

# Bridgewater Township Newsletter

February 2026

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## **Annual Meeting and Election Notice**

Notice is hereby given that the Election of Township Officers and Annual Meeting of Bridgewater Township will be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at 8:15pm. Officers up for election as follows:

**-One Supervisor "C" – 3-year term**

**-One Supervisor "E" – 3-year term**

Voting hours will be from 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Canvass of votes will take place following the Annual Meeting.

Annual Meeting will convene at 8:15 pm to conduct all business necessary as prescribed by law. In the case of inclement weather, the Annual Meeting and Election will be held on Tuesday, March 18, 2025 at 7:00pm at the Bridgewater Town Hall, 500 Railway Street, Dundas MN 55019. Any persons wishing to vote by absentee ballot may do so by contacting the Rice County Auditor's Office in Faribault, MN up until March 11, 2025 at 8:00pm. We hope to see you at the annual meeting.

### **Below are the candidates for the positions of Supervisor:**

#### **Mike Little (Position "C" – 3-year term)**

I am Mike Little, running for Township Supervisor. My wife and my four kids have lived in Bridgewater Township for the last 23 years. I would like to see our Township stay as rural as possible with responsible development and minimal annexation. I would appreciate your vote for Township Supervisor.

#### **Frances Boehning (Position "C" – 3-year term)**

Hi, I am Frances Boehning and we have lived in Bridgewater Township for over 25 years. Some of you may remember me since I served as Bridgewater Township Clerk for 9 years and as a Planning Commissioner of 6 years. I have extensive knowledge of the Township and how we interact with surrounding jurisdictions. I am running for Supervisor because I would like to help the Township move forward while continuing to meet the needs of our wonderful residents. Bridgewater is a great place to live and I would like to ensure we are in a position to maintain that while looking for opportunities to improve. I look forward to working with you.

#### **Mark Koltavy (Position "E" – 3-year term)**

Hello, my name is Mark Koltavy and I am running for Supervisor "E" position in the March 10<sup>th</sup> election for our Township. My wife, Farrah and I have been married for 22 years and have 3 kids. Faith (19), Emalyn (16), and Joe (11). I am a lifetime resident of the Northfield/Dundas surrounding area. I grew up on a family dairy farm in Webster Township and attended Northfield Schools. Our family officially moved to Bridgewater Township in 2014. I am a member of Canvas Church in Dundas and I am employed as an Electrician at St. Olaf College. Our family worships, works and lives in this area so the success and quality of our Township is extremely important to me. Being elected and having the opportunity to serve as a Supervisor for the Township will allow me to use my common-sense approach in all of the subjects at hand. I will use my experience, knowledge and critical thinking to

help guide the Township in a direction that is beneficial to the community and land of Bridgewater Township. I would appreciate your vote on March 10<sup>th</sup>. Thank you and Glod Bless!

### **Nick Bolton (Position “E” – 3-year term)**

My name is Nick Bolton and I am running for Bridgewater Township Supervisor. I was born and raised on a small farm in rural Northfield. After graduating from NHS in 1999 I attended Bemidji State University where I majored in Accounting and Business Management and minored in Management Information Systems. Upon receiving my degree at BSU I spent 10.5 years in public accounting. I held an active CPA license from 2009 through 2016 (I have switched my license to inactive as it is not needed in my current role). I transitioned from public accounting to a private company where I was a Corporate Controller and I am now their VP of Acquisition Accounting. I purchased my home in 2023 on the western edge of the Township. I have a strong accounting and finance background, I am a natural leader and I am community focused. I would be a great addition to the current Board of Supervisors. Thank you and I look forward to your support on March 10<sup>th</sup>!

## **Snow Removal and Mailboxes**

The Township snow removal/sanding trucks will be out as soon as possible following a 2” snow event. Following a wet snow, the weight of the snow being thrown into the ditch can exceed 500 lbs. Older wooden mailbox supports are not able to withstand this pressure and topple over easily. Mailboxes and mailbox supports are the property of the resident. The most important features of a mailbox installed according to MN DOT recommendations and placed on a rural roadway includes the following:

1. The post is located a minimum of three feet from the edge of the road shoulder
2. The front of the mailbox is located above the edge of the shoulder
3. The bottom of the box is between 42” and 48” above the shoulder
4. The installation can pivot or rotate in some fashion when the snow or snowplow blade hits the mailbox.

If, during plowing, a mailbox is tipped or knocked over by the weight of the snow, it is the resident’s responsibility to enact repairs. If the mailbox is a properly installed standard swing away mailbox (see back of newsletter for MN DOT recommendations), and in compliance with MN State Statute 169.072 and MN Rule 8818.0100, and the vertical support is damaged by physical contact with township equipment it will be replaced with a Township approved mailbox at the Township’s expense.

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