

CORINNA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
Tuesday, October 7, 2025 - 7:00 p.m.  
Corinna Township Hall  
9801 Ireland Avenue NW, Annandale, MN

Minutes Unapproved

Chairman: John Dearing  
Vice Chair: Larry Smith  
Supervisor: Bob Donnett

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

Present: Chair John Dearing; Vice Chair Larry Smith; Supervisor Bob Donnett; Clerk/Treasurer Mary Barkley Brown; Maintenance Men Steve Jost and Brett Goelz; Engineer Ron Bray.

Absent: Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Jean Just.

Others in Attendance: Brian Dahlke; Randy Nelson; Bruce Markling; Gretchen Lieb; Michael Holmstrom.

Approve or Amend Agenda, Town Board Meeting, October 7, 2025: A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Donnett, to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve or Amend Minutes, Town Board Meeting, Sept. 16, 2025: A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Donnett, to approve the September 16, 2025 Town Board Meeting Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Maintenance Outlook Report and Calendar: Reviewed. A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Donnett, to haul loads of wood chips to township residents, within the township only, at no charge. Motion carried unanimously.

Road Certification: A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Donnett, to certify "no change" in road mileage. Motion carried unanimously.

Ron Bray - Hollister Cement Road Feasibility Report: Bray answered several questions from the audience. The Town Board directed Bray to complete a final feasibility report. It will be presented at the October 21 Regular Town Board Meeting.

DRN Road – 105<sup>th</sup> ST NW: Quantities Report from Knife River was reviewed. CenterPoint Energy Notification was reviewed.

Ireland AVE NW Construction: No report.

Easement 6938 Ingram AVE NW - Staked by Otto and Associates: Description and Exhibit \$500 - No action taken.

Tree Trimming Letters: Reviewed.

Requests to be on the Agenda:

1. Karl Enghauser: Re-tar Portion of 108<sup>th</sup> ST NW: Did not attend.
2. Gretchen Lieb: The Town Board discussed the No Parking signs along Gulden AVE NW. Dearing stated that he requested the No Parking signs on the road, as he observed that there was not enough room for emergency vehicles, plows or grading equipment, when he was driving on the road. The Town Board then approved the sign.

Other Business:

1. Planning and Zoning Administrator's Report: Reviewed October 14, 2025 P and Z Meeting Agenda. Direction on how to proceed with the auto sales/storage business operating from PID 206000164400: The Town Board directed Planning and Zoning Administrator Ben Oleson to turn this matter over to the Township Attorney's Office.
2. Construction of a garage on PID 206103000010 that is unbuildable for a dwelling per Wright County action in 1980s: Oleson explained the history of the lot as being unbuildable for a dwelling or sewer system, but it is unclear whether a garage or other buildings can be constructed. After discussion, a motion was made by Smith, seconded by Donnett, to allow for a garage or other buildings that do not have overnight living quarters or running water if the lot is tied by Administrative Order to a nearby lot with a home on it. If not owned by someone nearby, a variance would be required. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Separate sale/development of PIDs 206000272103, 206000272100 and 206077001210: Oleson explained these are three lots owned in common now up for sale. Questioned whether Irvine Ave extending down into 206077001210 is considered a township road. If it is, then it could serve as access to a public road should any of the 3 lots be sold separately. Oleson will need to work with any buyer to determine procedures to approve sale separately - that is not what is being reviewed tonight. The Board indicated that Irvine Ave NW is considered a public road as far as they plow, which is into the wooded area of PID 206077001210 where the turnaround is. It was also noted that if PID 206077001210 is not prohibited from having a garage on it (it was prohibited from having a dwelling by Wright County action when the lot was platted).
4. Order of Abatement – 11209 107<sup>th</sup> ST NW: Buildings have not been torn down.
5. Oleson Letter of 8/5/2025 Regarding 10800 Gulden AVE NW: No report.
6. Dog Running at Large Letter to PID 206-045-000170: Reviewed.
7. ISD 876 Notice of Election: Reviewed.
8. Wright County Township Officers Association Quarterly Meeting Notice and Minutes: Reviewed.
9. Election Judges 11/4/2025: A motion was made by Donnett, seconded by Smith, to approve election judges for Nov. 4 Election. Motion carried unanimously.
10. Notice of Corinna Public Accuracy Test: Reviewed.
11. Joint Powers Agreement – Enforcement and Regulation of Cannabis: Reviewed.
12. New Computers: Clerk Brown was advised to go ahead with upgrading Township Computers, in order to stay compliant with current Windows updates.
13. CenterPoint Energy ROW Permit Application 7370 119<sup>th</sup> ST NW: Reviewed. Work has already started or has been finished.

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

Information on File:

Office of the State Auditor: E-Updates of 9/12/2025 and 9/19/2025 were reviewed.

Payment of Claims:

A motion was made by Dearing, seconded by Smith, to approve checks #25265 through 25300; Direct Deposit Payroll JE 2025-44 (Miller Welle Heiser Payroll Service); Payroll Checks E00120 – E00125; (Miller Welle Heiser Payroll Service); in the amount of \$55,018.72.

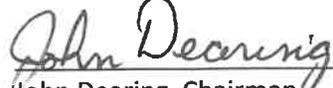
Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Donnett, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Mary Barkley Brown, Clerk/Treasurer

October 21, 2025

  
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John Dearing, Chairman