

## BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP

*County of Rice, State of Minnesota*

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### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWN BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, SEPTEMBER 11, 2007

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1. Introductory The meeting was held at the Bridgewater Town Hall, 500 Railway Street South, Dundas, MN 55019. Chair Gary Ebling called the meeting to order at 7:00 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. Carolyn Braun, planning and zoning consultant, and Jim Braun, zoning administrator, were also present. Rice County Commissioner Jim Brown also attended. Ebling invited all present to rise and pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.
2. Approval of Agenda By MOTION by Knecht, second by Doran-Norton, and passed by a vote of 3-0, the agenda was approved as presented in these Minutes. (Vote: Doran-Norton, aye; Ebling, aye; and Knecht, aye.)
3. Approval of Minutes from the August 14 and 28 Town Board Meetings By MOTION by Doran-Norton, second by Knecht, and passed by a vote of 3-0, the Minutes for these two meetings of the town board were approved. (Vote: Doran-Norton, aye; Ebling, aye; and Knecht, aye.)
4. Approval of Treasurer's Report for August, 2007 By MOTION by Knecht, second by Doran-Norton, the Treasurer's Report for August, 2007 was approved. (Vote: Doran-Norton, aye; Ebling, aye; and Knecht, aye.) The following is a summary of that report:

***August, 2007***

CHECKING BALANCE, 8/1/2007	\$69,629.45
CHECKING BALANCE, 8/31/2007	\$68,872.60
INVESTMENTS TOTAL, 9/1/2007	\$209,230.86
TOTAL, CHECKING & INVESTMENTS, 8/31/2007	\$278,103.46

5. Review of Claims Against the Township The clerk reviewed claims against the township that have been received since the last meeting of the town board. By MOTION by Doran-Norton, second by Knecht, those claims against the township that were allowed were ordered to be paid and are listed in Attachment A. (Vote: Doran-Norton, aye; Ebling, aye; and Knecht, aye.)

6. Review of Correspondence Received The clerk reviewed the correspondence received and generated since the last meeting of the town board. Of particular significance are the following which are on file:
  - 6.1. September 7, 2007-Defendants' Memorandum of Law in Support of Their Motion for Partial Summary Judgment
  - 6.2. August, 2007 Building Permit Activity
  - 6.3. August 31, 2007-letter, WSB to Valley Paving, Inc., re construction pay voucher No. 2
  - 6.4. Rice County Property Tax Rates
  - 6.5. Rice County Public Informational Meetings on Potential Feedlot Ordinance revisions
  - 6.6. September 4, 2007-invitation, elected officials and staff roundtable, scheduled for September 18, 2008
  - 6.7. CapX 2020, Invitation to Public Meetings and Technical Data
  - 6.8. Building Official List 09-07, showing Benny H. Svien on page 9
  - 6.9. Rice County, August 8, 2007-Remaining Process for the Revision of the Feedlot Ordinance
  - 6.10. September 11, 2007-Cathy Larson, Update from PCA and DNR on ABE proposal
  - 6.11. MATIT Declaration Pages, including phone numbers for Claims Reporting
  - 6.12. September 11, 2007-letter, from Vance and Jean Norgaard re ethanol including "How Biofuels Could Starve the Poor" by Funge and Senauer/University of Minnesota
  - 6.13. April 12, 2007-letter, from Peter Tiede to Rice County Administrator requesting CUPs for landfill and recycling facility located in Bridgewater
  - 6.14. August 31, 2007-letter, from Peter Tiede to Rice County Administrator requesting permits and CUPs for gravel pits located in Bridgewater
  - 6.15. September 6, 2007-TOWN TAXES VOTED for the year payable 2008: \$235,000.00
  - 6.16. August, 2007-Cannon River Watershed Partnership, Watershed Watcher
  - 6.17. August 17, 2007-letter, Ophaug to Knecht, Finger, and Piper, bond closing for Eaton Ave et al. Road Improvement Project scheduled for September 5, 2007 [filed: Roads/Eaton Ave et al. Road Improvement Project/2007, and Bridgewater Township]
    - 6.17.1. Includes letter from Robert and Lorie Tuma dated August 28, 2007
    - 6.17.2. Population estimate as of 1 April 2007=1940, households=635
    - 6.17.3. 2007 Certificate as to Organization and Condition of the Town
  - 6.18. August 29, 2007-"Recommendations for zoning and land protection to maintain or improve the future health of agriculture and natural areas in Wheeling Township, Rice County"
7. Public Comment (non-Agenda items) Mike Piper presented the Clerk's list of expenditures (checks) for the first 9 months of 2007.

