

CORINNA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
Tuesday, November 19, 2013, 7:00 p.m.  
Corinna Township Hall  
9801 Ireland Avenue NW, Annandale, MN

Official Minutes

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

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

Absent: Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Jean Just.

Others in Attendance: Corinna Planning and Zoning Administrator Ben Oleson; Tena Rytel; Paul Downer; Wayne Bauernschmitt.

Approve or Amend Agenda, Town Board Meeting, November 19, 2013:

A motion was made by Naaktgeboren, seconded by Dearing, to approve the Agenda with the following addition: Joyce Martin Thank You Note of 11/16/13 to Corinna Township Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve or Amend Minutes, Town Board Meeting, November 5, 2013:

A motion was made by Dearing, seconded by Naaktgeboren, to approve the Minutes of the Town Board Meeting of November 5, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

Notice of Hearing on Proposed Fire Assessment: Carlson opened the public hearing to consider special assessments for fire protection from the Annandale and Maple Lake Fire Departments. The special assessment per parcel in the Annandale Fire District is \$68 per parcel for the year 2014, and \$55 per parcel for properties in the Maple Lake Fire District. The hearing was opened for public comment. There were no public comments. Carlson entertained a motion to adopt Resolution #2013-05, the resolution adopting special assessments for fire protection. A motion was made by Naaktgeboren, seconded by Dearing to adopt Resolution #2013-05, with the special assessments for fire protection at the rate of \$68 per parcel for the year 2014 in the Annandale Fire District, and \$55 per parcel for properties in the Maple Lake Fire District. Motion carried unanimously.

Local 49 Rep Kent Courier: Reviewed proposal sent by Courier. Courier was not in attendance. Town Board would like to meet with Courier and Corinna Maintenance Department on 12/3/13 at 6:15 p.m., before the Regular Town Board Meeting.

108<sup>th</sup> Street Project: Naaktgeboren reported that the seeding is done.  
Joyce Martin Thank You Note of 11/16/13 to Corinna Township Board: Reviewed.

Township Signing Project: Sign installation began 8/23/13; Majority of work completed 9/6/13. 80<sup>th</sup> Street NW and some miscellaneous street signs still need to be completed.

Maintenance Outlook Report: Reviewed.

Post Driver Information: Reviewed a second quote. No action taken.

Requests to be on the Agenda:

1. Tena Rytel, from Geronimo Energy, addressed the Town Board regarding Xcel Energy's Petition to Seek Approval for a Competitive Resource Acquisition Proposal, PUC Docket Number E-002/CN-12-1240 OAH Docket Number 8-2500-30760. The representative outlined Geronimo Energy's proposal to install a solar panel site in Corinna Township, near the City of Annandale. Rytel said that this would be for a 2.5 megawatt project. There would be several 4' x 6' panels. The project would take up 30 acres. It is noiseless. The panels are fairly low to the ground and could easily be hidden by trees. There will be a fence around the project. Ben Oleson stated that he would have to discuss more with Wright County Planning and Zoning to determine if such a project would use up a building entitlement. A motion was made by Naaktgeboren, seconded by Dearing, to approve

support for consideration of alternate energy solutions and actions that provide economic benefit to Corinna Township, if these actions do not pose a negative impact to the public, with a reservation regarding the decommissioning or clean-up of this project at the end of its life, with either an escrow or a bond for decommissioning. Motion carried unanimously. The Town Board also supports the public input process that Geronimo Energy has outlined. Rytel said that if the project is approved, Geronimo Energy will work with the township to meet ordinance requirements. Clerk Brown was instructed to send a letter of support to The Honorable Eric L. Lipman at the MN Office of Administrative Hearings. Rytel was asked to send the Township information regarding decommissioning or clean-up of this project at the end of its life, with either an escrow or a bond for decommissioning.

Other Business:

1.

Planning and Zoning Administrator's Report: Oleson reported that at the Wright County Commissioners Meeting of 11/19/13, they voted to have their Attorney's Office draft a resolution that would recognize Corinna as the shoreland zoning authority – to be voted on formally on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013. It was a 3-2 vote (Sawatzke and Husom against).

Request for Determination: 11/7/13 Corinna Request to Wright County P and Z and to Wright County Attorney Kryzer for determination that Corinna Township has met the criteria for shoreland zoning administration was reviewed.

Wright County Board Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes of 11/6/13: Reviewed.

Next Corinna Monthly Planning Commission Meeting: Tuesday, 12/10/2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

2.

PID # 206-000-032200: Report of people living in home that was to be removed and disposed; 9/3/13 Ben Oleson letter to property owner asking owner to contact Oleson within 5 days. Property owner's response to Oleson on approximately 9/20/13 was that he wished to keep using the dwelling for 2-5 more years. Oleson letter of 11/8/13 sent to the landowner, Sean Riley and Greg Kryzer. Oleson said he received a phone call from property owner.

PID #206-027-000010, 7500 Isaak Avenue NW Violation Letter: Shed has been removed.

