

MINUTES

OCTOBER 2005 BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

October 3, 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 September 2005; and plan for the month of October 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 October Meeting of the Bridgewater Town Board was called to order by Chair Paul Liebenstein at 7:00 PM. All Township 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 for the flag pledge.

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

D Approval of Minutes from September 2005 Town Board Meeting Piper
The Minutes from the September 2005 meeting of the town board were approved as presented. Motion by Ebling, second by Knecht. Motion passed unanimously; Ebling aye, Knecht aye, Liebenstein aye.

E Approval of Treasurer's Report Finger
The Treasurer's Report for September 2005 was approved as submitted. Motion by Ebling, second by Knecht. Motion passed unanimously; Ebling aye, Knecht aye, Liebenstein aye.

F Review of Claims Received Piper
The claims received since the September 2005 meeting were reviewed. Supervisors allowed those claims to be paid.

G Review of Correspondence Received and Generated Piper
Correspondence received by the Clerk since the September 2005 meeting of the Town Board was reviewed.

H Old Business/Action Items Supervisors

H.1 **2005 Meeting minutes posted on website**
The January through August minutes of the townboard meetings have been uploaded to the Bridgewater Township website. The address is www.bridgewatertp.org

H.2 Status of Road Improvement Projects

All four road improvement projects are moving forward; completion is expected before snow fall.

H.3 Planning Commission Update

The Supervisors reported the following:

- Ebling hosted a meeting with Jim Brown (Rice County Commissioner), Tom McMahon (Dundas City Engineer) and several people from the Target Corporation. Ebling reported the consensus of the group was that no retailer would want to locate on I-35.
- It was reported that the Supervisors will seek a delay in the 12/31/05 deadline for activities on County 46 between Minnesota 19 and Rice County 1. Knecht said he would write a Resolution seeking the delay of H/C zoning “until in-depth market analysis and very sepcific targeted, phased, orderly and contiguous ordinances, zoning and performance standards can be formulated in detail.”
- Leibenstein reported that sewer development is a pacing item in the Bridgewater Heights and Stoneridge Hills developments in Dundas.

H.4 CRWP

Bruce Morlan reported he has been invited to participate in an advisory committee for the Cannon River Watershed project.

H.5 115th Street

The Supervisors observed that portions of 115th Street is still a Township road and the Bridgewater Heights should not have access to that road until it is paved with asphalt.

H.6 Roads in Dundas

The Supervisors observed that not all the annexation revenue received from Dundas must be spent on the improvement of 115th Street.

I New Business

Supervisors

I.1 Town Elections, March 14, 2006

Piper reviewed the schedule of dates leading up to the March 2006 Election

- 12/23/05 – last day to post notice of filing
- 01/03/06 – candidate filing opens at 8 a.m. for township elections (one supervisor and the clerk)
- 01/17/06 – candidate filing closes at 5 p.m.
- 01/19/06 – candidate withdrawal period closes
- 01/20/06 – last day to notify county auditor of township election
- 02/17/06 – last day to appoint election judges
- 03/03/06 – last day to publish or post notice of township election
- 03/10/06 – last day to post sample ballot for township election
- 03/11/06 – Clerk available at Town Hall from 10 a.m. to noon for absentee voting
- 03/14/06 – annual township election

J Future Meetings

October 4 – Joint Government meeting at Northfield Town Hall at 7 p.m.

November 7 – Bridgewater Town Board at Bridgewater Town Hall at 7 p.m.

K Motion to Adjourn

Supervisors

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 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