

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP**  
*County of Rice, State of Minnesota*

**MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF SUPERVISORS on November 13, 2007**  
Bridgewater Town Hall, 500 Railway Street South, Dundas, MN 55019/7:00 PM

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**MINUTES**

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1. Introductory. Chair Gary Ebling called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Elected officials present were Kathleen Doran-Norton, Supervisor and Township Board Vice Chair; Gary Ebling, Supervisor and Township Board Chair; Le Ann Finger, Treasurer; Leif Knecht, Supervisor; and Mike Piper, Clerk. Ebling invited all present to rise and pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.
2. Special Announcement: Treasurer Le Ann Finger has accepted a job in Florida. Ms. Finger has accepted a job with the Professional Golf Association and anticipates a move to Florida. Ms. Finger offered to continue supporting the township remotely with periodic visits to Minnesota. The board will ask Jim Braun to discover the protocol for replacing an elected town officer. Potential sources of information are the Minnesota Association of Townships and the Minnesota Revisor of Statutes. The board was unanimous in recognizing the good work that Ms. Finger has done for the township and in wishing her well in her new endeavors.
3. Visit by Dennis Luebbe, Rice County Highway Engineer.
  - 3.1. Intersection of MN 3 and Rice County 20. Interest has been expressed by a developer at this area which is recognized as an intersection with a safety problem. Mr. Luebbe has talked with MN DOT, Dundas, and the DNR about the situation. Since any improvement to the area would be seen primarily as an economically-driven task, MN DOT will not fund the improvements. Bridgewater would be involved because any work in the area would effect the Eaton Ave./Rice County 20 intersection. Mr. Luebbe said that Rice County has no dollars to fund a study to identify the best location and design of a solution. Therefore, Mr. Luebbe said that Rice County is looking for cost sharing. Mr. Luebbe said that Bridgewater would be invited to participate in an eventual study group.
  - 3.2. CSAH 1
    - 3.2.1. County 1 Corridor Preservation Study. Mr. Luebbe presented a document which describes the work done on this project.
      - 3.2.1.1. 2008 or 2009 Project Activity. During 2008 two miles of this road between I35 and Dundas will be recast. As an option, if this work is held off until 2009, the entire stretch from I35 to Dundas would be rebuilt.

- 3.3. Bridge on Rice County 8: This bridge, considered to be the worst bridge in Rice County, now has weight restrictions. Repairs are expected in 2008. Currently, the weight restrictions cause inconvenience for businesses such as College City Beverage.
- 3.4. MN 3 Repairs Expected in 2008: Safety improvements expected during 2008 will include work on the bridges crossing the Cannon River and the railroad.
4. Potential Taxes from Gravel Mining. Ebling reviewed the potential of a tax on gravel mined from Rice County. Those taxes, if imposed, would be collected by Rice County; the county would share a portion of those taxes with the townships. Bridgewater and Forest townships are the major sites of gravel mines in Rice County.
5. Northfield Transportation Planning. Doran-Norton reviewed the present analysis of the road situation – MN19 has too many accesses and not enough turn lanes.\_
6. Bridgewater Planning Commission. John Klockeman reviewed the letter that the planning commission sent to the Rice County commissioners about the land fill.
7. Resolution 2007-10. By MOTION by Doran-Norton, second by Knecht, and passed by a vote of 3-0, the board approved this resolution that applies Minnesota Statute 272.162 applied to all subdivisions within the town. (Vote: Doran-Norton, aye; Ebling, aye; Knecht, aye.)
8. Resolution 2007-11. By MOTION by Doran-Norton, second by Knecht, and passed by a vote of 3-0, the board approved this resolution that grants an interim use permit to Robert and Jason Aldorfer. (Vote: Doran-Norton, aye; Ebling, aye; Knecht, aye.)
9. Claims against the Town. The clerk presented claims against the town; those that were approved (MOTION by Doran-Norton, second by Knecht, and passed by a vote of 3-0), were paid. (Vote: Doran-Norton, aye; Ebling, aye; Knecht, aye.)
10. Treasurer's Report for October, 2007. The treasurer presented the treasurer's report for October, 2007. By MOTION by Doran-Norton, second by Knecht, and passed by a vote of 3-0, the board accepted the report. (Vote: Doran-Norton, aye; Ebling, aye; Knecht, aye.)
11. Adjournment. By MOTION by Doran-Norton, second by Ebling, and passed 3-0, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 PM. (Vote: Doran-Norton, aye; Ebling, aye; Knecht, aye).

Respectfully submitted,

C Michael Piper  
Clerk, Bridgewater Township