

MINUTES

BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

**July 10, 2006 – 7 PM**

Bridgewater Town Hall

500 Railway Street South, Dundas, MN 55019

**MINUTES, July 10, 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 July 2006 Meeting of the Town Board to order at 7:00 PM. All Town Officers were present, namely, 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).
- Mark Murphy, candidate for Rice County Sherriff addressed the meeting. Mr. Murphy invited residents to call him if they have questions.
- Senator Neuville delivered his personal greeting and that from the City of Dundas.
- 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 June 2006 Town Board Meeting** Piper  
The review and approval of the minutes from the June 2006 Town Board Meeting was postponed.
- 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, notably:** Piper
1. Ebling received an email from Carolyn Braun dated July 10, 2006

stating that there is an attorney general's opinion that "the county cannot move forward with approving an application that is prohibited or otherwise regulated under a town interim ordinance."

2. Rice County participation on the Minnesota Cooperative Purchasing Program. No action was taken on this during the July, 2006 meeting of the Town Board. IT WILL BE AN AGENDA ITEM FOR THE AUGUST, 2006 MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD.
3. The MATIT Package (Insurance) Policy for July 1, 2006 – July 1, 2007.
4. The Watershed Watcher (Cannon River Watershed Partnership) June, 2006 issue containing information on wastewater. THE CLERK WILL PREPARE A SET OF INFORMATION FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING STUDY COMMITTEE AND INCLUSION ON THE TOWNSHIP WEB SITE.

**H Public Comment**

No Public Comment was given.

**I Old Business/Action Items**

- I.1 Update: Bridgewater Township Ordinance 2006-1 (re Planning & Zoning).

Supervisors  
Knecht

It was moved by Knecht that the Township engage Carolyn Braun as the consultant for the planning and zoning study task and that Ebling be designated as the Township contact person. Second by Doran-Norton. Motion passed unanimously (Doran-Norton aye, Ebling aye, and Knecht aye).

Knecht observed that all activities relating to the planning and zoning study, as is true for all Township activities, must be "clear, open, transparent, and in accordance with the open meeting law."

Volunteers for the study committee will be interviewed by the Township Board on July 25, 2006. The Clerk will prepare a Public Notice inviting candidates, in addition to those who volunteered on June 23, 2006 and July 3, 2006, to indicate their interest to the Clerk no later than Friday, July 21, 2006. Further the Clerk was instructed to prepare a letter and response form and mail them to the volunteers on July 21, 2006.

It is anticipated that all three Supervisors will be members of the study committee. Further, it is anticipated that all members of the study committee will devote 10 to 20 hours per month for committee activities.

- I.2 Request by Advanced BioEnergy for a Meeting with Public Officials on Friday, July 14, 2006.

Ebling

Knecht reported that he would attend the meeting to listen and to impress on Advanced BioEnergy that Bridgewater Township is serious about the interim ordinance. Bruce Morlan observed that because big government and big agriculture is for ethanol, it does no good to debate

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the matter.

- I.3 Update: CSAH 1 Road Corridor Study Ebling

Ebling reported that the next meeting for this study is scheduled for August 10, 2006. In response to the an anticipated Memorandum of Agreement, the Board moved to approve an expenditure of \$12,500.00 to support the CSAH 1 Corridor Preservation Study which will last for one (1) year. Motion by Ebling; second by Doran-Norton; motion passed unanimously (Doran-Norton aye, Ebling aye, and Knecht aye).

- I.4 Northfield Annexation Payments. Review map & schedule field trip Doran-Norton

Doran-Norton reviewed the annexation map and reported that the process of tracking annexation payments is on-going. A further report is anticipated.

- I.5 Update: Township Road Policy Ebling

No specific update was given on the Township Road Policy. The next work session for the policy is scheduled for August 3, 2006.

- I.6 Update: Dundas Comp Plan Doran-Norton

No specific update was given on the Dundas Comp Plan. It is anticipated that the Plan will be reviewed by the Board on August 3, 2006.

Kraig Quamme reported to the Board that the elevation of the new College City Beverage building has been raised. His comments were a complaint.

- I.7 Report on the Status of the Four Road Improvement Projects (2005) Knecht

Mr. Blair Fowler of WSB said that core samples taken on the roads this spring have been positive and that BMI will complete all the work on the 2005 Road Improvement Projects by July 15, 2006. Knecht reported that he had received a final invoice from BMI for \$141,936.58. Previously, the Township has paid \$55,000.00 to BMI.

Mike Piper observed that in addition to the work to be completed on Detelemark Road cited in Bituminous Material's July 6, 2006 letter to Leif Knecht, dirt and seeding work needs to be completed on 124<sup>th</sup> Court East and Edwards Way.

It was moved by Ebling that the final invoice be paid when all the work on the 2005 road improvement projects has been completed; second by Doran-Norton; motion passed unanimously (Doran-Norton aye, Ebling aye, and Knecht aye).

Knecht observed that it might be a good idea to commence the initial steps towards a road improvement project for Eaton Ave.

- I.8 Status of Township Road Gaveling and Bridge Cleaning Brown

Brown reported that approximately \$35,000 has been spent on road materials to date in 2006. Plans for ditch cutting and spraying in 2006 will be discussed at the August, 2006 meeting of the Town Board.

**J New Business**

- J.1 Authorize Clerk to Select Election Judges for September and November Elections Supervisors

The Board authorized the Clerk, Mike Piper, and the Deputy Clerk, Cheri Albers to select election judges for the September and November, 2006 elections to be held at the Town Hall. Motion by Ebling; second by Doran-Norton; motion passed unanimously (Doran-Norton aye, Ebling aye, and Knecht aye).

Election Judges appointed for the September 12, 2006 Primary Election are listed in Attachment B.

- J.2 Review Publication from Cannon River Watershed Partnership Piper

**K Future Meetings, notably:**

- K.1 July 13, 2006 MAT Training Piper  
K.2 July 13, 2006 CSAH 1 Meeting. 5:30 PM at the Bridgewater Town Hall  
K.3 July 14, 2006 Meeting with Public Officials Requested by Advanced BioEnergy. Time and Place to be determined.  
K.3 August 9 &10, 2006 Training on New Election Equipment, Rice County  
K.4 August 15, 2006 Monthly Meeting of the Town Board. 7 p.m. at the Bridgewater Town Hall  
K.5 August 29-31, 2006 Election Judge Training

**L Motion to Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m. Motion by Ebling; second by Doran-Norton; motion passed unanimously (Doran-Norton aye, Ebling aye, and Knecht aye). Supervisors

**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.