

MINUTES

BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

**June 5, 2006 – 7 PM**

Bridgewater Town Hall  
500 Railway Street South, Dundas, MN 55019

**MINUTES, June 5, 2006 – 7 PM– MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD, Bridgewater Town Hall, 500 Railway Street South, Dundas, MN 55019**

- A Call to Order, Roll-call of Town Officers, and Introduction of Guests** Knecht  
Chair Knecht called the June 2006 Meeting of the Town Board to order at 7:00 PM. All Town Officers were present, Kathleen Doran-Norton (Supervisor), Gary Ebling (Supervisor and Town Board Vice Chair), Le Ann Finger (Treasurer), Leif Knecht (Supervisor and Town Board Chair), and Mike Piper (Clerk).
- B Flag Pledge** Knecht  
Knecht invited all present to rise for the pledge of allegiance.
- C Approval of Agenda** Knecht  
The Agenda was approved as presented in these Minutes. Motion by Ebling; second by Doran-Norton; motion passed unanimously (Doran-Norton aye, Ebling aye, and Knecht aye).
- D Approval of Minutes from May 2006 Town Board Meeting** Piper  
The Minutes from the May 2006 Meeting of the Town Board were approved. Motion by Ebling, second by Doran-Norton; motion passed unanimously (Doran-Norton aye, Ebling aye, and Knecht aye).
- E Approval of Treasurer’s Report** Finger  
The Treasurer’s Report was approved. Motion by Doran-Norton, second by Ebling; motion passed unanimously (Doran-Norton aye, Ebling aye, and Knecht aye).
- F Review of Claims/Deposits Received** Piper  
The claims presented were reviewed and paid. Motion by Doran-Norton, second by Ebling; motion passed unanimously (Doran-Norton aye, Ebling aye, and Knecht aye).
- G Review of Correspondence Received and Generated** Piper  
Correspondence received since the last monthly meeting of the Town Board of Supervisors was reviewed by the Clerk and is on file at the Town Hall.

**G.1 Public Comment**

Bruce Morlan registered a complaint about safety on 115<sup>th</sup> Street. Morlan cited the need for a sign, that there is a considerable amount of truck traffic on the road, and that an isolation berm or fence was promised that has not been installed. The Supervisors agreed that this matter will be a July 2006 Agenda item.

Stephanie Hendricksen reported that some who opposed option 4 (new County Road 1) are looking to County 8 as an option. Hendricksen is opposed to the County 8 option.

**H Old Business/Action Items**

Supervisors

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| H.1 | Report on the status of the four Road Improvement Projects (2005)<br>Knecht reported that the asphalt work on these projects is substantially complete. Specifically mentioned were the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ An additional layer of asphalt will be applied in Telemark from Highway 3 to where the loop starts.</li><li>▪ Shouldering work is to be completed on 124<sup>th</sup> Court East, Edwards Way and Bittersweet.</li><li>▪ Final work on the four road improvement projects is expected to be completed in mid July 2006.</li><li>▪ Knecht will speak with John Ophaug, Township Attorney, concerning the status of the Bond.</li></ul> | Knecht |
| H.2 | Update: Road Corridor (CSAH 1) Study<br>Knecht reported that the next round table discussion on this matter will be held on June 12, 2006. The purpose of the study is to find out where the road should go to safely and efficiently move the expected level of traffic. The advice of professionals will be given during the round table discussions.  | Knecht |
| H.3 | Update on Road Policy Meeting<br>The next meeting on this subject is scheduled for June 19, 2006 at 7 PM at the Bridgewater Town Hall.   | Ebling |
| H.4 | Township Road Gravel<br>The 2006 graveling of the Township roads will begin next Tuesday.  | Brown  |
| H.5 | Bridge Cleaning<br>Work on this task has begun. When the task is complete, Brown will deliver a report.  | Brown  |
| H.6 | Miscellaneous Other<br>Ebling reported that some ditch brush cutting and spraying is anticipated for this year. Residents are reminded that the Township has a 33-foot right-of-way from the center of the road.<br><br>Knecht reported that traffic counts were completed on 10 township roads.   | Ebling |
| H.7 | Soy-based Dust Control and Grant Money for Road Improvements   | Doran- |

No reports were given on these two items.

Norton

**I New Business**

Supervisors  
Ebling

**I.1 Proposed Ethanol plant.**

Revis L. Stephenson III, Chairman of Advanced BioEnergy LLC, discussed a potential ethanol plant that his company would like to build in Bridgewater Township. Some notations from Mr. Stephenson's presentation:

- The plant would cost \$150 M to build.
- A public announcement is expected in 2 weeks to 30 days.
- The plant would produce 100 M gallons of ethanol per year.
- The plant would emit no water emissions and only low air emissions.
- There will be no smell beyond 100 yards from the plant
- The plant will require 36 M bushels of corn per year.
- The plant will be twice the size of the facility in Clairmont, Minnesota.
- Advanced BioEnergy is seeking approximately 200 acres.
- The inside of the plant will be 50-60 acres in size.
- The plant will require 150-200 trucks (semis) a day for corn supply.
- The plant will require 750 to 900 gallons of water per minute, 24 hours per day.
- The plant will be built by Fagen.
- The plant would discharge into Wolf Creek.
- An Environmental Work Sheet probably would be required.
- The developer would seek Tax Increment Financing.

Several residents expressed concerns in the following areas:

- Would well water for neighboring homes and farms be drawn down?
- Safety issues.
- Environmental issues: noise, smell, water discharge.
- Land values
- Funds and a plan for recovery to original condition were the facility to fail.

Knech advised Stephenson to prepare – with specifics – for a later meeting where the public would be invited to comment.

**I.2 New Computer Printer for Town Hall**

The Board of Supervisors approved a purchase of a new computer printer for the Town Hall. The estimated cost is \$1200.00. Motion by Doran-Norton, second by Ebling. Motion passed unanimously (Doran-Norton aye, Ebling aye, and Knecht aye).

**J Future Meetings, notably:**

Piper

**J.1** Monday, June 12, 2006 at 5:30 PM at the Bridgewater Town Hall:  
Third CSAH 1 Corridor Study Meeting

**J. 2** Monday, June 19, 2006 at 7 PM at the Bridgewater Town Hall:

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Work Session on Town Road Policy, status of Northfield Annexation payments, and status of annexation legislation

J.3 Monday, July 10, 2006 at 7 PM at the Bridgewater Town Hall:  
July, 2006 Meeting of the Bridgewater Board of Supervisors

**K Motion to Adjourn**

Supervisors

The June, 2006 Meeting of the Bridgewater Board of Supervisors was adjourned at 8:53 PM. Motion by Doran-Norton, second by Ebling. Motion passed unanimously (Doran-Norton aye, Ebling aye, and Knecht aye).

**Reference:** Town Officers: Cheri Albers, Deputy Clerk and Treasurer; Kathleen Doran-Norton, Supervisor; Gary Ebling, Supervisor and Town Vice Chair; Le Ann Finger, Treasurer and Webmaster; Leif Knecht, Supervisor and Town Board Chair; and Mike Piper, Clerk.