

Town of Bridgewater, County of Rice, State of Minnesota

MINUTES

BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

December 6, 2004 – 7:00 PM

Bridgewater Town Hall

500 Railway Street South, Dundas, MN 55019

Purpose of Meeting:

- Review issue, project, task, action item, and financial status of Bridgewater Township for the month of November, 2004; and plan for the month of December, 2004.
- Review correspondence and claims received since the last Board Meeting; those claims that are allowed will be paid.
- During the meeting, the Board of Supervisors welcomes comments by residents at appropriate times.

A Call to Order, Roll-call of Town Officers, and Introduction of Guests Chair
 Town Chair Gary Ebling called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. All Town Officers were present; they are listed in the Reference at the end of these Minutes. Included among the guests at the meeting were Kathleen Doran-Norton and Greg Kleese.

B Flag Pledge Chair
 Ebling invited all present to stand and pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

C Approval of Agenda Supervisors
 With the following changes, the Agenda was approved as presented:

- The Special Meeting of the Townships will be held on December 15, 2004.
- Item I.3 will be discussed with item J.2.

 Motion to approve by Liebenstein, second by Knecht, motion passed unanimously.

D Approval of Minutes from November, 2004 Town Board Meetings Piper
 The Minutes for the November 1, 2004 meeting of the Town Board and the Report for the Special Meeting held on November 24, 2004 were approved as presented. Motion to approve by Liebenstein, second by Knecht, motion passed unanimously.

E Approval of Treasurer's Report Finger
 The Treasurer's Report was approved as presented. Motion to approve by Liebenstein, second by Knecht, motion passed unanimously.

Action Item for Treasurer: Discuss the status of Annexation payments from Northfield.

Purchase of new grader

The Treasurer reported that the net owing on the new grader is approximately \$95,000, and because of the status of the Town Checking Account, it will not be necessary to dip into any of the Town's investments.

A motion to pay for the new grader out of the Town Checking account was made by Liebenstein, second by Knecht, motion passed unanimously. It is anticipated that the new grader will be paid for before the January Town Meeting.

F	Review of Claims/Deposits Received	Supervisors
	Claims received since the November Meeting of the Town Board were reviewed; those that were allowed were paid.	

G	Review of Correspondence Received and Generated	Piper
	Correspondence received since the November Meeting of the Town Board was not reviewed. The Town Chair and the Clerk will meet during December, 2004 to review the correspondence.	

H	Old Business/Action Items	Supervisors
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H.a <http://ricecountywatch.org/>
Kathleen Doran-Norton presented information on the newly created RiceCountyWatch.org Web site.

H.b 115th Street
Greg Kleese, a resident of Dundas on 115th Street presented observations regarding the safety of 115th Street near the crest of the road. Included among his observations are the effects of a spring on the north side of the road, drainage, shade from trees that cause ice, blind condition, and the increased use of the road by construction vehicles. Liebenstein noted that a significant portion of the road is in Dundas.

H.1 Status of Dundas Annexation Requests

H.1.1 Geiger/Paulson phase 1A 65 Acres and Rock 21.8 Acres

It was noted that on October 20, 2004 the Bridgewater Town Board approved a Resolution approving annexation of the Geiger/Paulson Phase 1A and the Rock requests. The Resolution was forwarded the resolution to the City of Dundas where, on November 29, 2004, it was approved. The City of Dundas mailed the Resolution to Minnesota Boundary Adjustments on December 2, 2004. The Dundas Clerk will mail a copy of the signed Geiger-Paulson/Rock Joint Resolution 2004-35 to the Bridgewater Town Clerk.

H.1.2 College City 42 Acres

The Town Board on December 6, 2004 approved a Joint Resolution of Bridgewater Township and the City of Dundas Approving Annexation of Land by College City Homes, Inc., City of Dundas Resolution 2004-44. Liebenstein moved to accept the Resolution, second by Knecht, motion passed unanimously. The Resolution, which had been signed by Myron Malecha, Mayor of the City of Dundas and Susan Kylo, City Administrator/Clerk of the City of Dundas, was signed by Gary Ebling, Bridgewater Board Chair and Mike Piper, Bridgewater Town Clerk. The Clerk was instructed to deliver the Resolution to the City of Dundas for forwarding to Minnesota Boundary Adjustments. [Note: subsequent to the December 6, 2004 Meeting, the Clerk has received and filed College City Homes, Inc. Joint Resolution 2004-44.]

