

MINUTES

JULY 2005 BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

July 5, 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 June 2005; and plan for the month of July 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 Liebenstein
The July Meeting of the Bridgewater Town Board was called to order by Chair Paul Liebenstein at 7:00 PM. The following officers were present: Chair Paul Liebenstein, Supervisors Leif Knecht, Gary Ebling, Treasurer Le Ann Finger and Clerk Mike Piper.

B Flag Pledge Liebenstein
Liebenstein invited all present to rise and pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

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

D Approval of Minutes from June 2005 Town Board Meeting Piper

E Approval of Treasurer's Report Finger
The Treasurer's Report for May 2005 and June 2005 were approved.

F Review of Claims Received (Clerk's Record of Expenses) Piper
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 June 2005 meeting of the Town Board was reviewed.

H Old Business/Action Items Supervisors

H.1 Earlier in this year, the Town Board identified four potential road improvement projects for 2005. Informational meetings for Township residents were held on April 21, 2005 (124th Court East and Edwards Way), and on May 16, 2005 (DeTelemark Road, Edgebrook Drive, Farrell Avenue, Farrell Circle, Farrell Court, and Farrell Way). Notices were published in the *Northfield News* and the Construction Bulletin saying that sealed bids would be received by Bridgewater Township at the office of the Town Clerk until 7 PM Tuesday July 5, 2005.

H.2 Sealed bids received for the potential road improvement projects were opened and read by the Town Chair. The bids were delivered to Blair Fowler of WSB for analysis and review. Mr. Fowler will advise the Township concerning his findings. The total costs presented in those bids are:

BMI	\$197,305.00
Crane Creek	\$219,866.65
MacNamara	\$244,625.50

H.3 Finance bids from three banks were read by the Town Chair:

First National Bank of Northfield	5 yrs @ 4.0%	10 yrs @ 4.5%
Community National Bank	5 yrs @ 4.0%	10 yrs @ 4.5%
Fransen	5 yrs @ 4.5%	10 yrs @ 5.25%

H.4 The Town Board passed two resolutions relating to the four potential road improvement projects:

- A resolution was passed setting the Public Hearing on July 25, 2005.
- A resolution was passed directing the Supervisor Knecht and Blair Fowler (of WSB) to prepare the assessment roll (amount to be assessed for residents living on the four potential road improvement projects).

H.5 July 25, 2005

A Public Hearing will be called on the potential road improvement projects for July 25, 2005 at the times listed below at the Town Hall:

- 7:00 PM DeTelemark Road
- 7:15 PM Farrell Avenue, Farrell Way, Farrell Circle, and Farrell Court
- 7:30 PM Edgebrook Drive
- 7:45 PM 124th Court East and Edwards Way

Public Notices for these meeting will be placed in the *Northfield News* and mailed to residents by John Ophaug, Township Attorney.

H.6 July 25, 2005; August 18, 2005 & September 18, 2005

A Special Meeting of the Town Board to act on the four potential road improvement projects will be held on July 25, 2005 at 8 PM at the Town Hall. A Public Notice about this meeting will be placed in the *Northfield News* and posted on the Town Hall by the Town Clerk.

It is anticipated that the Town Board will hold a Special Assessment Hearing for these potential road improvements on August 18, 2005 at the Town Hall. After which the Town Board will convene a Special Meeting to order the assessments. At this point, the 30-day period commences to file objections. If no objections are filed, the projects will proceed and construction will begin on or around September 18, 2005.

I New Business

Supervisors

I.1 Mr. Rodney Little indicated his intention not to seek access to DeTelemark Road. John Ophaug will write a letter on Mr. Little's behalf asking that he not be assessed for road improvements on DeTelemark Road.

- I.2 Mr. Thibodeau, Township resident living on Edgebrook Drive, sought to have one assessment for his three lots. The Town Board decided that in order to affect this, it would be necessary for the three lots be platted into one lot by July 25, 2005.
- I.3 Tom McMahon (Dundas) and Heidi Hamilton (Northfield) reviewed the present Dundas-Northfield Sewer Agreement.
- I.4 Leif Knecht reported that he attended two meetings for the Master Plan Development Committee for the area south of Big Steer along I-35. Although Knecht observed that the process is moving forward despite the present law suit to halt development in that area, Knecht said that he is disappointed in the planning process. He observed that the matter is being pushed through on the fast track and that not much integrated planning is being done. As to the no-build option, Knecht said that, in his opinion, the option had not been fully discussed. The Committee voted 9-3 against considering the no-bid option; Knecht voted for the option.
- I.5 The Town Board discussed the anticipated effect of increased traffic on Town Roads from the development along I-35. At issue, are where the economic benefits of the development will fall and what role Rice County will play in the rebuilding of those Town Roads affected by the development.
- I.6 Liebenstein discussed the proposed housing development and golf course on Baseline Road in Forest Township. Liebenstein said that he assumed that the developer would blacktop the road.
- I.7 The Town Board indicated that it has no issue with the annexation of the Enfield property on the northeast corner of Minnesota 3 and Rice County 1, provided the annexation does not conflict with the terms of the existing Annexation Agreement between Bridgewater Township and Northfield. A copy of that Agreement is in the Township File. Knecht will write a letter to the City of Northfield discussing the issue. Mr. Thomas Heiberg, a developer interested in the property, attended the meeting.
- I.8 Matters to be deferred to a later meeting include the following:
- Minnesota Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA). This matter will be addressed by Ebling and Knecht. A Special Meeting dealing with the issue is anticipated
 - Bridgewater Township Website. Le Ann Finger is working on creating the website.

Future meetings and events:

DATE	MEETING	LOCATION & TIME
7/6/2005	OPEN HOUSE FOR RICE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION PLAN	TOWN HALL 5:30-7:30 PM
7/13/2005	RICE COUNTY EMS PROVIDER COUNCIL NORTH AMBULANCE (NEW LOCATION), 1226 WILLOW ST.	FARIBAULT, 7-9 PM
7/14/2005	TOWNSHIP OFFICERS SUMMER SHORT COURSE HOLIDAY INN SOUTH	ROCHESTER, 10 AM – 4 PM
7/25/2005	PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR POTENTIAL ROAD IMPROVEMENTS	TOWN HALL, STARTING AT 7 PM

7/25/2005	SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD TO ACT ON THE FOUR POTENTIAL ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS	TOWN HALL, 8 PM
8/1/2005	BRIDGEWATER TOWN BOARD MEETING	TOWN HALL, 7 PM
8/18/2005	TWO MEETINGS: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ SPECIAL ASSESS HEARING▪ SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD TO ORDER THE ASSESSMENTS	TOWN HALL, 7 PM

K Motion to Adjourn

Supervisors

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM. Motion by Ebling. Second by Knecht. Motion passed unanimously (Ebling aye, Knecht aye, Liebenstein aye).

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