PID #206-061-000010, 7496 Isaak Avenue NW Violation Letter: Oleson letter of 9/16/13 to Stone regarding shed in road right-of-way. Property owner was given 5 business days to contact Oleson. Stone contacted Oleson and said he is applying for a permit to move the shed to a different location on the property. Oleson said Stone indicated they would likely need a variance. Stone submitted an incomplete application as they are verifying the location of property lines. Oleson will contact Stone again.

PID #206-000-272401, 7622 Isaak Avenue NW Violation Letter: Oleson letter of 9/16/13 to Rood in regard to land alteration work done on property. Property owner was given 5 business days to contact Oleson. Oleson inspected the property on 10/1/13 and took photos of tree stumps. Most showed signs of rot inside the trunks. Silt fence was in place. Oleson contacted Wright Soil and Water. They said the project could remain as is over the winter with the silt fence remaining in place. Oleson letter of 10/29/13 to Rood was reviewed. Oleson said the underground irrigation has been installed, but sod has not been installed yet. Oleson will follow up with Rood.

PID # 206016000010: Kobe's addition of a deck, screen porch and more, done without a permit. Oleson spoke to Kobe, who said he is working with Surveyor Bogart Peterson and with a sewer contractor.

8987 Iresfeld AV NW - PID # 206-000-153404: Building permit was issued in 2005 by Wright County and that it is still open and there is also a non-conforming sewer. Oleson will follow up, checking on sewer and also on time allowed to complete the building of the dwelling. Oleson was directed to send a letter to the landowner regarding any unfinished work on the home or sewer.

6400 102<sup>nd</sup> ST NW - PID# 206-000-1213003: Corinna letters of 5/31/2013 to Gordon and Bryan; Oleson letters of 5/31/2013 to Gordon and Bryan; Judith Bryan Letter of 6/1/2013 to Corinna Regarding Junk and Burning Violations at 6400 102<sup>nd</sup> ST NW; 6/25/13 Citizen complaint regarding property; 7/19/13 Corinna letter to Sheriff Joe Hagerty requesting criminal prosecution – Operation Clean Up for Wright County; Wright County Attorney Greg Kryzer letter of 9/9/13 to Corinna Township setting pretrial conference on 12/2/13 at 8:30 a.m.

11173 Hart AV NW - PID#206-056-008050: Corinna letter of 10/10/13 regarding vehicle in the Township Road Right-of-Way was reviewed; Corinna letter of 10/28/13 was reviewed. Naaktgeboren reported that the vehicle is gone.

11209 – 107<sup>th</sup> ST NW – PID # 206034000131: Complaint was received regarding Martin property where numerous items in the yard that have not been moved in over a year. Dearing or Oleson will inspect property.

7602 Isaak AV NW - PID# 206-027-000100: Corinna letter of 11/8/13 to Dircks was reviewed. Oleson met with Dircks onsite 11/19/13 to discuss restoration plans for disturbed areas. Silt fence is up and Dircks will plant vegetation in the Spring of 2014.

11935 Grant AV NW – PID# 206-024-000130: Oleson letter of 11/8/13 RE: buildable lot was reviewed.

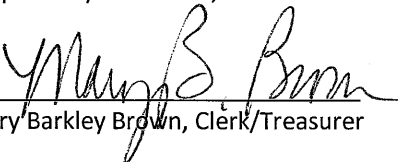
3. MAT Annual Conference: Deadline for pre-registration is 11/6/13. Conference to be held at Jackpot Junction in Morton, MN from 11/21/13 to 11/23/13. No one is attending.
4. 2014 MBA Scholarship Program: Reviewed.
5. Computer Replacement Quotes and Documentation RE: Conflict of Interest: Conflict of interest document was reviewed. A motion was made by Naaktgeboren, seconded by Dearing, to approve Andrew Brown's quote for office computers and server replacement, with the option for a new laptop. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Allina Heart Safe Communities: November 2013 Newsletter – The Heartbeat was reviewed.
7. Office Hours Fri., 11/29/13: The Town Hall will be closed on Friday, Nov. 29, 2013, the day after Thanksgiving.
8. Annandale Youth First: Thank you poster and Annual Report 7/1/12 to 6/31/13 were reviewed.
9. Fire Assessments: No discussion.
10. Any Other Business That May Come Before the Board: None.

Payment of Claims:

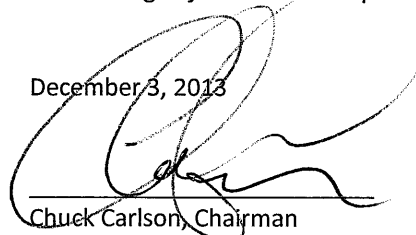
A motion was made by Dearing, seconded by Naaktgeboren, to approve Direct Deposit Payroll JE 2013-55 through 2013-57 (Miller Welle Heiser Payroll Service); Payroll Checks #652 through #655 (Miller Welle Heiser Payroll Service); Check # 18665 through Check # 18678 in the amount of \$43,745.89. Motion carried unanimously.

With no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Dearing, seconded by Naaktgeboren, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Mary Barkley Brown, Clerk/Treasurer

December 3, 2013

  
Chuck Carlson, Chairman