

CORINNA TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 7, 2008

7 p.m., Town Hall

Unapproved

Present: Charlotte Quiggle, Melvin Dykhuizen, Roland Froyen, Sam Harmoning, Ben Oleson, Phil Radtke and Town Board: Chairman John Dearing, Supervisor Dick Naaktgeboren and Clerk/Treas Vi Novotne. Absent: Supervisor Chuck Carlson

Meeting opened promptly at 7 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the September 16, 2008 Town Board Meeting were approved by motion of Dick Naaktgeboren with one word spelling correction. Motion second by John Dearing.

Minutes were approved.

With motion by Dick Naaktgeboren, second by John Dearing, the town board approved the agenda with the following additions: Requests to be on the agenda: Tom Neu/Tom Gullifer representing property owner Constance Bakken of 7885 Imhoff; and Phil Radtke of 8914 Jasper; Other Business: Protecting Natural Resources of Wright County Meeting of October 1; 1000 Friends of MN meeting request; November Town Board Meeting Date Change; and Clerk request to be absent October 17.

Requests to be on the Agenda:

1. Roland Froyen, 633 Beachwood Road, South Haven. Roland Froyen inquired if a candidate forum with Rose Thelen and Sam Harmoning, as two candidates for County Commissioner, could be held at town hall. Sam Harmoning said she would be willing if she knew the format and it was not a debate and if it was amenable with her calendar. Dick Naaktgeboren stated that it could be a one hour meeting of each candidate giving an opening statement, a moderated question and answer format from the audience and ending with each candidate giving a few minutes closing statement. John would like both candidates at this forum. Dick volunteered to be the moderator. Monday, October 27, 7 p.m., at the town hall will be the date to be coordinated. Advertising will be placed in the Annandale Advocate, Maple Lake Messenger and Clearwater Times and the Buffalo Journal.

Roland Froyen inquired, as a citizen and not as a member of the Watershed Board, if the town board with its interest in own planning and zoning, if the town board would consider a joint meeting with the Clearwater River Watershed Board to discuss waste water control and discuss the options available. John commented that at least two areas along Clearwater Lake could use a community sewer. Dick responded that the Watershed Board attended a meeting when Corinna was working on our Comprehensive Land Use Plan and it is important that we both continue our dialogue. Merle Anderson, CWRWD Administrator, has requested to be on the town board's next meeting agenda to present some of the information.

2. Tom Neu and Tom Gullifer, Contractor, representing property owner Constance Bakken of 7885 Imhoff. Tom Neu stated that he applied for a permit August 16 and the original site plan did not show that a variance was required. Building Inspector reviewed the application and Tom Neu was told that Wright County had to approve the zoning. As the house was not built according to survey another survey was obtained which revealed that the building is too close to the side yard. The updated survey was not completed in time for the township deadline to coincide with Wright County Board of Adjustments. Due to the lengthy waiting period until next Township Planning Commission and Wright County Board of Adjustment meetings, request that Corinna Township schedule another hearing in October. The town board suggested a second Corinna Planning Commission Meeting could be scheduled on October 30 that would allow a 10 day's notice mailed to property owners. The Planning Commission makes recommendations and

is scheduled one week before town board meeting. The recommendations are available to the town board a week before to view before making their decision at the town board meeting. Ben Oleson suggested that Planning Commission meetings in the future be scheduled for the second and fourth Thursday of each month. Tom Neu had questions regarding the scheduling deadlines of County and Township. With motion by Dick Naaktgeboren, request that a second Planning Commission Meeting be scheduled for the month of October on Thursday, October 30. With John Dearing's second, the motion was approved.

3. Phillip Radtke, 8914 Jasper Ave NW. Request for a variance to allow construction of a new septic system. Mr. Radke stated he started in June to obtain a permit for a new septic system. He hired a contractor to apply new siding, reroof, and repair a porch and a deck that was damaged during the May storm. As the septic system was not up to code that would be updated. Wright County has requested that the variances needed for the septic system should be recommended by the township. Ben Oleson, Planner who has been assisting Mr. Radtke, stated reasons that the designed location is the most feasible area to install the septic system. Dick presented motion to approve variances for septic tanks drainfield at 43.5' from high water mark of the lake; 6' to side property line and house foundation to drainfield at 12' With John Dearing's second, the motion was approved. Township recommendation will be forwarded to Wright County Board of Adjustment before their October 24 meeting. In response to Mr. Hadler's question for the status of his permit, Ben Oleson stated that after the variance is approved at Wright County, he will receive his permit.

4. Sam Harmoning, Candidate for Commissioner District 1(in audience). John Dearing asked if Sam Harmoning wished to make some comments at this meeting but she responded she only came to listen.

Other Business:

1. Corinna Township Planning and Zoning:

CGI Network Community Program. Ben Oleson, CGI/Corinna Planner, stated that CGI is offering a proposal that offers customized planning and support from a professional planning team to assist with the remainder of 2008 and into 2009. The town board asked that the proposal be forwarded and be included in the next meeting's agenda.

