular interest:

DATE	SOURCE	PURPOSE
	Minnesota, Department of Administration	Population and households estimates as of April 1, 2004. Releasable to public on July 15, 2004 .
	<i>Northfield News</i>	Public Notice re Chloride Treatment
	<i>Northfield News</i>	Public Notice re Informational Meeting for potential road

		improvement projects on Detelemark, Edgebrook and the Farrells.
	Northfield Planning Commission	Re: revisions to Comprehensive Plan (May 10, 2005) and proposed revisions to Floodplain ordinance (May 24, 2005)
6/2/2005	Rice County P & Z	Master Plan for the Highway Commercial area along I35
5/18/2005	Science Museum of Minnesota	Re: NEMO workshop on June 25, 2005 on land-use planning and the effects of land-use on water quality and other natural resources
	Ziegler/CAT	Re: Inspection recommendation and analysis of oil sample

H	Old Business/Action Items	Supervisors
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H.1	Ambulance Report	Liebenstein
H.2	Annexation Report: Ebling reported that the following annexation documents were received by the Town Clerk: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ From the City of Dundas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Joint Resolution 2005-17 [1.95 Acres for Stoneridge Hills Subdivision] ▪ Joint Resolution 2005-18 [8.86 Acres for Bridgewater Heights Subdivision] ▪ From the Office of Administrative Hearings, Municipal Boundary Adjustment Unit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ OA-1086-5 Dundas Joint Resolution No. 2005-17 ▪ OA-1086-6 Dundas Joint Resolution No. 2005-18 	Ebling
H.3	Countywide Economic Development Committee Ebling reported that the next meeting of this committee will be on June 15, 2005. A report on this meeting is an OLD BUSINESS item for the JULY, 2005 AGENDA.	Ebling
H.4	Fire Report No report was given.	Liebenstien
H.5	Insurance Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ From MATIT: Package Policy for Property, Auto & Liability (PAL); Public Officials Liability (E&O); and Clerk & Treasurer Bond. Renewed each July 1. 	Knecht
H.6	Master Plan Development Committee for the area south of Big Steer along I-35 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Memorandum from Arlyn Grussing, Director, Rice County Planning and Zoning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Master Plan for the Highway Commercial area along I-35: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Public Hearing on June 9, 2005 ▪ Master Plan presented to Board of County Commissioners on June 14, 2005 ▪ Knecht will attend these meetings: a report on the meetings is an Old Business item for the July 2005 Agenda. ▪ An open issue for this committee is relates to a potential special taxing district. Knecht explained that two options are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Special Taxing District – 600 acres in Bridgewater ▪ Alternative to Special Taxing District – expand commercial zone to include 600 acres in Bridgewater 	Knecht
H.7	Minnesota Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ An August 2005 Agenda item. 	Knecht
H.8	Potential Road Improvement Projects	Ebling

RESOLUTION: The Supervisors presented Resolution 2005-07-01 dealing with sharing maintenance responsibilities for Baseline Road with Forest Township. The Clerk will type the Resolution and prepare it for acceptance at the July 2005 meeting of the Town Board.

MOTION: Ebling moved that WSB be instructed to prepare final plans and specifications and prepare Public Notices for the Northfield News and the Construction Bulletin. These Notices will call for sealed bids by July 5, 2005. Second by Knecht. Motion passed unanimously (Ebling aye, Knecht aye).

It is anticipated that the date for a public hearing will be set at the July 5, 2005 meeting of the Town Board, that assessment hearing will be held on July 15, 2005, and that construction will start on August 15, 2005.

The following is the status of the Town File for these four potential road improvement projects:

- 124th Court East and Edwards Way (Upper Oak Hills South)
 - Letter from McGhie & Betts, Inc April 27, 2005 re: core samples
 - Memorandum from WSB & Associates Inc dated May 2, 2005 re options regarding resurfacing, project costs, and a proposed project schedule showing construction complete on September 1, 2005
 - Informational Meeting held on April 21, 2005. Noticed by Newspaper, Town Hall, and public mailing.
- Detelemark (Morgendal)
 - Memorandum from WSB & Associates Inc dated May 2, 2005 re options regarding resurfacing, project costs, and a proposed project schedule showing construction complete on September 30, 2005
 - Informational Meeting held on May 16, 2005. Noticed by Newspaper, Town Hall, and public mailing.
- Edgebrook Drive
 - Memorandum from WSB & Associates Inc dated May 2, 2005 re options regarding resurfacing, project costs, and a proposed project schedule showing construction complete on September 30, 2005
 - Informational Meeting held on May 16, 2005. Noticed by Newspaper, Town Hall, and public mailing.
- The Farrells (Bittersweet)
 - Memorandum from WSB & Associates Inc dated May 2, 2005 re options regarding resurfacing, project costs, and a proposed project schedule showing construction complete on September 30, 2005
 - Informational Meeting held on May 16, 2005. Noticed by Newspaper, Town Hall, and public mailing.
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H.9 Road Report:

