

CORINNA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

Unofficial Minutes

Tuesday, June 7, 2011, 7 p.m.

Corinna Township Hall

9801 Ireland Avenue NW, Annandale, MN

Present: Chairman John Dearing; Vice-Chairman Richard Naaktgeboren; Supervisor Chuck Carlson; Clerk/Treasurer Mary Barkley Brown

Others in Attendance: Planning Commission Chair Charlotte Quiggle; Maintenance Man Mark Miller; Jim Dearing; Gary Pikala, Carol Pikala

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance was at 7:00 p.m.

May 17, 2011 Town Board Meeting Minutes: A motion was made by Naaktgeboren, seconded by Carlson, to approve the May 17, 2011 Town Board Meeting Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

May 28, 2011 Informational Meeting Minutes: A motion was made by Carlson, seconded by Naaktgeboren, to approve the May 28, 2011 Informational Meeting Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda for the June 7, 2011 Town Board Meeting: A motion was made by Naaktgeboren, seconded by Carlson, to approve the Agenda for the June 7, 2011 Town Board Meeting with the following additions: Wright County Township Officers Association Meeting Notice for 7/6/2011; Wright County Township Officers Association Meeting Minutes of 4/7/2011; Deb Utech, 6819 Ingram Avenue, concern; Adam Bondhus request. Motion carried unanimously.

Maintenance Men: Work order log; work orders # 48, 51, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 79; 81; 84; 85; 86; 88; Reviewed with Maintenance Man Mark Miller.

Deb Utech Drainage Complaint at 6819 Ingram: Added work order #89 – Deb Utech complaint at 6819 Ingram. Extensive work needs to be done to correct a drainage and run-off problem. Problem is partially due to extreme impervious coverage with cement at 6829 Ingram Avenue NW. Maintenance Man Mark Miller spoke to Dennis Groth about parcel 206-000-341-105 in regard to running a ditch on his property and cutting some brush. Mr. Groth indicated it would be OK to do this. Tom Segner needs to be contacted regarding this project.

Maintenance Outlook Report: Reviewed.

500 Gallon Fuel Tank and Pump: After discussion, a motion was made by Dearing, seconded by Carlson, to sell the extra fuel tank and pump. Motion carried unanimously.

Crack Seal, Seal Coating and Road Striping: Crack seal and seal coating is complete on township roads. Road striping is not done.

Hemlock/80th Street Crack fill and Sealcoat: Corinna letter of 5/27/11 to City of Annandale regarding upkeep of road; 5/27/2011 Response from Mark Casey – the City of Annandale voted to approve the seal coating of their portion of Hemlock/80th Street this summer. They are also adding class 5 gravel to 70th – due to the high volume of traffic to the relocated City of Annandale compost site.

Helen Allen Drainage: Discussed drainage near Helen Allen property at 11988 – 103rd ST NW, South Haven. Grading should be done to correct problem.

Adam Bondhus Request for Black Dirt: Mr. Bondhus requested permission to remove black dirt from the Township pile, as his contractor had put dirt there in the past. As the Township does not allow removal of dirt, the affirmed that Mr. Bondhus could not be allowed to remove dirt. Maintenance Man Mark Miller was to advise Bondhus.

Resolution 2011-12: Resolution vacating road. A motion was made by Naaktgeboren, seconded by Carlson, to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

Requests to be on the Agenda:

1. Gary and Carol Pikala, 11001 – 108th ST NW: Pikalas are concerned about the stakes on their property. Mr. Pikala stated they have owned the property for 14 or 15 years.
Naaktgeboren: When the decision was made to upgrade the road in 1991, the road improvement vote passed, with several conditions. They included leaving trees in place, etc.
Pikala: It looks like they are going to take our well.

Naaktgeboren: Your well is in the township road right-of way. Our actual right-of way is the road top surface and the distance that you throw snow with the snow plow. This is approximately 22' road surface and 10' each side of the road surface.

Naaktgeboren: Have you updated your sewer?

Pikala: No – I have not updated the sewer yet.

Pikala: I have a shallow well and a deep well. The deep well is capped. I use the shallow well.

Carlson: You may find you need a new well when you upgrade the sewer, due to updated regulations.

2. Jim Dearing: Jim Dearing stated that he did not get his phone calls returned by the Community Growth Institute regarding a variance application he submitted. Clerk Brown stated that Planning and Zoning Administrator Ben Oleson had been out of the country on an emergency and another associate was handling the calls. John Dearing will speak to Ben Oleson about the matter.

Other Business:

1. Planning Commission: Charlotte Quiggle, Chairman:
Chair Quiggle reviewed the 6/2/2011 Planning Commission meeting.

Quiggle also stated she had received complaints about Cedar Acres Park. She said the complaint stated that there were 6 campers and a large tent on the property this past weekend. Quiggle believes they are allowed one camper at a time, that they are in violation and Corinna Township must enforce this. Clerk Brown is to have P and Z Administrator Ben Oleson contact the Cedar Acres Chair to discuss the complaint and ongoing issues with this parcel.