8. Planning and Zoning Report
  - 8.1. John Klockeman reported that the present priorities for the planning commission are sewer and water and gravel pits.
  - 8.2. Jim Braun reported on the attempts by Peter Tiede to obtain permit information on landfills, recycling facilities, and gravel pits from Rice County. To date, none of the data has been received. Jim Braun also reported on attempts to recover zoning fees paid to the County after Bridgewater began zoning. To date, none of the fees have been recovered. Jim Brown requested that he be kept current on this situation.
  - 8.3. The possibility of revising the County's Zoning Ordinance to allow cluster housing development in urban reserve districts was discussed.
9. Report on Eaton Ave Road Improvement Project The bond for this project was signed on September 5, 2007. There have been reports of gravel washing out from the sides of the road. Dennis Brown will continue to monitor the situation.
10. Rejoice Church John Klockeman reported that this church is interested in building a facility at the intersection of Rice County 1 and Minnesota 246.
11. Septic Systems Jerry Anderson suggested that the inspections of these systems should be performed by Rice County. Carolyn and Jim Braun thought that the complete permitting process should be done by one jurisdiction for efficiency and historical records purposes. The supervisors consented with the perspective of the Brauns.
12. ABE EAW Cathy Larson asked whether the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency could review the ABE EAW at the town hall. The Clerk was tasked to ask Jeff Egge, an attorney for the township in the ABE litigation, whether that could happen.
13. Review of Rice County budget Jim Brown reviewed recent increases in the county levy which would add approximately \$100 in taxes per year for a \$150,000 home. Brown also said that the construction of a new jail would require \$35-40 million.
14. Decommissioning of old ethanol plant in Dundas Jim Brown said that the county has approved the tearing down of the old ethanol plant in Dundas. There will be some tax incentives given to Dundas to clean up the site so that it can be put back on the tax rolls.
15. Road funding issues Jim Brown reported that funding for roads is a difficult issue. Brown suggested that local governments should support adjusting fuel taxes for inflation. Brown said that the county supports the application of sales taxes for new vehicles to transportation matters.
16. Land fill Brown reported that there is a concern in the county that Bridgewater want to take over and control the land fill. The supervisors assured him that such is not the

case. Bridgewater will prepare Resolution 2007-08 dealing with the matter.

17. Rice County 1 near Eric Schrader's home Doran-Norton reported no progress at this time from Rice County.
18. Feedlot revisions Stephanie Hendriksen discussed the proposed revisions with Jim Brown.
19. CapX 2020 It was reported that Public Hearings for this proposed extension of high voltage power lines will be held in Northfield and Lakeville.
20. Adjournment By MOTION by Doran-Norton, second by Knecht, and passed 3-0, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 PM. (Vote: Doran-Norton, aye; Ebling, aye; and Knecht, aye.)

Submitted by

Financial component approved by

C. Michael Piper  
Clerk, Bridgewater Township

Le Ann Finger  
Treasurer, Bridgewater Township

Accepted by

Gary Ebling  
Supervisor and Chair, Bridgewater  
Township Board of Supervisors

**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.

**ATTACHMENT A, CLAIMS REVIEWED AND PAID ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2007**

(please contact the township clerk for this information)