

State of Minnesota

County of Rice, Town of Bridgewater

MINUTES

BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR WORK SESSION

Items considered were Future Road Configurations and Orderly Annexation Agreement

January 6, 2004 – 5:30 PM
 Bridgewater Town Hall
 500 Railway Street South, Dundas, MN 55019

A. LIST OF ATTENDEES

The following is a partial list of attendees: Sue Kylo, Dundas City Administrator; Myron Malecha, Dundas Mayor; Thomas McMahon, Dundas City Engineer; Tom Neuville, Dundas City Attorney; Gary Ebling, Bridgewater Supervisor; Leif Knecht, Bridgewater Supervisor-Chair; Paul Liebenstein, Bridgewater Supervisor; and Mike Piper, Bridgewater Clerk.

B. MEETING DISCUSSION

The following are observations recorded by the Bridgewater Town Clerk:

- The City of Dundas distributed a document titled "JOINT RESOLUTION/ ORDERLY ANNEXATION AGREEMENT." Attached.
- Bridgewater Township distributed the document titled "Bridgewater Township Goals for an Orderly Annexation with Dundas, January 6, 2004". Attached.
- Chair Knecht acknowledged the concern of Dundas for an industrial area that would attract good jobs. To that end, Knecht suggested that land annexed for industrial use would not be counted at the same rate as that annexed for residential use.
- Chair Knecht noted that, in his calculations, the proposed Dundas annexations show a population increase of 6,000 to 7,000.
- Supervisor Liebenstein questioned the formula that would not count land devoted to parks in the annexation total.
- Supervisor Ebling stated that Bridgewater wants to know the density that Dundas plans for the proposed residential annexation areas.
- Administrator Kylo stated that Dundas wants quality developments.
- Chair Knecht observed that we should be good stewards of the rich agricultural land that is in Bridgewater Township. And those annexations should be moderate, rather than "pell mell."
- Chair Knecht stated that Dundas should look to the west and south also for potential annexation areas.
- Engineer McMahon observed that an annexation agreement should include boundaries, land use agreement, and a zoning code.

- Administrator Kylo observed that Dundas wants to offer housing to factory workers.
- Chair Knecht distributed the petition from Wendwood residents asking to be excluded from annexation proceedings.
- Supervisor Ebling referred to the concept of joint planning.
- Chair Knecht recommended that Bridgewater and Dundas residents should be informed as to the tax impact for potential road improvements and new schools. Chair Knecht also noted that many Township roads will be affected by development in annexed areas and that it will be necessary to defray costs.
- The issue of revenue sharing was discussed.
- It was noted that impact fees are illegal in Minnesota.
- Chair Knecht observed that the Paulson property can't be annexed unless the Rock property is also annexed.

C. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for January 20, 2004 at 5:30 PM at the Dundas City Hall

D. MOTION TO ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Mike Piper

Mike Piper, Clerk

Leif Knecht, Supervisor-Chair