Ben summarized some the actions taken recently towards Corinna's Planning and Zoning. The township attorney has forwarded an injunction against the county and a court date is to be set.. State Labor and Industry is taking some action and has called to ask how Corinna has communicated with Wright County. John added that Labor and Industry may "Red Tag" Wright County permit projects. DNR has cited the statutes that allow the township to do planning and zoning. Wright County does not wish to accept Corinna Planner as representing a property owner at Wright County Meetings. Dick Naaktgeboren commented that contractors represent the property owners at Wright County meetings. County has a new legal representative replacing Mr. Baker. The issue must be kept simple – who has the authority to issue permits. Township continues to issue applications for permits, variances and zoning. Applications covering shoreland areas are forwarded to county staff. Ben stated that in the beginning to obtain historical records covering variances he was blocked, but since, he has obtained the records for review. Future variance requests will have additional coordination. Ben has contacted the county so that a staff member may attend the Variance Hearings held by the Corinna Planning Commission, October 9. The town board asked that the planner continue to move on and work with the county.

Ben Oleson will be at town hall both Monday, October 13 and Friday, October 17. The clerk will not be in the office Friday, October 17 A multifunction printer has been purchased.

2. Planning Commission Meeting and Hearings, Thursday, October 9, 2008, 7 p.m.

- Dean Nicholson – variance to construct a garage within the side yard setback
John Kittok – variance to construct a pole shed within the front yard setback.
Tim Kreps – Resubdivision of existing platted lots. Several variances are required related to lot size, lake setback and sewage treatment requirements.
3. Wright County Planning and Zoning Office issued permits: (12) 9/5-9/30/08:
6-reroof; 1-residing; 1-Fireplace; 1-holding tank; 1-other Septic System; 1-detached garage; and 1-single family dwelling.
 4. NW Quadrant Land Use Plan-Maple Lake Transition Area Meeting, 9/18/08.
John reported that it was a very short meeting as those attending agreed with the plan.
 5. NW Quadrant Plan – Protecting the Natural Resources of Wright County Open House, Annandale High School, Wednesday, October 1, 2008. Charlotte Quiggle reported that a power point presentation noted the steps that have been taken, the proposed resource lands in the quadrant, and the programs that might benefit the landowner. Discussed some possible additional policies. Charlotte stated that natural resource areas are being considered for areas that are adjacent to present park land. Landowners in these areas are being mailed information.
 6. Corinna Park Dedication Fees. No update.
 7. Highway 24 North Corinna Cemetery (continued from 9/16/08). John Dearing discussed with Chuck Stoppelman, an elder of Zion Lutheran Church, as to a purchase agreement that cemetery improvements such as fencing, landscaping, and parking would be the exchange for the cemetery land. A church representative has asked to be on the next meeting's agenda.
 8. Green Acres Informational Meeting, 9/25/08. John reported that there is a need of legislative people and government officials to clean up legislation particularly on the never intended result of unused pasture land removed from Green Acres and for those families that take over property now have to pay the back three years of taxes. Board members agreed that calls should be made to representative to apply pressure for change.
 - 9; Audit: The Financial Statements as of December 31, 2007 and copy of Report to Board of Supervisors as presented September 16, 2008 have been placed on file. The 2007 records are now in the township permanent files and invoice received for payment.
 10. Local Board Training Session at Wright County Court House, October 28, 2008, 9 a.m.-. Community Room 120. Dick Naaktgeboren will attend and Chuck Carlson will be notified of this required training.
 11. Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement. Survey was tabled.
 12. Township Officer's Association Annual Meeting, October 2, 2008. Featured speaker was Greg Howell and Bill Swing reporting on the ARMER system that townships may obtain to improve their emergency communication system. Some of the other topics were: Don Scherper reported on trip to Washington and economic problems; Randy Demairais on the Green Acre Program changes; Tom Kelly, Wright County Attorney, introduced Karen Wolfe the person now in charge of enforcing the Junk Nuisance Ordinance, a Township representative stated that dog ordinances should be enforceable and candidates for Commissioner were introduced.
 13. Building Use: October's schedule has four meetings and two classes.
 14. General Election, November 4, 2008. Absentee Ballots applications may be requested of the town clerk.
 15. Minnesota Fall Maintenance Expo, October 1 and 2. Mark Miller and Douglas Smith only attended one day as roads needed to be graded.
 16. Junk Amnesty Clean Up Report: Each worker received a letter stating appreciation for their help and a report of the tonnage collected from 198 trucks, vans and trailers that were unloaded that day. Copy of report was given to board members

17. 1000 Friends of Minnesota Meeting: Charlotte Quiggle reported that Liz Boyer of Friends of Minnesota reports that 5 of the 10 grants have been given and 1000 Friends is in the process of determining the last five recipients. They would like Corinna to consider Corinna and Annandale as joint-grantees and a meeting is planned October 28 at the next Annandale Planning Commission Meeting if Corinna supervisors and planning commission members are agreeable. Dick had indicated at the Annandale Transition Area meetings, that the lakes should be protected by extending the Annandale sewer system. This is something that could be explored. Charlotte also said Friends has planning consultants available.

18. Meeting Date Change: As the General Election is being held on the first Tuesday of November, the board agreed to change meeting date to Wednesday, November 5. Date change will be published in the two newspapers.

19. Claims paid:

With no further business to come before the town board, the meeting ended at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved October 21, 2008

Viola Novotne, Clerk/Treasurer

John Dearing, Chairman