After discussion with Quiggle, a motion was made by Dearing, seconded by Naaktgeboren, to change the Planning Commission Meetings to the second Tuesday of each month, rather than the first Thursday of each month, beginning in August of 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

A resident called regarding retaining walls falling in toward a public pathway on Sugar Lake near Hollister Avenue, NW. After discussion, a motion was made by Naaktgeboren, seconded by Carlson, to maintain the pathway surface with crushed granite or another appropriate material that will prevent wash-out and erosion of soil, but not to touch the retaining wall – as it is not in the public pathway. Motion carried unanimously.

June 2, 2011 P&Z Meeting Unofficial Minutes: Reviewed.

Next Corinna Planning Commission Meeting: 7/7/11, 7 p.m., Town Hall;

Wright Co. P and Z Letter of 5/31/2011 to Yanish Regarding PID #206-062-000201: Reviewed.

Clearwater/Pleasant Regional Park: Letter of 4/20/2011 to Greg Kryzer from John Peterson; 4/21/2011 letter to John Peterson from Greg Kryzer; Draft Road Maintenance Agreement; 5/18/ letter to Greg Kryzer from Tim Young. Corinna has received no response back from Wright County at this time.

2. Jay Bowers - 8029 Iten AV NW: Received complaint regarding business possibly started in residential neighborhood. Letter of 4/25/2011 regarding possible zoning violation; e-mail of 5/3/2011; Second letter of 5/13/2011 sent to Bowers; 6/3/2011 Ben Oleson memo to Corinna. Clerk Brown is to notify P and Z Administrator Ben Oleson to follow up.

Gordon/Bryan – 6400 102nd Street NW: Citation issued – first court appearance 3/30/2011 was continued to 4/6/2011, at which time Mr. Gordon entered a plea of not guilty. The pre-trial hearing is 5/25/2011 at 1:30 p.m.

10815 Grover Avenue NW: Retaining wall in road right-of-way. Clerk Brown is to send notice to property owner.

11723 Gulden Avenue NW: Dirt pile in road right-of-way. Maintenance men are to re-check.

Robert Balogh, Jr. – 8611 Griffith Avenue NW: Metro West letter of 9/28/10 sent certified mail to Robert Balogh regarding the condition of buildings at 8611 Griffith AV NW. The hazardous condition of the buildings was reported to Metro West Inspection Services on 7/29/10. Letter of 2/7/11 to Corinna from Attorney Tim Young. Memo of 2/10/11 from Tom Salkowski. In regard to noxious weeds: Mr. Balogh received a continuance for dismissal on the condition that he mows his grass by 5/20/2011. Carlson reported that the lawn is not mowed.

- 9149 Ireland Avenue NW: Clerk Brown was advised to send a letter regarding mowing the lawn.
3. 108th Street: Case Law from Township Attorney Tim Young was reviewed. Naaktgeboren stated that the majority of property owners on Lawrence Avenue NW do not want the road improved, per the discussion at the Informational Meeting on May 28. Therefore, we should fix only the three most egregious areas and will not re-surface and improve Lawrence Avenue NW and 108th Street NW as originally planned. A motion was made by Naaktgeboren, seconded by Dearing, to approve limited ditching, maintenance, repair, re-sloping banks and/or resurfacing the road in the following areas: beginning at or near PID# 206-034-000070, SE of wetland, and ending at or near PID #206-034-000020; beginning at or near PID # 206-000-082201 and ending at or near 206-000-082204; beginning at or near PID# 206-000-082103 and ending at or near PID# 206-000-081203. Work will be done as budget permits each year. Naaktgeboren and Dearing voted in favor of the motion. Carlson voted against the motion. Motion carried.
108th Street-Notify Utility Companies: Dearing to notify Xcel.
 4. Tim Young Letter of 5/18/2011 to Corinna Township: Reviewed. Clerk Brown is to contact Ben Oleson regarding letter.
 5. Wright Soil and Water Letter of 5/17/2011 to Corinna Township Regarding Herbicide Costs: Reviewed.
 6. Steve Niklaus Thank You Letter of 5/23/2011 to Corinna Township: Reviewed.
 7. Junk Amnesty Report: Will be held on Saturday, 7/30/11. Clerk Brown reported that all workers have been contacted.
 8. C. Onsrud Thank You Letter of 6/1/2011 to Corinna Township: Reviewed.
 9. Local Board of Appeal and Equalization Training Dates: Thur., 9/15/2011 1PM-4PM Dearing is due for training this year.
 10. P & Z Monthly Report for May, 2011: Reviewed.
 11. Building Use for June 2011: Reviewed.
 12. IUOE Local 49 Dues Increase: 7/1/2011 union dues increase to \$32 per month for each maintenance man.
 13. Wright County Township Officers Association Meeting Notice for 7/6/2011: All Town Board Members plan to attend.
 14. Wright County Township Officers Association Meeting Minutes of 4/7/2011: Reviewed.

Payment of Claims: Motion by Dearing, seconded by Carlson, to approve Direct Deposit Payroll Checks #254 through 257; EFT 2011-35 through EFT 2011-37, Check #16267 through Check #16301, in the amount of \$114,269.77. Motion carried unanimously.

With no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Naaktgeboren, seconded by Carlson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

June 21, 2011

Mary Barkley Brown, Clerk/Treasurer

John Dearing, Chairman