

MINUTES

BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

July 24, 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. Present were Kathleen Doran-Norton, Supervisor and Town Board Vice Chair; Gary Ebling, Supervisor and Town Board Chair; Treasurer; Leif Knecht, Supervisor; and Mike Piper, Clerk. Guests included Ms. Chandra Simon from *Dan Rather Reports*. Ebling invited all present to pledge allegiance to the flag.
2. Transportation Planning Ebling reported that Dennis Luebbe, Rice County Engineer, is in touch with MN DOT re: the MN Highway 19 and Rice County Highway 1 issues. Ebling said that the sense of the Bridgewater Town Board is that transportation planning should be done on the basis of the area as a whole.
3. Resident Comments
 - 3.1. Deb Sullivan said that the Rice County Commissioners are discussing fees/taxes relating to drainage ditches. Ebling said that Commissioner Jim Brown is expected at the August 14, 2007 town board meeting and the issue will be discussed then.
 - 3.2. Cathy Larson asked about the pending law suit by Advanced BioEnergy against the township. Paul Reuvers who is the attorney representing the township in this matter said that he would write a letter to the township explaining his view that the suit is without merit. The Clerk said that that letter will be put on the website along with the Summons, the Complaint, and the township Answer. Jerry Anderson asked for a copy of the Summons and Complaint. The Clerk said that he would email copies to those who asked. Several in attendance asked for copies including Chandra Simon, Jerry Anderson, Cathy Larson, and Stephanie Hendriksen.
 - 3.3. Bruce Morlan observed that planning and zoning is a planning process not a political function. He observed that the hardcap on sewer capacity puts unconstrained growth in trouble. Doran-Norton recognized Mr. Morlan's work on the Dundas Planning Commission as the chair.
4. Planning Commission Notices Until further notice, planning commission notices will now be placed in the newspaper by the Planning consultant. When necessary, the consultant will also deliver copies to the county and to Northfield and Dundas. Expense statements and affidavits from the newspaper will continue to be delivered to the Clerk. It is the responsibility of the Planning Commission Chair to notify the Clerk about Planning Commission meeting so that those dates and times can be put

on the township calendar.

Any documents from the county planning and zoning department that relate to Bridgewater Township will be sent directly to the Zoning Administrator; all other correspondence from the county planning and zoning department will be sent to the Clerk.

5. MOTION by Doran-Norton, second by Knecht, and passed unanimously, the Town Board accepted **Resolution No. 2007-06** "Approving Publication of Summary of Bridgewater Township Sewer and Wastewater Treatment Ordinance ... No. 2007-05." (Vote: Doran-Norton, aye; Ebling, aye, and Knecht, aye.)
6. MOTION by Knecht, second by Doran Norton, and passed unanimously, the Town Board accepted **Ordinance No. 2007-05** "Adopting a Sewer and Wastewater Treatment Ordinance for Bridgewater Township." (Vote: Doran-Norton, aye; Ebling, aye, and Knecht, aye.)
7. The interface with the *Northfield News* and Rice County for the resolution and ordinance (5 and 6, above) will be performed by the planning and zoning consultant and the zoning administrator.
8. MOTION Doran-Norton, second by Knecht, and passed unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 7:41 PM. (Vote: Doran-Norton, aye; Ebling, aye, and Knecht, aye.)

Respectfully submitted,

C. Michael Piper
Clerk, Bridgewater Township