

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 2005 BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

September 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 August 2005; and plan for the month of September 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 August 2005 Town Board Meeting Piper

E Approval of Treasurer's Report Finger
The Treasurer's Report for August 2005 was 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 August 2005 meeting of the Town Board was reviewed.

H Old Business/Action Items Supervisors

H.1 **Reports on meetings attended**
Gary Ebling reported on the 4th District Minnesota Association of Townships meeting and the Rice County Economic Development Committee 3 (Countywide Economic Development Initiative) meeting; Leif Knecht reported on the Rice County Economic Development Committee 1 (Master Development Committee for Implementation of Zoning Change, or, I35/Rice County 46 between Minnesota 19 and Rice County 1) meeting.

Knecht reported that momentum is building in Committee 1 to postpone the December 31, 2005 deadline. The concern is that the development be phased, targeted, and orderly.

Ebling reported that Committee 3 will meet on October 5, 2005 at 7:00 PM in Conference Room 3 in the Rice County Government Center. The meeting will feature a panel of those who have adopted city-wide economic development.

I	New Business	Supervisors
I.1	Dundas Annexation of 18 Acres of DeMann/Lee property The Supervisors unanimously supported the annexation of 18 acres of DeMann/Lee property for the College City Beverage project. The Supervisors also supported Resolution 2005-09-A asking that “all future developments ... be planned around the designated east-west road corridor” and that road plans “avoid the creation of more dangerous S-curves”	
I.2	Estimate for Culvert Replacement on 124th Court East The Town received an estimate and agreement for Bituminous Materials, LLC for \$23,000.00 to remove and replace the Culvert on 124 th Court East.	
I.3	Bridgewater Township Web site Le Ann Finger reported that the Township web site is operational at www.bridgewatertp.org .	
I.4	Road Maintenance Agreement with Rice County Highway Department The Clerk was instructed to deliver two copies of an Agreement for Road Maintenance Services (for snow and ice removal and the applications of sand/salt admixtures) to the Rice County Highway Department and one copy to the Dundas City Hall. Copies were also given to Dennis Brown and the Supervisors.	
I.5	Reconciliation of the Treasurer’s Report with the Clerk’s Report The Clerk will seek meetings outside of the Monthly Town Board Meeting with the Treasurer to reconcile these two reports.	
I.6	Combined Polling Place The Supervisors decided not to pursue a combined polling place with the City of Dundas.	
I.7	Road Work on 115th Street The Supervisors expressed their opinion that 115 th Street should be blacktopped before Bridgewater Heights uses it an access point. Liebenstein will talk with the City of Dundas relative to this concern.	
I.8	Tree Trimming/removal for the Road Improvement Projects The Supervisors decided to have H&H Tree Service to trim and/or remove trees, as required, in preparation for the four 2005 road improvement projects.	
I.9	County Road 1 a Top Priority for Rice County Highway Department Ebling reported that because of anticipate traffic volumes, fixing the path and safety of Rice County 1 is a top priority for the Rice County Highway Department. No design details or schedule were given.	

K	Motion to Adjourn The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM. Motion by Ebling. Second by Knecht.	Supervisors
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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