Knecht

Knecht reported on the following:

- He has contacted the Township Attorney re: the establishment of a schedule for public hearings on potential road improvement projects.
- Graveling and dust control issues will be handled by Dennis Brown.
- He has spoken with Ed Terry concerning the construction of field storm surge dikes on 124th Court to be done during Fall 2005. This action should alleviate the run-off under 124th Court East.
- Knecht said that the Board should consider the merits of turning all township gravel roads into asphalt roads
- Creation of a Road Construction and Maintenance Policy: this item was not discussed although it is an Open Action Item.
- Routes of Regionals Significant Account (reference: Tom McMahon, Dundas City Engineer)
Knecht has received the documentation that Dundas submitted to the State of Minnesota. Further discussion is an Agenda Item for the

- August 2005 meeting.
- A resolution (2005-06- number 1) re: the joint Maintenance of Baseline Road with Forest Township was passed. Motion by Knecht. Second by Ebling. Motion passed unanimously (Ebling aye, Knecht aye). The Bridgewater Township agreement with the Resolution will be effective July 1, 2005.
- A proposal from Reynolds Services, Inc. for asphalt maintenance services for Endwood, Timberlane Drive, 123rd Street, and 124th Street for \$2445 was accepted. Motion by Ebling. Second by Knecht. Motion passed unanimously (Ebling aye, Knecht aye). The Clerk was instructed to mail the signed proposal to Reynolds.

I	New Business	Supervisors
I.1	<p>Marlene Pohl and others from Wells Township to discuss annexation issues Ebling and Knecht discussed the process by which Bridgewater Township and the City of Dundas achieved the Orderly Annexation Agreement in 2004. The two Supervisors also discussed the merits of the Agreement and the benefit of using a consultant.</p> <p>The Supervisors also discussed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Both the Township and Dundas purposed to become partners in the annexation process. Both parties wanted to foster an atmosphere of cooperation and be good neighbors. ▪ A good annexation agreement is good for both the Township and the City. ▪ The tax payments that the Township will receive from the city of Dundas for road improvements. Bridgewater’s portion is 9-10% of the taxes that Dundas will collect. ▪ The Agreement with Dundas is for 1200 Acres over 30 years. Both dimensions increased over original Town objectives during the period of negotiation. ▪ 90% of the present Bridgewater Township will remain in the Township at the conclusion of the Agreement. Although the potential for additional annexation for industrial use might lessen the percentage. ▪ Townships can’t have equal powers; but they can negotiate. ▪ Given the potential for failed negotiations, contesting the city’s desires is a possibility. 	Ebling
I.2	<p>WEB site for Bridgewater Township</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ An August 2005 Agenda Item 	Finger

J	Future Meetings	Clerk
DATE	MEETING	LOCATION & TIME
7/5/2005	BRIDGEWATER TOWN BOARD MEETING	TOWN HALL, 7:00 PM
K	Motion to Adjourn	Supervisors
	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM. Motion by Ebling. Second by Knecht. Motion passed unanimously (Ebling aye, Knecht aye).</p>	

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

Respectfully submitted,

C. Michael Piper
Town Clerk

APPENDIX

Comments by Kathleen Doran-Norton

The comments I had made related to locating the I-35 commercial strip's water treatment plant next to Heath Creek.

The location of a water treatment plant is a key part of the plan - to site it on the property of a farmer who intends to continue farming for the next 20-30 years doesn't allow a clear path forward for the project.

The #9 ditch to Union Lake is the principle source of e-coli and other pollution to that lake, according to residents who volunteer as water quality inspectors. Placing a water treatment plant so that it cleans the water coming from Webster and Little Chicago and Lonsdale before it enters Union Lake, and allows lake residents to connect to as their septic systems fail would significantly improve the water quality. Siting a water treatment plant at the north end of Union Lake would also allow the Big Steer and Gramp's Corners to connect to the treatment plant. It seems to be common knowledge their septic systems have failed. Residents around Union Lake say there is a lot of clay in the soil there, and septic systems don't work well - even the mound systems.

A postscript: After the township meeting I went to the county planning meeting where an environmental planner hired by a Union Lake resident presented information. The hydro-geology of the area is such that only 40% coverage of impermeable surfaces should be considered - not the 80% in the plan. There is a blue heron rookery at the north end of Union Lake, and there are threatened plant species throughout the area. Covering 80% of the area with concrete or rooftops will affect both of these.