

CORINNA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
Thursday, July 6, 2023 - 7:00 p.m.
Corinna Township Hall
9801 Ireland Avenue NW, Annandale, MN

Minutes Unapproved

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

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

Present: Chairman John Dearing; Vice-Chairman Larry Smith; Supervisor Chuck Carlson; Clerk/Treasurer Mary Barkley Brown; Maintenance Men Steve Jost and Brett Goelz.

Absent: Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Jean Just.

Others in Attendance: Wright County Commissioner Tina Diedrick.

Approve or Amend Agenda, Town Board Meeting, July 6, 2023: A motion was made by Carlson, seconded by Smith, to approve the Agenda with the following additions: Request for traffic sign – 107th and 108th intersection; Weed Letter – 8959 and 8960 Ingram AVE NW – Thernell; Weed Letter - 11000 – 118th ST NW- Conroy; Matt Kutz Repair Claim. 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, June 20, 2023: A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Carlson, to approve the June 20, 2023 Meeting Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Maintenance Outlook Report and Calendar: Reviewed. Jost reported that traffic counts on DNR road project (105th ST NW and 106th ST NW) averaged 200-250 per day (between Ireland AVE NW and County Road 123 NW). The east end had 200 less per week. The west end had 200 more per week. Study was conducted the past 3 weeks.

Steve Jost said that a few Township Roads have not been micro-sealed, as the Township used chip-seal through 2019. The following have not been micro-sealed: Ingram, Imhoff, 112th, 91st ST, Cedar Acres. Steve will get the Town Board a map. He would like to crack-fill these roads in 2023 and micro-seal them in 2024.

Request for Dead End and Speed Signs: Kelly Kasper made requests. Town Board and maintenance department states that there is already a Dead End sign on the road at Hart AVE NW and 110th ST NW. There is already a "No turn-around" sign on the road. There is a yield sign. Town Board recommends that cars do not back out on a hill. Will have Jean Just look into speed limit available, under State Statutes, on this road.

Hemlock/80th ST NW: Intersection of State Highway 24 and Hemlock/80th Street NW will have full roadway closure and detour starting 7/7/2023. Round-about construction will take priority – to have finished by the time school starts. Substantial completion date is Sept. 5, 2023. Final completion date is November 17, 2023.

Bass Lake Road Vacation: No action taken. Waiting for info from surveyor.

Irvine AVE NW Engineer Inspection Regarding Road: Dearing will contact engineer again.

Engineer's Report from Engineer Shane Nelson Regarding Hollister AVE NW: Reviewed. Clerk Brown is to put on July 18 Meeting Agenda to review again.

Jeske AVE NW: No action taken. Attorney Couri has been out of town.

Request for traffic sign – 107th and 108th intersection: A motion was made by Carlson, seconded by Dearing to place yield sign at intersection. Motion carried unanimously.

Requests to be on the Agenda:

1. Joe Niznik – 10079 105th ST NW: Install Rock and Flowers Near Roadway: Reviewed proposal. Niznik did not attend. A motion was made by Carlson, seconded by Dearing, to table until Mr. Niznik can attend meeting.

2. Wright County Commissioner Tina Diedrick: Diedrick addressed the Town Board and addressed the following topics:

Co. Rd. 123 – intersection with DNR road project (105th ST NW and 106th ST NW): Town Board and Diedrick feel this would be a good time to fix issues at that intersection, possibly putting in a “T” there, rather than the curve. Diedrick will talk to Wright County Highway Engineer Virgil Hawkins.

Park Dedication Fees: Reviewed what the fees can be used for. She will get further details regarding what the money can be used for.

Wright County Broadband Committee: Nothing has been identified in Corinna Township.

Land Use Plan: NW Quadrant full review will be in 2024 at the earliest. Township would like to use land that is not good farmland for 2.5 acre lots, etc. Dearing will get proposed (but not accepted) Land Use Plan and send to Diedrick.

Wright County is upgrading the County Highway Shop at County Road 8 NW and 106th NW. Diedrick has concerns about safety at the following intersections: County Road 6 NW and State Highway 55 NW, and also County Road 7 NW and State Highway 55 NW. She will bring up at Highway 55 Corridor Meetings.

Watershed grants and culverts were discussed, also.

Other Business:

1. Planning and Zoning Administrator’s Report: Reviewed.

2. Ordinance Amendments – 2nd Reading: A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Carlson, to approve proposed Ordinance Amendments. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Junk Clean-Up Day – Workers: Reviewed worker list.

4. Orderly Annexation Draft: Attorney Mike Couri is working on this. No action taken.

5. GLT Architects: Reviewed Advertisement for Bids. Pre-bid meeting will be held July 12, 2023 at 9 AM, at Corinna Town Hall. Bids are due July 20, 2023 at 2 PM.

6. Wright County Township Officers Association Dinner Meeting July 13, 6:30 PM: Dearing and Smith plan to attend meeting.

7. Weed Violation Letter – 6396 112th ST NW, Maple Lake, June 26, 2023: Reviewed.

8. Camp Courage Update of June 24, 2023: True Friends President John LeBlanc wrote to say that True Friends was awarded \$10 million for the Recreation Center Project (pool & gym) at Camp Courage in the capital investment bill– but it will be part of a larger cash grant appropriation bill versus the typical bonding bill. He understands this to mean that True Friends will not need to ask the township to serve as the local government entity/fiscal agent.

9. Weed Letter – 8959 and 8960 Ingram AVE NW – Thernell: Reviewed.

10. Weed Letter - 11000 – 118th ST NW- Conroy: Reviewed.

11. Matt Kutz Damage Claim: Reviewed. Damage occurred approximately October 20, 2022. John Dearing will look into this.

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

Information on File:

Cedar Lake Conservation Club Newsletter: Reviewed.

Office of the State Auditor: E-Updates of 6/16/2023; 6/23/2023 were reviewed.

Payment of Claims:

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Carlson, to approve Direct Deposit Payroll JE 2023-014 (Miller Welle Heiser Payroll Service); Payroll Checks #1861 through #1864 (Miller Welle Heiser Payroll Service); Check #23979 to Check # 24005 in the amount of \$375,386.26. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Carlson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

July 18, 2023



Mary Barkley Brown, Clerk/Treasurer



John Dearing, Chairman