

CORINNA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, June 17, 2014, 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 John Dearing; Vice-Chairman Richard Naaktgeboren; Supervisor Chuck Carlson; Clerk/Treasurer Mary Barkley Brown.

Absent: Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Jean Just.

Others in Attendance: Thomas Tart; Bob DeBoer; Ed Stracke; Fred Jude; Wright County Commissioner Chris Husom; Richard Whirley; Ronda Isakson.

Approve or Amend Agenda, Town Board Meeting, June 17, 2014: A motion was made by Naaktgeboren, seconded by Carlson, to approve the Agenda with the following additions:

Appoint Election Judges;

Request to be on the Agenda: Wright County Commissioner Chris Husom;

Request to be on the Agenda: Ronda Isakson;

The remaining additions are from the June 13, 2014 Planning and Zoning Administrator's Report, as follows:

Ordinance Amendment to Section 503.1 (Planning Commission: Creation and Membership) of the Corinna Land Use Ordinance to increase allowable number of alternate members from one to two;

Appoint Alternate Planning Commission Member;

Tart/Snyder Rezoning – making recommendation to the County on this (PC recommended approval);

Jude Preliminary Plat Application – deciding whether to take PC recommendation to approve.

Motion carried unanimously.

Approve or Amend Minutes, Town Board Meeting, June 3, 2014: A motion was made by Naaktgeboren, seconded by Carlson, to approve the Minutes of the Town Board Meeting of June 3, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

10881 108th ST NW: Zumwalde – Culvert is washing out. Large rocks and rip-rap need to be added. Reviewed.

Maintenance Outlook Report: Reviewed.

Post Driver: Dearing and Naaktgeboren will meet with rep week of June 23.

120th Street – Town Line Road: No report.

Using Driveways as Turn-Arounds: 11047 Hollister – Ken Vande Steeg. Reviewed.

Cemetery: Watering trees; rust in water –Carlson ordered rust-removing chemicals and two bottles of rust-removing spray from Carefree Lawn Service. Supervisors would like sprinkling lines to run to two lines of trees – pines along 108th ST NW and hardwoods near old cemetery. Carlson meeting Carefree to discuss.

Requests to be on the Agenda:

1. True Friends: Ed Stracke (Camp Courage) and Bob DeBoer (the Jane Goodall Earth Sciences Academy Charter School) addressed the Town Board. (Silver Creek Township Supervisor John Jones was not in attendance, as was originally posted.) Both presented printed materials. They reviewed the charter school's plan to lease space from Camp Courage for three years. This charter school is a public school for grades 6-12. Their maximum student capacity is 150 students. As is it a public school, there is no tuition charged. They plan to open in the fall of 2015. The school is for "non-traditional" learners. Each student will drive their own learning. There will be advisors. They are looking for teachers and students interested in enrolling.

Naaktgeboren asked about transportation. DeBoer said this is undecided. There may be carpools, vans, or families may drive themselves. There is public transportation money for this, but it is not enough to cover costs completely.

Naaktgeboren asked about extra-curricular activities. DeBoer said that the charter school will emphasize life-long leisure activities. Examples include clay shooting, cross country skiing, and fishing. Students may enroll in their home district for sports.

Naaktgeboren asked how long before the charter school builds a school. DeBoer said they have a three year lease with Camp Courage. They will submit plans to the MN Department of Education for the lease. Lease-aide comes with that approval. Any future building would also have to be approved by the MN Department of Education. They have land in Silver Creek Township.

They welcome the opportunity to have a public hearing at the Corinna Town Hall.

2. Wright County Commissioner Chris Husom addressed the Town Board. Her term as Wright County Commissioner is up for re-election in November.

She reviewed Trail Blazers, which is replacing River Riders in Wright County. Individual cities have signed up with Trail Blazers for service, as the county did not come to an agreement with them.

Husom said the Pollution Control Agency and the US Army Corps of Engineers wish to have control of all navigable U.S. waterways. The MN Association of Counties and the National Association of Counties asked to have the public hearing time extended. It has been extended to 10/20/2014. This could impact ditches and storm water run-off anywhere. Wright County Commissioner Borrell authored a resolution opposing this. Corinna may wish to submit comments.

3. Ronda Isakson and Richard Whirley addressed the Town Board. Earlier in the day on 6/17/2014, Isakson asked to be on the Agenda and gave Clerk Brown a copy of her Abstract of Title. A copy was distributed to each Town Board member at the meeting. Isakson's Abstract of Title describes an easement for ingress and egress for roadway purposes over property. The Town Board reviewed the road to her home on the Wright County Beacon Website and on the town road certification map and stated that the road ends shortly after her driveway. The Town Board is not aware of an easement, nor do they have plans to build a road over an easement. Isakson felt that the neighbor should be bound to the setbacks required for a town road, rather than the setbacks required for a property line. The Town Board did not agree, as there is no road on the property border where the neighbor is building. Naaktgeboren stated: An easement is not a road. A road shows up on our road maps. An easement may be abandoned at any time. When an abstract is updated it is just the opinion of the abstractor. The Town Board members asked Isakson what she was asking of the Town Board. Isakson said that she would like to see all the records from when the driveway built by Bob Wurm was taken over by the Township as a Town Road. Clerk Brown stated that the first time that 1,224.32 foot-long road showed up on the Wright County Road Certification forms was in 1992. Clerk Brown looked for Minutes in the historical records (with the time allowed since the request in the late afternoon of 6/17/14), and could not find any reference to it in the Township Minutes. Clerk Brown said that she would research the Minutes further. Isakson said she would contact Brown early the week of 6/23/14.

