

Board of Supervisors
BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP
County of Rice, State of Minnesota
Tuesday, April 8, 2008
500 Railway Street, Dundas, MN 55019

The meeting was called to order by Chair and Supervisor Kathleen Doran-Norton at 7:00 PM. Present were Supervisors Leif Knecht and Glen Castore, Treasurer Brad Pfahning and Clerk, Pam Petersen. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.

Approval of Agenda: A motion made by Doran-Norton to suspend the two hour limit for this meeting, second by Castore, motion passed.

Approval of March minutes: Doran-Norton asked for a motion to approve the minutes with the one change being to remove names from township committee vacancies not yet affirmed. Motion made by Knecht, second by Castore, motion passed.

Claims against the Town: Knecht made a motion to approve and pay all claims, second by Castore, motion passed.

Correspondence: Rice County application to expand the landfill.

Public Comment: Stephanie Henricksen spoke on feedlot issues.

What's New: Doran-Norton spoke of NW Corridor study and the open house to be held May 1, 2008 from 4:00-7:00 PM at the Northfield Community Resource Center.

Doran-Norton took a copy of the Road Policy to City of Dundas.

Jim and Carolyn Braun are working on the taxes Bridgewater Township owes to the City of Dundas.

Castore attended a workshop on sustainability issues and a landfill mitigation workshop.

Knecht met with officials from the City of Northfield to discuss possible placement of development for business park(s). The City of Northfield knows they have little land for development, have identified two possible sites, one in Bridgewater Township and one west of Garret Ave.

Annexation Agreements: Time remaining with current agreement with Northfield, 9 years. Time remaining with Dundas, 26 years.

Planning & Zoning: Guest speakers from CRWP were Dave Legvold and Ross Hoffman. Ross presented a slide show on waterway setbacks to protect wetlands, creeks, etc. from excessive runoff and erosion.

Planning Commission: Motion by Knecht to approve the Resolution Approving Preliminary And Final Plat For Heath Creek Acres. A second was made by Castore, motion carried for Resolution No.2008-01.

Ordinance Amending Flood Plain District Section, motion to approve by Castore, second by Knecht. Ordinance 2008-01 passed.

Resolution authorizing summary publication of Flood Plain Amendment. Motion made by Knecht to accept, second by Castore. Resolution No.2008-02 passed.

P&Z agenda for 2008: Annual goal to set calendar and complete topics list.

Zoning Administrator: Set schedule

Clarification: ORDINANCE NO.2007-01: The Planning Commission shall consist of five members, one of which may be a Town Board Supervisor and one of which shall be selected by the Town Board from the nominees of the City of Dundas.

Road Review: D. Brown, review township road map, gravel plan-Decker foremeost, dust control bids, grading after every rain, utilize Mike Groth early in AM, follow with D. Swardwoudt.

Future: Financial reporting, Dundas Annexation Agreement update; PERA; Water quality improvements/septic systems; Soil quality/erosion; NW corridor/CSAH1; Alternative energy; Trails and greenways; Action alerts; Improved meeting organization; Discussion with Northfield and Dundas about regional fire protection needs, growth and planning.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15PM by Supervisor and Chair, Kathleen Doran-Norton.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Petersen, Clerk
Bridgewater Township