

MINUTES

BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

**August 15, 2006 – 7 PM**

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

**MINUTES**, August 15, 2006 – 7 p.m. – MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD,  
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- A Call to Order, Roll-call of Town Officers, and Introduction of Guests** Knecht  
Chair Knecht called the August 2006 Meeting of the Town Board to order at 7:20 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).
- 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 July 2006 Town Board Meeting** Piper  
The Minutes of the July 10, 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  
The Clerk reviewed the correspondence received since the July Meeting of the Town Board. Notably:
1. From Rice County: News Release Notice of Primary Election; News Release Absentee Voting; News Release Bagley Avenue Closure; News Release New Election Equipment to be Demonstrated at the County Fair; Notice of Planning Commission Hearing re welding shops as conditional uses within Agriculture district

2. From Tom McMahon to Gary Ebling New Changes on Annexation Laws; re Minnesota Cooperative Purchasing Program;
3. From Mike Piper Schedules for Training for the Primary Election Judges;
4. From David Brown Associates: Rice County Business Subsidy Policy
5. From Minnesota Association of Townships: MATIT Package Policy Renewal Declaration Pages July 1, 2006 – July 1, 2007.
6. From Yaggy Colby Associates: Traffic Volume Counts.

**H Public Comment**

Stephanie Hendricksen referenced Professor Hill’s article about ethanol.

**I Old Business/Action Items**

Supervisors  
Luebbe

I.1 Dennis Luebbe, State Participation in Corridor Study

The Town Board of Supervisors passed a Resolution presented by Mr. Luebbe that “supports the Rice County application for grant funds from the Local Road Improvement Program, Rural Road Safety Account, for improvements to the existing CSAH 1, and ... encourages the award of grant funds to the Rice County Highway Department for the proposed improvements.” Motion to pass the Resolution by Ebling; second by Doran-Norton; motion passed unanimously (Doran-Norton aye, Ebling aye, Knecht aye). The Motion was signed by Knecht and attested to by Piper. The Motion is on file in the Town Motions and Resolutions binder.

I.2 Annexation Law Changes

Ebling

Ebling referenced the correspondence from Tom McMahon (above); Piper referenced the article by Kent Sulem on page 5 of the July-August issue of the *Minnesota Township News*.

I.3 Rice County Rezoning of I-35 Corridor

Ebling

Progress on the Corridor study was discussed. Specifics on this study are on file.

I.4 Planning and Zoning Study Committee

Ebling

Progress by the Study Committee was discussed. Specifics are on the proceedings of the committee are on file.

I.5 2005 Road Improvement Projects

Knecht

John Opaug, Township Attorney, presented Final Bond Information concerning the 2005 Road Improvement Projects. The Town Chair, Clerk, and Treasurer will sign the bond documents in August. The Clerk noted that all work has not been completed and that final payment can not be made until all work is completed and the project engineer has completed and submitted the Town Road Work Contract Completion Certificate (Minn. Stat. № 160.17, subd. 3). The Clerk delivered the Completion Certificate to Knecht who had Blair Fowler complete it.

I.6 Election Judges appointed for September 12, 2006 Primary Election

Piper

The Clerk presented the list of election judges.

**J New Business**

J.1 Review of Dundas Comp Plan

Doran-Norton

The Supervisors agreed to forward their review comments on this

Plan to Doran-Norton who will assemble a response from Bridgewater Township to the Dundas Planning Commission.

- J.2 Rice County Business Subsidy Policy Ebling  
Although the Board will further examine this policy, the Board's initial reaction was not favorable.
- J.3 Minnesota Cooperative Purchasing Program Ebling  
The Board instructed the Clerk to consult with Gary Weiers, County Administrator, about this cooperative purchasing program, and, if it looks favorable to enroll the township.
- J.4 Candidate Forum Piper  
The Board asked the Clerk to contact candidates for State Senate, State House, and County Sherriff for a potential candidates forum on October 16, 2006 at 7 p.m. at the Bridgewater Town Hall.
- J.5 Great River Energy request Ebling  
Supervisors Ebling and Knecht will further examine this matter.
- K Future Meetings, notably:** Piper
- K.1 November 2, 2006 Joint Government Meeting at the Bridgewater Town Hall at 7 p.m.
- K.2 August 16, 2006 First Meeting of the Planning and Zoning Study Committee at the Bridgewater Town Hall at 7 p.m.
- K.3 September 12, 2006 Primary Election at the Bridgewater Town Hall at 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- K.3 August 21, 2006 Bridgewater Township Road Policy Meeting at the Bridgewater Town Hall at 7 p.m.
- L Motion to Adjourn** Supervisors  
The Meeting was adjourned at 9:17 p.m. Motion by Ebling; second by Doran-Norton; motion passed unanimously (Doran-Norton aye, Ebling aye, and Knecht aye).

Respectfully submitted,

C. Michael Piper  
Town Clerk

**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.