

## CORINNA TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 7, 2006

7 p.m., Town Hall

Unapproved

Present: H. R. Gordon, Mike Strzyzewski, Sandra Ransom, Leo Kill, Attorney Tim Young, Maintenance Men: Mark Miller and Douglas Smith and Town Board: Chairman John Dearing, Supervisor Bill Lieb, Supervisor Ken Jude and Town Clerk/Treasurer Vi Novotne.

Meeting opened with the Pledge of the Allegiance to the Flag.

Minutes were approved as presented. Motion made by Bill Lieb; Ken Jude, second.

Agenda was approved with one addition of Leo Kill, contractor for Town Hall

Construction. Motion Ken Jude. Bill Lieb, second.

### Requests to be on the agenda:

1. Michael Strzyzewski, 6636 80<sup>th</sup> Street NW PID (206-049-001250). Request is for a variance to construct a garage that will be too close to the road. Bill Lieb presented motion to approve the construction of a 22x24 attached garage onto the existing house which is 50-60' from the lake on an undersized lot.. The garage will be behind the house. The side setbacks are met. The garage will be approximately 50' from the centerline of the township road at the closest point.

2. Hanford Gordon, 6400 102<sup>nd</sup> St NW. Junk violation covers 20 unlicensed inoperable vehicles on the property and junk in yard. Mr. Gordon stated that after attending pre-trial sessions, a trial date is March 20, 2006. He stated he feels he has made progress in the clean up and has removed the washing machine and much of other items in the yard. He intends to continue to remove items and once weather allows, cover the three inoperable vehicles. John Dearing stated that he had driven by the property and noted that some clean up has been done. Bill Lieb stated he would recommend to the court that Hanford Gordon be given until June 1, 2006 to complete the clean up of his property and if the property is not in total compliance, the board will not recommend the extension of time. Ken Jude, second and recommendation approved.

3. Township Bond for New Town Hall and 80<sup>th</sup> Street Road Construction Costs, Town Attorney, Tim Young. John Dearing presented estimates for curb, blacktop, furniture and sewer connection costs that need to be added to the town hall construction costs. Mr. Young stated that the bond amount will also have a 5% contingency figure to cover administration, legal and interest and the bond will cover the 80<sup>th</sup> Street Road Construction Costs. A bond amount estimate that included deducted budgeted payments to the contractor would be \$455,000. He will make a final review of his estimate, obtain two quotes from at least two banks and present the quotations at the next meeting, Tuesday, February 21. After the quotation is approved, the bond money should be available the second town board meeting of March.

### Maintenance Men Meeting:

1. Douglas Smith signed his 2007 Wage Contract

2. Minnesota Spring Maintenance Training Expo, April 11 and 12, 2006. The men decided not to attend this year.

3. Random Selection for Drug Testing: Test result, clear.

Other Items:

1. Corinna Township Planning and Zoning. Town Attorney, Tim Young, confirmed that he and Tom Salkowski, Wright County Zoning Administrator, Assistant Wright County Attorney Tom Zins and Chuck Marohn from Community Growth Institute will be meeting February 14.

Board acknowledged letter from Mrs. Marion Goodman, 103<sup>rd</sup> St NW, 1/17/06. Mrs. Goodman stated she was a member of a planning commission when a township was incorporated into a village. She expressed hope that land use issue can be resolved satisfactorily for the continued enjoyment of beautiful Corinna countryside.

2. Town Hall Construction. Leo Kill, contractor, stated that ceiling tile is being installed this week. Discussion followed regarding keying for the hall locks. Change Order #3 to deduct interior furniture allowance of \$15,000 from contract was approved. Howard Plumbing and Heating/Air Conditioning submitted a change order for the air conditioning. . Board asked that change order include cost figures. Leo Kill presented the February billing for \$58,500 which will be paid when the bond payment is received. Board acknowledged the Wright-Hennepin Coop application for Cooling and Heating and Water Heater Rebate Program.

3. Town Hall Rental Policy. Board determined that the township resident rental fee would be \$100 with a damage deposit of \$500. The damage deposit would be returned on the inspection of the hall and the approval of the township board No liquor, wine, or beer shall be sold or consumed in connection with the use of the Hall at this time. John Dearing will investigate future hall use allowing liquor. Bill Lieb stated that the town hall rental policy should be published on the website and in the next newsletter.

4. Market Retreat. Board reviewed final construction plans and had no comment to forward to Otto Associates.

5. Election and Annual Meeting, Tuesday, March 14, 2006.

Judge list will be available for approval at next town board meeting. Voting hours are 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. with the Annual Meeting to begin at 8:15 p.m. Absentee voting hours are Saturday, March 11, 10 a.m. to 12 noon and Monday, March 13, until 5 p.m. Requests for an absentee ballot for mailing begin February 10. In case of inclement weather, the Election and Town Meeting will be the following Tuesday, March 21, 2006.

Election Equipment. Wright County Election Supervisor sent notification that state funds will be available to each polling place for purchase of one Automark ballot marking machine. No funds will be available to upgrade the precinct counter to a M100. The township's present Eagle Precinct Counter is still capable. Considering the Election Supervisor's opinion, the board decided to wait at least two years when a M200 machine is available.

6. Audit for 2005. Audit items were delivered to Larson Allen, February 1.

7. Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. Proposals are being accepted to place wastewater or storm water collection and treatment system projects on the Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund. Projects are not applicable for Corinna Township.

8. Township Association Quarterly Meeting, January 26, 2006. Individual Townships Salary/Benefit/Overtime Surveys were distributed. Town Board members were encouraged to attend hearings regarding annexation being held at Sartell, Rochester and Stacy.

9. Annandale Area Fire Commission Meeting, Thursday, February 16, 2006 7 p.m., Annandale Fire Hall. Ken Jude is township representative.
10. David Levi, property owner in Corinna Township, (E-Mail, 2/2/06) Forwarded article for town board interest - an article from Wall Street Journal, 2/1/06. Subject: U. S. Rising Property Taxes Spark Revolts, activist in 20 states push legislation, citizen ballots or lawsuits gain relief.
11. CenterPoint Energy notification and plan for natural gas main installation for Gulden Avenue NW. Installation is scheduled to be completed during this construction season.
12. Clerk will be on vacation February 12-19. During that week, messages may be recorded or forwarded to Board Chairman John Dearing
13. Corinna News. Bill Lieb intends to have the articles written for the newsletter by next board meeting, February 21, 2006. The newsletter is to be in the mail by March 1, two weeks before the Annual Meeting
14. Sandy Ransom, 8484 State Highway 24. Sandy inquired as to what areas Corinna Township plans to be responsible in its Planning and Zoning. John Dearing responded that all requirements for variances, and building and sewer permits except for feedlot issues. The first meeting with Wright County Planning and Zoning will be February 14. More definite information will be known after that meeting. Public Hearings will be held to adopt a Land Use Plan and ordinances necessary for town to proceed with planning and zoning.
15. Payment of Claims. Claims covered by check numbers 13102-13146 and EFT 1, 8-11 for a total of \$41,053.02 were approved and paid.

As there was no further business to be covered at this meeting, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

After the meeting, the board continued the review of budgets for 2006 and proposal for 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved, February 21, 2007

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Viola M. Novotne, Clerk/Treasurer

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John Dearing, Chairman