

MINUTES

BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

**February 12, 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** Ebling  
Vice Chair Ebling called the February 2007 Meeting of the Town Board to order at 7:02 p.m. The following Town Officers were present: Kathleen Doran-Norton (Supervisor), Gary Ebling (Supervisor and Town Board Vice Chair), Le Ann Finger (Treasurer), and Mike Piper (Clerk). Leif Knecht (Supervisor and Town Board Chair) was absent.
- B Flag Pledge** Ebling  
Ebling invited all present to rise for the pledge of allegiance.
- C Approval of Agenda** Ebling  
By MOTION by Doran-Norton, the Agenda for the February 12, 2007 meeting of the Town Board were approved; second by Ebling; motion passed unanimously (Doran-Norton aye, Ebling aye).
- D Approval of Minutes from the January 8, 2007 Town Board Meeting** Ebling  
The Minutes of the January 8, 2007 Meeting of the Town Board were approved. Motion by Doran-Norton, second by Ebling; motion passed unanimously (Doran-Norton aye, Ebling 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).
- 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 January 2007 meeting of the Town Board was reviewed. The correspondence is on file.

The following are noted:

- From Tom McMahon to Gary Ebling, August 1, 2006: new changes in annexation laws.
- From Peter Tiede: holding a referendum to determine whether an ethanol plant should be permitted.
- From Deb Knecht to Mike Piper, February 9, 2007: assessment for Gill/Knecht property belongs to Gill. Motion to approve by Doran-Norton; second by Ebling; motion passed unanimously (Doran-Norton aye, Ebling aye).

- From Rice County Recorder to Mike Piper, January 19, 2007: receipt and original, ORDINANCE NO. 2007-001, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A PLANNING COMMISSION FOR BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP.
- From Bolton & Menk, Inc. to Kathleen Doran-Norton, February 8, 2007: PROPOSAL for Engineering Services/ Township Road Policies and Standards for \$2550.00. Motion to accept by Ebling; second by Doran-Norton; motion passed unanimously (Doran-Norton aye, Ebling aye). Clerk returned signed proposal by mail.
- Motion to approve a Resolution Recommending that Rice County Seek Authorization to Impose a Wheelage Tax by Doran-Norton; second by Ebling; motion passed unanimously (Doran-Norton aye, Ebling aye).
- From Rice County Humane Society to Bridgewater Township, Request for a donation of \$250.00 for 2007 operating costs. This will be an agenda item for March 2007.
- From David Salene to Leif Knecht et al., February 12, 2007: Status Report on Northfield Annexation Repayment Review and Road Policy.
- From David Swartwoudt: 2006 Road Maintenance Summary.
- From Peter Tiede, February 1, 2007: informational document re: Adult Uses and Electronic Discovery (Open Meeting Law).
- From Kristen McCullough to Mike Piper, February 8, 2007: Workers Compensation Member Audit Report.

**H Public Comment (non-Agenda matters)**

Mr. Michael Daly, Bridgewater resident, spoke in opposition to option 5C in the CSAH 1 corridor preservation study. Mr. Daly's declared intention is to preserve a habitat easement. A note from Mr. Daly is on file.

**I Old Business/Action Items**

No old business or action items were discussed.

**J New Business**

Supervisors

J.1 Township Group Life Plan

Ebling recommended that the matter be addressed at the March 2007 meeting of the Town Board when all three Supervisors are expected to attend.

J.2 PERA

Ebling recommended that the matter be addressed at the March 2007 meeting of the Town Board when all three Supervisors are expected to attend. Doran-Norton will invite a PERA representative to the March 2007 meeting.

J.3 Mill Towns Trail

Ebling recommended that the matter be addressed at the March 2007 meeting of the Town Board when all three Supervisors are expected to

attend.

- J.4 Request for Annexation from Bridgewater into Northfield  
Motion by Ebling to approve a request from Ms. Megan Durkin that a 1.8 acre parcel of land at 10575 Dennison Boulevard be annexed from Bridgewater Township into the city of Northfield; second by Doran-Norton: motion passed unanimously (Doran-Norton aye, Ebling aye).
- The signed request (with supporting documentation) is on file.
- J.5 Bridgewater Planning Commission update Ebling  
John Klockman reviewed the progress of the Planning Commission to date: a set of definitions have been prepared and the first pass on policies (how the Planning Commission will work) has been written. Toward that end, Ebling said that he would like Rice County Commissioner Jim Brown and attorney Peter Tiede to be involved in the definition of a risk amelioration process.
- Klockman observed that the “big issue” is how the township will respond to the ag-related business issue.
- In response to some work done by David Salene, Doran-Norton said that work on a development agreement is too early.
- Re: Ethanol  
Jim Hamm from Advanced BioEnergy was present at the meeting. Mr. Hamm spoke briefly about the water use and discharge testing issue. The Clerk told Mr. Hamm that if he had documentation for the Board’s consideration, he should submit it and the information would be distributed to the Board and filed.
- Re: Process  
John Klockman said that such conversation is not appropriate until the discovery process for allowing/not allowing an ag-related business is defined. Bruce Moran concurred that the process should be defined first.
- Ebling mentioned the necessity eventually of templates for building agreements and building codes.
- John Klockman said that it is not enough for the planning commission to meet every other week.
- J.6 Report: Dundas Planning Commission Doran-Norton  
Bruce Morlan, township resident and member of the Dundas Planning Commission, indicated that this commission has an ambitious schedule. Mr. Morlan spoke about the use of decision trees, the codification of the Comp Plan, the preparation of an asset inventory, and the critical nature of the sewer capacity (at this point, Mr. Morlan said that phase 2 of Bridgewater Heights cannot be built). Mr. Morlan also addressed bike trails, regional planning, and downtown development.
- J.7 Dundas Meeting request re 115<sup>th</sup>, Rock, and Quamme issues Ebling  
A meeting to address this issue will be scheduled for later in the month.
- J.8 Report: CSAH 1 Corridor Memorandum of Understanding Ebling/ Doran-Norton  
This matter will be discussed at the March 2007 meeting of the Town Board.

**K Future Meetings:**

Piper

DATE	TIME	PURPOSE	LOCATION
2/13/2007	7 p.m.	Planning Commission	Bridgewater Town Hall
2/20/2007	5:30, 7 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.	Open bids for Eaton Ave et al potential road improvement project; develop proposed budget for 2007; further examination of 2007 claims	Bridgewater Town Hall
2/22/2007	5:30 – 8 p.m.	Public Information Meeting for County Highway 1 Corridor Preservation Study in Northfield/Dundas Area. Presentation at 6:30 PM	Northfield Community Center, 1651 Jefferson Parkway, Northfield, Community and Dining Rooms
2/27/2007	7 p.m.	Township Candidate Forum	Bridgewater Town Hall
To be determined	7 p.m.	Joint Governmental Meeting	Bridgewater Town Hall
3/12/2007	7 p.m.	March Meeting of the Town Board	Bridgewater Town Hall
3/13/2007	10 a.m. – 8 p.m.	Township Election	Bridgewater Town Hall
3/13/2007	8:15 p.m.	Annual Township Meeting	Bridgewater Town Hall
To be announced	7 p.m.	Planning Commission Meetings	Bridgewater Town Hall

**L Motion to Adjourn**

By MOTION by Doran-Norton, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m.; second by Ebling; motion passed unanimously (Doran-Norton aye, Ebling aye).

Submitted by,

Financial report approved by:

C. Michael Piper  
Town Clerk

Le Ann Finger  
Town Treasurer

**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.