

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

MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON JANUARY 8, 2008
Bridgewater Town Hall, 500 Railway Street South, Dundas, MN 55019/7:00 PM

PRELIMINARY MINUTES

1. Introductory. Chair Gary Ebling called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. Elected officials present were Kathleen Doran-Norton, Supervisor and Township Board Vice Chair; Gary Ebling, Supervisor and Township Board Chair; Leif Knecht, Supervisor; and Mike Piper, Clerk. Le Ann Finger, Treasurer, was not present. Brad Pfahaning, candidate for treasurer, and Pam Peterson, candidate for clerk were present. Ebling invited all present to rise and pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.
2. Approval of the Agenda for this Meeting. By Motion by Doran-Norton and seconded by Knecht, and approved by a vote of 3-0, the board approved the agenda for this meeting as presented in these minutes. Vote: Doran-Norton, aye; Ebling, aye, Knecht, aye.
3. Approval of the Minutes for the December, 2007 Meeting of the Town Board. As amended, the minutes for the November 13, 2007 meeting of the town board were approved. As written, the minutes for the November 27, 2007 meeting of the town board were approved. Both approvals were by Motion by Doran-Norton and seconded by Knecht, and approved by a vote of 3-0. Vote: Doran-Norton, aye; Ebling, aye, Knecht, aye.
4. Approval of the Treasurer's Report for December, 2007. The Treasurer's Report for December, 2007 was approved by Motion by Doran-Norton and seconded by Knecht, and approved by a vote of 3-0. Vote: Doran-Norton, aye; Ebling, aye, Knecht, aye. The following is a summary of that report:

December, 2007

CHECKING BALANCE, 11/30/2007	\$59,993.58
CHECKING BALANCE, 12/1/2007	\$62,993.58
CHECKING BALANCE, 12/31/2007	\$59,956.22
INVESTMENTS TOTAL, 9/1/2007	\$209,230.8
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TOTAL, CHECKING & INVESTMENTS, 12/31/2007	\$269,187.0
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5. Senate District 25 election. The results of senate district 25 election in Bridgewater Township were announced.

6. Recovery of \$650 in Shingling Permits from Rice County. The board has no interest in recovering this money; Jim Braun will write a letter to the county to that effect.
7. Zoning Authority in Dundas Annexation Area not yet annexed. The existing annexation agreement grants that authority to the Dundas Planning Commission. The situation is complicated in that, to date, the Dundas Planning Commission has not adopted any applicable regulations.

By MOTION by Doran-Norton, second by Knecht, and passed 3-0, the board approved the following:

“To the extent that the Bridgewater Township Board of Supervisors is the decision maker for the request of Rejoice! Lutheran Church for a conditional use permit for construction of a church on property located at 11188 Gates Avenue, Northfield, MN, 55057, the Township Board hereby extends the time period under MS 15.99 for an additional 60 days to allow time to address road/safety concerns and to determine the appropriate zoning authority for this project.”

(Vote: Doran-Norton, aye; Ebling, aye; Knecht, aye.)

Carolyn Braun agreed to compose a list of questions and principles that could be used in discussions with Dundas about this issue in particular and for an annual review of the Bridgewater-Dundas Annexation Agreement.

It was observed that it is not required that the fire-repression system in the proposed church be hooked-up to the city water supply.

It was observed that, presently, the church does not own the property upon which it would like to build.

8. Bruce Morlan reappointed to the Dundas Planning Commission. Ebling made this announcement. Morlan reported that the Dundas Planning Commission will re-evaluate the Dundas Transportation Plan, with particular interest in CSAH 1. This activity will include the drawing of maps. Morlan suggested that the scope of the reviewers be expanded to a joint task force including elements of Rice County and Bridgewater Township.
9. Landfill meeting with county commissioners, January 22, 2008. Ebling announced that this meeting would include the hosting fee, among other matters. Ebling said that he would assemble a list of topics for discussion at that meeting.
10. Bids for gravel. In preparation for the 2008/2009 budget, Dennis Brown agreed to get several bids for gravel and dust control.

11. Potential new truck meeting. A meeting to consider the purchase of a new truck to replace the current snow plow will be held on January 25, 2007. A report from that meeting will be delivered at the February 12, 2008 meeting of the town board.
12. 2007 Annual Audit. The board decided that the 2007 annual audit would be held on Saturday, January 26, 2008 at the Town Hall at 4:00 PM.
13. Adjournment. By MOTION by Doran-Norton, second by Ebling, and passed 3-0, the meeting was adjourned at 9:22 PM. (Vote: Doran-Norton, aye; Ebling, aye; Knecht, aye).

Respectfully submitted,

C Michael Piper
Clerk, Bridgewater Township