

MINUTES

BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

June 12, 2007 – 7 PM

Bridgewater Town Hall

500 Railway Street South, Dundas, MN 55019

1. Introductory Chair Gary Ebling called the meeting to order at 7 PM. Elected officials present were Kathleen Doran-Norton, Supervisor and Town Board Vice Chair; Gary Ebling, Supervisor and Town Board Chair, Leif Knecht, Supervisor; Le Ann Finger, Treasurer and Mike Piper, Clerk. Ebling invited all present to rise for the pledge of allegiance.
2. Approval of Agenda MOTION by Doran-Norton, second by Knecht, to approve the agenda. (Vote: Doran-Norton, aye; Ebling, aye, and Knecht, aye.)
3. Approval of Minutes from the May 8, 2007 Town Board Meeting MOTION by Doran-Norton, second by Knecht, to approve the Minutes for the May 8, 2007 town board meeting. (Vote: Doran-Norton, aye; Ebling, aye, and Knecht, aye.)
4. Approval of Treasurer's Report for May 2007 MOTION by Doran-Norton, second by Ebling, to approve the Treasurer's Report for May. (Vote: Doran-Norton, aye; Ebling, aye, and Knecht, aye.) A summary was presented of the financial status of the 2003 and 2006 township bonds for those road improvement projects.
5. Review of Claims Against the Township The clerk reviewed claims against the township received since the last meeting of the town board. The claims presented were paid
6. Review of Correspondence Received The clerk reviewed the correspondence received and generated since the last meeting of the town board.
 - a. Cannon River Watershed Partnership, 2006 Annual Report
 - b. Equipment, two new 5-drawer vertical letter file cabinets
 - c. MN Association of Townships Agency, Premium Notice, PAL, E&O, and Bond coverage from 07/01/2007 to 07/01/2008
 - d. Resumes, Building Official candidates
 - e. Rice County, Local Boards of Appeal & Equalization and Alternate Meetings 2007
 - f. Rice County, proposed changes to the Rice County Zoning Ordinance

- g. State Demographic Center, Report dated May 31, 2007, with population and household estimates. The estimates are releasable to the public on July 15, 2007.
7. Public Comment (non-Agenda items) Mr. Larry Alderks complemented the road crew for the excellent work done on Albers Ave. Mr. Bruce Morlan spoke favorably about the work of the planning commission and mentioned that the Dundas City Council and members of the Dundas Planning Commission will attend a work session on Saturday, June 16, 2007 to review utility capacity and growth of the city. Mr. Morlan who is a member of the Dundas Planning Commission and Kathleen Doran-Norton plan to attend the meeting.
 8. Township Road Policy (old business) David Salene, township consultant, presented a final draft of the road policy. Salene said that he would review the policy with the cities of Dundas and Northfield. In view of the fact that any required adjustments will be made, by MOTION by Knecht, second by Doran-Norton, and unanimously, the Township Road Policy was approved. (Vote: Doran-Norton, aye; Ebling, aye, and Knecht, aye.) The Township Road Policy is on file.
 9. CSAH 1 Corridor Preservation (old business) Knecht reported on the present status of this project which seeks, among other things, an unimpeded rail road crossing. Knecht reported that, at present, the Northfield City Council is having some concerns about financially supporting the project.
 10. Eaton Ave et al. 2007 Road Improvement Project (old business) Knecht reported that the surface preparation and blacktopping for this project was completed in record time. The last task, placing gravel on the shoulder, is scheduled for tomorrow.
 11. Progress on Graveling and Dust Control of Township Roads (old business) Dennis Brown, township road supervisor, reported that approximately 25% of the graveling has been completed and that the dust control effort should begin, particularly on Decker Avenue and Baseline Road. The source of gravel was also discussed. If there is some difficulty in obtaining the required gravel from Kilmeyer, the township will consider Gleason.

Doran-Norton asked whether the township would see a cost advantage in gravel expenses by applying dust control. Dennis Brown said that any advantage coming from a requirement to apply less gravel to a road that has been dust controlled, would be used to place more gravel on 115th and 134th Streets
 12. OPERA Project (old business) Dennis Brown reported that \$5000.00 is expected from the University of Minnesota to help pay for the shoulder gravel reclaimer now mounted on the township grader.