H.1.3 Paulson phase 1B 30 Acres

The Town Board on December 6, 2004 passed a resolution to be forwarded to the City of Dundas by the Town Clerk, saying "2. That the Township Board Chairman and Clerk be hereby authorized to execute the Joint Resolution authorizing the annexation at such time as it is presented by the City of Dundas for signature. 3. Said annexation, in approved based on the allocation of annexation property for the year of 2005; and based on the condition that the City of Dundas pass a moratorium on further annexation for the year 2005, with the exception of the Chip DeMann annexation to be considered in conjunction with this annexation." This resolution was signed by all 3 supervisors and the Clerk.

H.1.4 DeMann 35.5 Acres

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H.2 Third quarter financial review

Ebling

Year-to-date review

The Treasurer presented a year-to-date view of the Town's income and expenses for January through October, 2004. The Supervisors commended the Treasurer on an excellent presentation. Motion to approve by Liebenstein, second by Knecht, motion passed unanimously. That report, "Proposed Budget for Bridgewater Township – 2004 for the eleven months ended 11/30/2004" is included as an Attachment to these Minutes.

H.3 TDR/Urban Reserve (Gill) future action and status

Ebling

- The Report on November 24, 2005 Special Meeting was read by Piper.
- Knecht suggested that Bridgewater Township petition Rice County to change the rules for the Transfer of Development Rights to encourage cluster development within urban reserve districts. Further discussion of this issue will be an January, 2005 Agenda Item.

H.4 Ribbon annexation update (Statutes and Case Law)

Salene

The new MAT attorney and Peter Tiede will be asked to review this matter.

H.5 Report on the Rice County Transportation Plan

Ebling

Ebling reported that he delivered a Memorandum dated 11/24/2004 and signed by all three Supervisors and the Clerk re Commercial/Industrial Changes in the Interstate Highway 35 Corridor. That Memorandum is included as an Attachment to these Minutes.

I	New Business	Supervisors
I.1	Update on I35, RC 46, MN 19, RC 1 industrial/commercial zoning ordinance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Update on the November 30, 2004 Rice County Commissioners as a Whole Meeting ▪ Special Meeting of the townships (Bridgewater, Forest, Wheatland, Webser) on December 14, 2004 7:00 PM at Forest Town Hall ▪ Rice County Public Hearing scheduled for December 16, 2004 	Ebling
I.2	Township feedback regarding other zoning changes	Ebling
I.3	Dundas Planning Commission update	Liebenstein
I.4	Road Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Proposed Special Meeting to discuss alternate methods of grading ▪ Road base improvement/2005/gravel/rock allocation 	Ebling
I.5	Status of road grader purchase <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Delivery and payment 	Brown
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J	Future Meetings	Clerk
J.1	Special Meeting of the townships (Bridgewater, Forest, Wheatland, Webser) on <u>December 14, 2004 7:00 PM</u> at Forest Town Hall	Ebling
J.2	Rice County Public Hearing scheduled for <u>December 16, 2004</u>	Ebling
J.3	January Meeting of Town Board – Monday, <u>January 3, 2004</u>	Piper
J.4	Rice County Transportation Plan Open House at Bridgewater Town Hall on <u>January 19, 2005</u> at 6:00 to 8:00 PM	Ebling
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K	Motion to Adjourn	Supervisors
Supervisor Liebenstein moved to adjourn the Meeting at 9:50 PM, second by Knecht, motion passed unanimously.		

Reference:

Town Officers: Supervisor and Town Board Chair Gary Ebling, Treasurer Le Ann Finger, Supervisor Leif Knecht, Supervisor Paul Liebenstein, and Clerk Mike Piper.