

CORINNA TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

March 11, 2025

Unofficial Minutes

Attendance: 13

John Dearing; Larry Smith; Chuck Carlson; Melinda Carlson; Norm Planer; Dick Naaktgeboren; Matt Hannafin; Joe Dwenger (Annandale Fire); Mark Fahey (Annandale Fire); Ron Mares; Chris Rogers; One unknown – due to signature; Mary Barkley Brown, Clerk/Treasurer.

The Annual Town Meeting was called to order by Corinna Township Clerk Mary Barkley Brown at 8:19 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

A motion was made by Chuck Carlson, seconded by Norm Planer, to nominate Dick Naaktgeboren as Moderator of this Annual Meeting. No other nominations were given. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Larry Smith, seconded by Ron Mares, to waive the reading of the 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by John Dearing, seconded by Larry Smith, to approve the 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Moderator Dick Naaktgeboren directed Supervisor Larry Smith to present the main activities for 2024.

Smith explained the main activities for 2024:

- Paving of Irvine Ave NW– with property owners being assessed for paving;

- The township purchased a new truck with plow;

- The Township also put recycling contract out for bids. New recycling company will start in May, 2025.

Financial Report FY 2024:

Copies of the Township Budget for 2024, 2025 and proposed for 2026 were available. The General Budget disbursements are divided mainly into areas of wages, election, insurance, office supplies, cemetery, fire protection, recycling, junk amnesty, and planning and zoning expenses. Road and Bridge Budget disbursements are divided mainly into areas of wages, road maintenance supplies, vehicle repairs, equipment contracts and road projects. 60% of the Budget is proposed to be in reserve for the following year. Budget year starts January 1 but first tax payment is received in July.

Corinna Township's annual budgets are estimates of need. The actual expenditures fluctuate yearly due to some of the following: weather (ice, snow), gas prices, bid competition, amount of sand or salt left from previous years, date of bill payments, and whether road repair projects are done annually or if money needs to be saved to do the project the following year.

Moderator Dick Naaktgeboren directed Supervisor Chuck Carlson to highlight proposed activities for 2025:

Carlson said that the Township intends to do the following projects in 2025:

- 105th ST NW – Sugar Lake South Access Road (DNR Grant) improve and pave;
- Ireland AVE NW – reclaim and blacktop, replace culverts;
- Culvert replacement on Illsley Ave NW (south of Highway 55);
- Gravel the roads on Jenkins, 60th, and 78th.

Special Reports:

Maple Lake Fire Department: No one from the Maple Lake Fire Department attended the meeting. No reports were available.

Annandale Fire Department: Printed Budget Report copies were available. Mark Fahey, and Joe Dwenger represented the Annandale Fire Department. Fahey reported that last year the Annandale Fire Department responded to 351 calls in their entire service area. They responded to 82 calls in Corinna Township. The department will replace 2 vehicles – the 1990 tanker and 1997 fire engine. It takes 4 years to get a truck and fire engine after placing order. The assessment per parcel for 2026 will be \$95.00.

Annandale Youth First: Naaktgeboren asked if there were any questions about the proposed request for \$1,500 for programs in 2026. There were no questions. \$1,500 had been approved for 2025.

Maple Lake Library Request: No one from the Maple Lake Library attended the meeting. The library requested a donation for 2026 to the Maple Lake Library for their programs via letter. \$1,000 had been previously approved for 2025. People from surrounding townships outside the City of Maple Lake use the library for books, media, computer use, book clubs and youth reading programs. The library is run by volunteers. They have approximately 5,000 patrons. The library was established in 2009.

- 202 Corinna building permits were issued in 2024 (13 were new home permits)
- Recycling 2024 – 208.19 tons; 1,130 participants (Republic Service – single sort)

Moderator Dick Naaktgeboren asked that Supervisor John Dearing present the budget that was proposed for FY 2026. Dearing explained the main budgeted expenses and activities for 2026:

General Budget: \$706,102

Road and Bridge Budget: \$1,470,200

- Fire Protection – Annandale and Maple Lake Fire Department
- Curbside Recycling
- Assessor
- Audit
- Junk Clean Up Day
- Road Project
- Ice and Snow Removal (Sand/Salt/Lime)
- Dust Coating
- Gravel
- Gravel Hauling
- Seal Coat/Overlay
- Road Striping
- Crack Seal
- Bonding for Roads
- Planning and Zoning (Professional Services, Inspection Services, Planning Commission)
- Overlay on Hart, 70th Street & 75th Street

2026 General Budget and Levy: Budget of \$706,102 less fire protection assessment of \$145,000 and other income of \$190,102, making a net need of \$371,000, for a suggested levy of 371,000.00. A motion was made by Ron Mares, seconded by Melinda Carlson, to accept the suggested General Budget levy of \$371,000. Motion carried unanimously.

2026 Road and Bridge Budget and Levy: Budget \$1,470,200 less other income \$50,200; net need of \$1,420,000 and suggested levy of \$1,420,000.

A motion was made by Ron Mares, seconded by Norm Planer, to approve the proposed Road and Bridge levy of \$1,420,000. The motion carried unanimously.

Town Board Supervisor Election Results (One Board Member – 3-Year Term): Clerk Mary Barkley Brown reported from the results from the election judges' statement: Of the 37 votes cast, Larry Smith received 37 votes. There were no write-in votes.

Depository: A motion was made by John Dearing, seconded by Ron Mares, for the Lake Central Bank (formerly known as the Annandale State Bank) to remain as the selected depository. Motion carried unanimously.

Official Newspapers: A motion was made by Melinda Carlson, seconded by Ron Mares, for the official newspapers to remain the Annandale Advocate and Maple Lake Messenger. Motion carried unanimously.

Announcements by Moderator:

2025 Local Board of Appeal and Equalization will be Tuesday, April 22, 2025 beginning at 3 p.m. at the Corinna Town Hall.

2026 Annual Meeting will be held at the Corinna Town Hall, 9801 Ireland AV NW, Annandale, at 8:15 p.m., Tuesday, March 10, 2026, the second Tuesday of March, 2026. In case of bad weather, the date will be Tuesday, March 17, 2026.

Moderator Dick Naaktgeboren encouraged attendance at township meetings, the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month and the Planning Commission meetings, the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

Other Business: None.

A motion was made by Norm Planer, seconded by Chuck Carlson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Mary Barkley Brown, Clerk/Treasurer


Dick Naaktgeboren, Moderator

Board of Canvass followed the Annual Meeting.