

CORINNA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, April 20, 2021 - 7:00 p.m.
Corinna Township Hall
9801 Ireland Avenue NW, Annandale, MN

Minutes Unapproved

This meeting was open to the public.

Chairman: Larry Smith
Vice-Chairman: Chuck Carlson
Supervisor: John Dearing

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

Present: Chairman Larry Smith; Vice-Chairman Chuck Carlson; Supervisor John Dearing; Clerk/Treasurer Mary Barkley Brown.

Absent: Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Jean Just.

Others in Attendance: Wright County Commissioner Christine Husom; Cody Decker; Ben Anderson.

Approve or Amend Agenda, Town Board Meeting, April 20, 2021: A motion was made by Dearing, seconded by Carlson, to approve the Agenda with the following additions: Two Requests to be on the Agenda - Wright County Commissioner Christine Husom and Cody Decker; Maple Lake Fire Contract; Covid-19 Pay; Wright County Economic Development Authority Letter of 4/12/2021. Motion carried unanimously. Copies of the previous Meeting Minutes and this Meeting's Agenda are available for those attending this meeting.

Approve or Amend Minutes, Town Board Meeting, April 6, 2021: A motion was made by Carlson, seconded by Dearing, to approve April 6, 2021 Meeting Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Maintenance Outlook Report, Calendar and Log Sheets: Reviewed. A motion was made by Carlson, seconded by Dearing, to approve a Laumann Outdoors weed control program quote for \$1,390 for the year – at the cemetery and at the town hall. Motion carried unanimously.

Culvert Near Sugar Acres: Dearing and the Maintenance Men will check culvert under the road near Sugar Acres – and make sure water is not blocked by debris, per request of citizen.

Dearing reported that Byron Gherke – 105th ST, past Steinhoff's pole shed – wishes to dig into the road and install a sleeve. This will require a Corinna Township Encroachment License.

Chris Glaeser Letter of 3/20/2021: Letter reviewed. Township will put turn signs on his gate and take down our temporary barriers and signs on new roadway when Glaeser has the new gate ready. Steve Jost is to contact Glaeser.

Hemlock/80th ST NW: Clerk Brown spoke to Annandale City Administrator, Kelly Hinnenkamp. The City is still waiting for word on the State Highway 24 round-about project at the intersection of State Highway 24 NW and Hemlock AVE NW. MN DOT has not decided yet if the project will start in 2021 or 2022. Corinna will partner with the City of Annandale to re-surface Hemlock/80th ST NW when the round-about project happens.

Requests to be on the Agenda:

1. Wright County Commissioner Christine Husom: Ms. Husom addressed the Town Board. She spoke of the Wright County Economic Development Authority; Wright County's debt, and property valuations; and drivers' testing.
2. Cody Decker: Cody Decker addressed the Town Board in regard to his E-Mail of 4/16/2021 to the Town Board. Decker lives at PID# 206-000-154305. He stated that activities on PID #206-000-154400 are noisy. They start their diesel trucks at 6:20 AM and wake up his kids. Decker said he has tried several strategies to absorb the noise, including curtains. He stated that employees with trucks and trailers make multiple trips to the property, He

stated that deliveries are made via truck to the property 7 days a week. He stated that equipment repairs are done on the property. He stated that the property is zoned AG – and this business should not be here. Decker said it was a quiet neighborhood when he purchased his home and now there are commercial vehicles right next door.

The Corinna Township Planning Commission had decided, at the March 25, 2021 Corinna Township Planning Commission Meeting, that a CUP was not needed for this property. The following is from the March 25, 2021 Corinna Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes: *“Oleson pulled up a property located on the North side of Cedar Lake that has a shed on it, they are looking at splitting off 10 acres with the building and would like to add on to the east side of the building. Basically the question is, is it a business or a Tradesmen yard for storage which does not require a CUP. The intention is to keep equipment in the shed and personal storage. Work is all done offsite, may have a few employees parking during the day. The Planning Commission Board felt that since there are not customers coming and going on the property and no work is being done on the property they would not need a CUP.”*

Chuck Carlson asked, “If he gets it quieted down, is there a complaint? Or is the complaint that he is running a business?” Decker also said he was concerned with wear and tear on the road by truck traffic.

Other Business:

1. Planning and Zoning Administrator’s Report: No action taken.
2. Arnold A. Olson Trust: Sheriff Deputy said owners agreed to have cleaned up by May 30, 2021.
3. Arlene Marshall Trust Property: Attorney Mike Couri and Surveyor Web working on this.
4. Letter Regarding Obstruction in Road Right-of-Way at 11386 Hoyer Ave. NW: Owners agreed to remove 2 arbors and cut vines away from fence by May 1, 2021.
5. Maple Lake Fire Contract: A motion was made by Dearing, seconded by Carlson, to approve the Maple Lake Fire Contract, which starts 5/1/2021. Larry Smith is authorized to sign it. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Covid-19 Pay: A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Dearing, to approve Covid-19 pay for up to two consecutive regular work weeks, with a positive Covid-19 test. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Wright County Economic Development Authority Letter of 4/12/2021: Reviewed. Will place Resolution on May 4, 2021 Regular Town Board meeting Agenda.

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

Information on File:


Office of the State Auditor: E-Updates 4/2/2021 and 4/9/2021 were reviewed.

Payment of Claims:


A motion was made by Carlson, seconded by Dearing, to approve Direct Deposit Payroll JE 2021-023 through JE 2021-025 (Miller Welle Heiser Payroll Service); Payroll Checks #1554 through #1557 (Miller Welle Heiser Payroll Service); Check #22732 to Check # 22744 in the amount of \$15,981.93. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Carlson, seconded by Dearing, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Mary Barkley Brown, Clerk/Treasurer

May 4, 2021


Larry Smith, Chairman