

MINUTES

BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

January 8, 2007 – 7 PM

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 January 2007 Meeting of the Town Board to order at 7:08 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).
- David Salene, Consultant, along with several township residents attended the meeting.
- 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 the December 2006 Town Board Meeting** Piper
The Minutes of the December 11, 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 Ebling; second by Doran-Norton; motion passed unanimously (Doran-Norton aye, Ebling aye, and Knecht aye).
- F Review of Claims/Deposits Received** Piper
Claims presented were reviewed and paid.
- G Review of Correspondence Received and Generated** Piper
Correspondence received since the December 2006 Monthly Meeting of the Town Board was reviewed.
- H Public Comment (non-Agenda matters)**
Jerry Anderson, candidate for Supervisor, reminded the board about meeting of the candidate forum scheduled for January 16, 2007.
- Steve Albers spoke about the Mill Towns Trail effort. A report will be given at the February 2007 Meeting of the Town Board. Someone from the project is expected to attend the meeting.

I Old Business/Action Items

- I.1 Status of Worker's Compensation Insurance Finger
A check was prepared during the meeting to pay the Township Worker's Compensation Insurance for 2007.
- I.2 Status of PERA Annual Exclusion Report Knecht

J New Business

- J.1 Report on Planning and Zoning Knecht
Knecht read a proposed draft of Ordinance Number 2007-1, an Ordinance Establishing a Planning Commission for Bridgewater Township. The requirements for several adjustments were noted; Carolyn Braun, P&Z Consultant, will be asked to prepare a revised version that will be approved by the Board and signed by the Town Chair and Town Clerk on January 17, 2007. Ebling moved to approve Ordinance Number 2007-1 after noted adjustments are made; second by Doran-Norton; motion passed unanimously (Doran-Norton aye, Ebling aye, and Knecht aye).

Planning Commission.

Sixteen applications for the Planning Commission were received by the Town Board. All 16 candidates were considered "strong" by the Board; all candidates are willing to serve in support roles (Citizen Liaisons, for example) if not selected by the Board.

The following residents were selected by the Town Board to serve on the Bridgewater Township Planning Commission:

- John Klockman
- Les Sanford
- Jeff Stremcha

The Bridgewater Township Supervisor on the Planning Commission will be Gary Ebling. The Dundas representative on the Planning Commission will be Chad Marks, Dundas Mayor.

Jim Braun will serve as Interim Zoning Administrator.

- J.2 Candidate Forum Knecht
A Candidate Forum will be held at the Town Hall on January 16, 2007.

- J.3 Research Projects Status: Ebling/Salene
David Salene reported that his work is continuing on the analysis of the Northfield/Dundas Tax Repayment Agreement and the Township Road Policy. Salene reported that the Road Policy is waiting on input from Bolton-Menk (engineering firm).

Salene also said that he would start work on a template for a Development Agreement which is development specific and defines permitted structures and allowed uses.

Re Advanced BioEnergy

During this discussion, Knecht observed that the Township should keep open communications with Advanced BioEnergy (the concern interested in building an ethanol plant on Rice County Highway 8. Knecht noted those communications should not create the impression that the township is at the "beck and call" of Advanced BioEnergy. Some mention was made that if ethanol is not a permitted agricultural

usage in the Bridgewater Zoning Ordinance, Advanced BioEnergy might be interested in locating a grain terminal on Rice County Highway 8.

J.4 Development of a Model for Financial Budgeting, Forecasting, Planning, and Reporting Ebling

Discussion of this topic was delayed until following the Board of Audit Meeting.

J.7 Dundas Development Drainage Issues. Ebling
Reference Quamme and Rock properties.

J.8 March 2007 Town Election Piper
The following township residents have filed for the 2007 Election. For Supervisor, Leif Knecht (incumbent), Jerry Anderson and Mike Piper. For Treasurer, Le Ann Finger, (incumbent).

The administrative responsibilities for the Town Election have been assigned to Cheri Albers, Deputy Clerk.

J.9 Possible Meeting with Dundas Prior to the January 24, 2007 Meeting with Northfield regarding the Northfield Comp Plan Knecht

K Future Meetings, notably: Piper

DATE	TIME	PURPOSE	LOCATION
01/09/07	7 p.m.	Public Meeting for proposed Eaton Ave et al Road Improvement Project	Bridgewater Town Hall
01/10/07	7 p.m.	Planning and Zoning: Vision and Goals	Bridgewater Town Hall
01/10/07	6 p.m.	Rice County Public Informational/Input Meeting: Shoreland Planned Uni Development Update. 6:00-7:00 PM Open House. 7:00 PM Presentation followed by Q&A Session.	Rice County Government Services Building: Conference Room 3A&B/
01/12/07	10:30 a.m.	Mill Towns Trail Joint Powers Board: presentation by MN DNR	Rice County Government Services Building
01/16/07	7 p.m.	Candidate Forum	Bridgewater Town Hall
01/17/07	12 p.m.	Special Town Board Meeting with Dundas officials re: planning and zoning	Perkins, Highway 3
01/17/07	7 p.m.	Special Town Board Meeting re Eaton Ave and P&Z matters (eg, retaining a P&Z Administrator. Weekly meeting of Planning Commission	Bridgewater Town Hall
01/17/07	7-9 p.m.	Rice County EMS Provider Council	District One Hospital, first floor Administrative Conference Room.
01/18/07	7-8:30 p.m.	Forum: Biofuels Basics: Energetics, Expectations, Environment, and Economics. Presented by Dr. Jason Hill, Dept. of Applied Economics, University of Minnesota.	Science Center, St. Olaf College
01/24/07	7:30-9 a.m.	Elected Officials and Staff Roundtable	Council Chambers, Northfield City Hall
02/05/07	6 p.m.	Township Board of Audit	Bridgewater Town Hall.
02/12/07	7 p.m.	February 2007 meeting of the Bridgewater Town Board.	Bridgewater Town Hall

L Motion to Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 PM. Motion by Ebling; second by Doran-Norton: 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.