

CORINNA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
Tuesday, May 19, 2026  
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: John Dearing called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Chair John Dearing; Vice Chair Larry Smith; Clerk/Treasurer Mary Barkley Brown (arrived 7:30 p.m.); Deputy Clerk Jean Just; Attorney Mark Allseits, of Couri Ruppe; Engineer Kevin Kruger, of WSB.

Absent: Supervisor Bob Donnett.

Others in Attendance: Paul Smith; Joan Smith; Leslie Hahn; Dan Dykhoff; Bob Gruys; Dan Gorski; Bruce Markling; Brian Dahlke; Paul Pardus; Jeff Weis; Harold Hinnenkamp; Ron Elsner; Dan Popp; Phillip Kothrade; Trevor Gunderson.

Approve or Amend Agenda, Town Board Meeting, May 19, 2026: A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Dearing, to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve or Amend Minutes, Town Board Meeting, May 5, 2026: A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Dearing, to approve May 5, 2026 Meeting Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Appeal of Assessment – Paul M Smith, PID#206072000190: Reviewed.

Formal Objection to Special Assessment - Michael Barry and Leslie Hahn, PID#206072000251: Reviewed.

Public Hearing on Proposed Assessments for Hollister AVE Reconstruction Project: Chair John Dearing opened the public hearing at 7:09 p.m. There was a discussion among the property owners included in the assessment project. The Township Engineer presented the final project costs, assessment methodology, and proposed assessment amounts. The proposed assessment roll was on file with the Clerk and available for public inspection. The attorney and engineer answered questions. The attorney explained the appeal process to the audience, which was already thoroughly explained in the notice sent to all affected parties: If you would like to keep open your option to appeal – must have submitted a written and signed appeal letter to the clerk prior to tonight’s public hearing or turn in a written and signed appeal letter to the chairman at the hearing tonight. All parties present were afforded the opportunity to speak at least once if they so desired prior to the close of the public hearing. A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Dearing, to close the public hearing. Motion carried. Public Hearing closed at 8:08 p.m. The Board discussed the assessments after the public hearing, taking into account the public comment heard.

Resolution 2026 –06 Adopting Assessment for Improvement of Hollister Avenue: A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Dearing, to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

Maintenance Outlook Report and Calendar: Reviewed.

County Highway 6 Closure at Railroad Crossing Annandale: Reviewed.

Trevor Gunderson Letter Regarding Culvert: Mr. Gunderson is requesting that the Township put in a culvert or culverts on his road. The Town Board will have a Special Meeting to review Gunderson's road. Neighbor Mark Johnson would like to attend the Special Meeting. The Special Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 26 at 8:00 a.m. - on or near 7138 108<sup>th</sup> ST NW, Maple Lake.

Gretchen Lieb: Ms. Lieb was not in attendance.

Requests to be on the Agenda: None.

Other Business:

1. Planning and Zoning Administrator's Report: Reviewed.
2. Philip Kothrade Regarding Permit Application: A discussion was held about the need for a Land Alteration Permit or a Conditional Use Permit for PID # 206-140-002120. The Township Attorney indicated that the Township must follow the rules in the Township's Ordinance and in the County Ordinance, since the Township's zoning controls are required by law to be consistent with but may be more restrictive than the County's zoning controls. The Town Board instructed Mr. Kothrade to apply for either the Land Alteration Permit or the Conditional Use Permit, depending on the direction Mr. Kothrade wanted to go.
3. Cathi Gabriel Letter of Resignation from Planning Commission: Reviewed letter. A motion was made by Dearing, seconded by Smith, to accept resignation. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Wright County BOA/PC Change: Reviewed.
5. Vehicle Parking Concern: Township attorney will check into this concern.
6. Renewal of Liquor License Trails End Pub: A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Dearing, to approve renewal. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Information on File:

Office of the State Auditor: E-Updates of 5/1/2026 and 5/8/2026 were reviewed.

Payment of Claims:

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Dearing, to approve checks #25580 through 25591; ACH payment to MWH Services; Direct Deposit Payroll JE 2026-14 (Miller Welle Heiser Payroll Service); Payroll Checks ee00256 to ee00264 (Miller Welle Heiser Payroll Service); in the amount of \$30,625.29.

Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Dearing, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

June 2, 2026

  
Mary Barkley Brown, Clerk/Treasurer

  
John Dearing, Chairman