13. Planning and Zoning (new business)

- a. Report from the Planning Commission Mr. Chad Marks, Mayor of Dundas and member of the Bridgewater Planning Commission, recognized the hard work of the planning commission and observed that the commission members are proud of their efforts. Mr. Jeff Strepka, a member of the planning commission, said that the commission used a “thoughtful process.”
- b. Letter from Huemoeller, Bates, Gontarek PLC dated June 12, 2007 to Mike Piper Bridgewater Town Clerk RE: Bridgewater Township zoning controls Mr. Bryce D. Huemoeller presented this letter, now on file, to the clerk. The letter was read out loud by Knecht. When asked by Knecht, Huemoeller said that he had no further comments.
- c. Requests for information from Dean Gavin, dated May 18, 2007 and June 11, 2007 On the advice from Carolyn Braun, planning and zoning consultant, and, upon her word, from attorney Peter Tiede, the clerk delivered the following in response to these requests to Mr. Huemoeller:
 - i. Resolution 2006-30: Resolution to take on Planning and Zoning Authority, dated December 11, 2006, signed by Leif Knecht, town board chair, and attested by C. Michael Piper, town clerk.
 - ii. Township book re: Northfield annexations
 - iii. Township book re: Dundas annexations.

14. Passage of Resolution 2007-01, Ordinance 2007-02, Resolution 2007-02, Ordinance 2007-03, Resolution 2007-03, Ordinance 2007-04, Resolution 2007-04, Resolution 2007-05

By MOTION by Doran-Norton, second by Knecht, passed unanimously, and attested to by the clerk, each of the Resolutions and Ordinances listed above were individually approved. (Vote: Doran-Norton, aye; Ebling, aye, and Knecht, aye.)

The clerk was asked to deliver Ordinance 2007-02 and its Exhibit A (Zoning Ordinance) to the Rice County Recorder, Rice County Planning and Zoning director, the City of Dundas, and the City of Northfield.

Further, the clerk was asked to publish Resolutions 2007-02, -03, and -04. . The clerk indicated that those Resolutions will be printed in the *Northfield News* and the *Faribault Daily News* on June 16, 2007.

Each of the subject Resolutions and Ordinances are listed below:

- a. Resolution No. 2007-01, A Resolution Adopting Township Comprehensive Plan

- b. Ordinance No. 2007-02, An Ordinance Adopting a Zoning Ordinance for Bridgewater Township
- c. Resolution No. 2007-02, Resolution Approving Publication of Summary of Bridgewater Township Zoning Ordinance (*printed in the Northfield News and the Faribault News On 16 June 2007*)
- d. Ordinance No. 2007-03, Adopting the Minnesota State Building Code
- e. Resolution No. 2007-03, Resolution approving Publication of Summary Ordinance No. 2007-03 Adopting Minnesota State Building Code (printed in the *Northfield News* and the *Faribault News* on June 16, 2007)
- f. Ordinance No. 2007-04, An Ordinance Establishing Permit Fees, Service Charges and Various Other Fees to be Collected by the Town of Bridgewater.
- g. Resolution No. 2007-04, Resolution Approving Publication of Summary of Ordinance No. 2007-04 Establishing Permit Fees, Service Charges and Various Other Fees to be Collected by the Town of Bridgewater (printed in the *Northfield News* and the *Faribault News* on June 16, 2007)
- h. Resolution No. 2007-05, Resolution Denying Waiver of Ordinance No. 1-2006 for Advanced BioEnergy LLC

15. Applications for Building Official(new business) The clerk reported that Mr. Bob Hegner and Mr. Benny H. Svien submitted applications for this position. The board indicated that the two candidates will be interviewed at next Tuesday's (June 19, 2007) special meeting of the town board.

16. Future Meetings The Regular Monthly Meetings of the Town Board will be held on July 10 and 24, 2007. The Town Board will hold a closed meeting on July 3, 2007 and work sessions on July 17 and 31, 2007. Work sessions are subject to cancellation.

17. Adjournment By MOTION by Doran-Norton, second by Knecht to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 PM. (Vote: Doran-Norton, aye; Ebling, aye, and Knecht, aye.)

Submitted by

C. Michael Piper
Clerk, Bridgewater Township

Accepted by

Gary Ebling
Supervisor and Chair, Bridgewater
Township Board of Supervisors

Financial component approved by

Le Ann Finger
Treasurer, Bridgewater Township

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