Other Business:

1. Planning and Zoning Administrator's Report:

Ordinance Amendment to Section 503.1 (Planning Commission: Creation and Membership) of the Corinna Land Use Ordinance to increase allowable number of alternate members from one to two: A motion was made by Carlson, seconded by Naaktgeboren, to adopt Resolution #2014-05, which adopts Ordinance #2014-01. Motion carried unanimously.

Appoint Alternate Planning Commission Member: A motion was made by Carlson, seconded by Naaktgeboren, to appoint Barry Schultz as alternate Planning Commission member, with his term ending 12/31/2016. Motion carried unanimously.

Tart/Snyder Rezoning: Thomas Tart addressed the Town Board. A motion was made by Naaktgeboren, seconded by Carlson, to accept the Planning Commission's recommendations for rezoning, based on findings of fact, and to send the recommendation to Wright County for their rezoning decision. Motion carried unanimously.

Jude Preliminary Plat Application: Fred Jude addressed the Town Board. A motion was made by Carlson, seconded by Naaktgeboren, to approve the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve Jude's preliminary plat application, with the Conditions cited in the Planning Commission's approval. Motion carried unanimously.

Eventually, a final plat must also be approved by Wright County, although this is only involving the preliminary plat approval at this point.

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Next Corinna Monthly Planning Commission Meeting: Tuesday, 7/8/2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.
Violations:

Non-Compliant Septic Systems in Corinna Township: Wright County has county-wide list and plan to prioritize which to pursue first. Oleson and Deputy Clerk Jean Just prioritized the Corinna Township list for Wright County to pursue.

PID# 206-000-223201 Onsrud – 8338 Irvine Avenue NW: Oleson letter of 4/30/14 regarding land use permit application – deadline 6/30/2014. Onsrud's contractor has called saying they might need more time. He says they are having difficulty obtaining topsoil from suppliers for some reason. They plan to get it done ASAP pending weather and availability of topsoil. Oleson told them to call back when closer if they were still having problems – otherwise to plan to still meet the June 30 deadline.

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 letter of 3/31/2014 sent to landowner. Rieger-Borer letter of 4/8/14 to Town Board asked for an extension of the deadline of June 1, 2014. A motion was made by Naaktgeboren, seconded by Carlson, to deny Rieger-Borer's request for a deadline extension. Motion carried unanimously. Oleson will notify Rieger-Borer of decision. 4/22/14 Oleson letter to Rieger-Borer; 4/25/14 Oleson e-mail to Sean Riley. Oleson said he has also spoken to Wright County Attorney Greg Kryzer. On 6/3/2014, a motion was made by Carlson, seconded by Naaktgeboren, to turn this matter over to Wright County for legal action. Motion carried unanimously.

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 contacted Stone again. Stone applied for building permit 5/13/2014. Building moved to meet setbacks. Permit being issued.

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. 4/30/14 Oleson letter to Rood. Oleson inspected and reported that sod and plantings are now in compliance.

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. Oleson said that it looks like Kobe is over impervious coverage limit. Oleson will follow up after Bogart Peterson completes the survey. It was not complete due to snow. Oleson reported that he is working with Mr. Kobe and the Planning Commission on impervious coverage issue.

PID # 206-000-153404 - 8987 Iresfeld AV NW: 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 inspected property on 2/24/14. Oleson letter of 2/24/14 to Oxenford; Oleson letter of 5/2/14 to Oxenford has 6/30/2014 deadline.

3. Aurora Solar Tour: Friday, 6/20/2014 – St. John's University – tour of solar facility. Only one Town Board Rep. may attend. Dick Naaktgeboren is registered to attend.
4. Randy DesMarais Retirement Gathering: Friday, 6/27/2014, 1:00 – 3:30 PM, Courthouse, Room C120. Dearing and Naaktgeboren plan to attend.
5. Fire Services Agreement with the City of Annandale: Final contract was presented for signature. There were no changes from contract that had been approved previously on 3/4/2014.
6. Clearwater River Watershed District: Press release of 6/5/2014 was reviewed.
7. Wright County Sheriff's 1st Quarter Summary Report: Reviewed.
8. Wright County Township Officers' Assn Meeting Notice and Previous Minutes: Meeting 7/9/2014, 6:30 p.m.; Silver Creek Township; Previous Minutes draft 4/3/2014. Reviewed.
9. Annandale State Bank: 6/9/2014 Notices Regarding Two CDs Maturing – reviewed.
10. Appoint Election Judges: A motion was made by Carlson, seconded by Naaktgeboren, to appoint election judges as described in Resolution #2014-06. Motion carried unanimously.

Any Other Business That May Come Before the Board: None.

Information on File:

Office of the State Auditor: E-Updates 5/30/14; 6/6/14 were reviewed.

Township Legal Seminar: Thur., 6/26/14 – Reviewed.

Towmaster's 5th Annual Education and Equipment Expo: 7/15/14 from 7:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. – Reviewed.

MN Rural Partners June Round-Up: Reviewed.

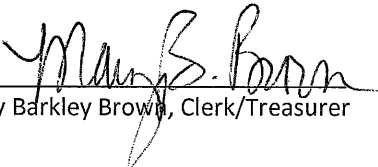
Payment of Claims:

A motion was made by Naaktgeboren, seconded by Carlson, to approve Direct Deposit Payroll JE 2014-31 through JE 2014-33 (Miller Welle Heiser Payroll Service); Payroll Checks #725 through #730 (Miller Welle Heiser Payroll Service); Check # 18952 through Check # 18970 and Check # 18972 through Check # 18976 (Check #18971 is VOID); in the amount of \$299,400.11. 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 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

July 1, 2014


Mary Barkley Brown, Clerk/Treasurer


John Dearing, Chairman