

CORINNA TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 3, 2009

7 p.m., Town Hall

Unapproved

Present: Jeff Schwendeman, representing Gerry Mundell, Town Board: Chairman John Dearing, Supervisor Richard Naaktgeboren, P&Z Administrative Clerk Mary Brown and Clerk/Treasurer Vi Novotne. Absent: Supervisor Chuck Carlson

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

Dick Naaktgeboren presented motion to approve minutes as presented. John Dearing seconded the motion. Approved.

Dick Nasaktgeboren presented motion to approve the agenda with the following additions: Other Business: 12. CRWD letter sent confirming request for committee to study future sewer needs; 13. 2009 Junk Amnesty Date; 14. Employment Contract for P&Z Administrative Clerk; 17. Office Hours.

Requests to be on the agenda:

1. Jeff Schwendeman, representing Gerry Mundell, property location at Ingram Ave NW: Request to vacate a portion of Ireland Avenue. Jeff Schwendeman submitted a list of reasons for vacating this road as: Drug use, drug dealing, drinking, loitering, littering, multiple thefts, urinating, trespassing, unauthorized dock and pontoon on shoreline, potential liability for accident or injury and accidents. He included a map of area which is Ireland Ave at Cedar Lake with Schroeder Park entrance to the north of the request to vacate road. Jeff answered John Dearing's question that the sheriff's office has responded to nuisance calls. Dick reported that the Sheriff's Department now has a better policy for patrolling in townships and last year the township discussed the need of hiring a part-time sheriff patrol but did not pursue due to cost. A contract may happen in the future. John noted that the requested road portion to the lake is owned by the township. John also stated that when this meeting's agenda was posted, he received at least six telephone calls objecting to the road being vacated. Lake accesses are on Highway 24 - Cy Rd 6 and Whispering Pines Golf Course areas. Public Hearing costs for notifying property owners, newspaper legal notices, clerical time and recording of road vacation would be \$300-\$400. Jeff stated that he intends to inform the park attendant of the requested vacation and would talk to property owner, Gerry Mundell and report back to township if a hearing will be requested.

7:30 p.m., Town Board Review and Action:

Kevin Bergstrom, 11461 89th Street, PID 206-062-000220. Request for variance to construct a deck and enclosed porch within the side yard and/or shoreline setbacks.

Board of Adjustment Findings of Fact:

1. The applicant demonstrated that the proposed actions will be in keeping with the spirit and intent of the ordinance and will not conflict with the Comprehensive Plan.
2. The applicant demonstrated that the property in question would not be able to be put to a reasonable use or yield a reasonable return if used under the conditions allowed by the official controls.
3. The applicant demonstrated that the plight of the landowner is due to circumstances unique to the property not created by the landowner and is not a plight shared by neighboring properties in the same zone.
4. The applicant demonstrated that the character of the locality would not be altered if the variance is granted.
5. The applicant demonstrated that the granting of the Variance will not adversely affect the environmental quality of the area.

Dick Naaktgeboren presented motion to adopt the findings of fact for the Kevin Bergstrom variances as approved and recommended by Corinna Planning Commission /Board of Adjustment for an open deck 55.5 from the lake and deck 12.1 feet from west sidelot and enclosed porch to be 65ø from the lake. Motion second by John Dearing.

Votes for: John Dearing, Dick Naaktgeboren. Opposed: None

Absent: Chuck Carlson

Other Business:

1. Planning Commission: Next scheduled meeting is February 26, 2009.

2. Corinna Township Planning and Zoning:

2008 End of Year Report. CGI, Community Growth Institute, forwarded the 2008 End of the Year Report presenting 2008 Accomplishments, anticipated 2009 Market Challenges; Application Review, Five-Year Planning cycle, the Comprehensive Plan Implementation; 2009 Training Schedule and Recommended 2009 Work Plan.

Development of adjacent nonconforming lots: dick presented motion to inform Tom Salkowski, Wright County Planning and Zoning Administrator, that Corinna Township would be willing to support Wright County if the County were to formally express its desire to not change existing statutes in regard to the sale or development of adjacent nonconforming lots under common ownership. If the law changes the town board will take a look at the change. Seconded, John Dearing. Approved.

P&Z Administrative Clerk/Deputy Clerk-Treasurer. Mary Brown has been selected for the position and started work Friday, January 23, 2009. The contract was approved and a review date will be in 90 days.

Clerk/Treasurer. Vi Novotne stated that hourly wage could remain as for 2008. State Pay Equity will be contacted.

3. Illumination for Intersection Highway 24 and 108th Street, Friendship Ventures Road. John Dearing will check with MNDOT and Xcel Energy as to where light pole may be installed.

4. Township Annual Meeting and Election, Tuesday, March 10, 2009 at the Corinna Town Hall.

John Dearing is the candidate for election as supervisor. A newsletter announcing the election and annual meeting will be in the mail two weeks before the meeting. Ben Olson, CGI Planner, will prepare an article covering Corinna's progress in Planning and Zoning. Discussed the need of a poster.

5. Audit for 2008. Letter dated 1/26/09, from Schlenner Wenner and Co, CPA, provided information of the Audit plan and overall audit approach for Corinna Township.

6. Wright Soil and Water Conservation District Cooperative Agreement to be Partners in the Wright Cooperative Weed Management Area. Approved.

7. Project Status Report for the Wright County Hazard Mitigation Plan, 1/27/09.

Town Board response is that town road main access is with Highway 24 and Highway 55, and no levee/dam or facilities or are in jurisdiction.

8. House Testimony regarding Green Acres. Board noted that Greg Kramber, Wright County Assessor, provided testimony at the Senate regarding Green Acres.

9. Wright County Township Officer's Association Special Meeting, Tuesday, February 24, 2009, 7:30 p.m., Southside Township Hall. Topics: Roads, Fire Contracts and Annual Meeting.

Wright County-Carver County-McCleod County-Sibley County Township Officers Annual Trip to the Capitol, Wednesday, March 18, 2009. Poster in bulletin board.

10. Operating Engineers Local #49. Letter, 1/15/09, Local #49 Health and Welfare Fund advised that effective March 1, 2009, the premium will increase from \$820 to \$850 per month.

11. M&M Bus Service Report of Drug and Alcohol Testing Collections. For the Year of 2008, 18 random drug tests and 10 random alcohol tests were performed out of 29 driver positions.

12. Clearwater River Watershed District. Letter 1/30/09 confirmed township board request to CRWD to create a committee or task force to prepare a plan for future sewer needs by working with

entities such as townships, counties and lake associations.

13. Junk Amnesty: Town Board set the date as the last Saturday, July 25 with hours of 7:30 to noon. Vendors agreements and Sentence to Serve contacts are to be made.

14. New Office Hours: Beginning February 16, the township office hours will be extended to four days a week: 8 a.m.-3 p.m. - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

15. Payment of claims: Claims covered by Check Numbers 14802-14806, 14810-14834, 14872-14883 and Electronic Transfers 07-010 for a total amount of \$70,644.57 were approved for payment.

16. Budget Review. Town Board reviewed the latest revised 2009 budget printout and set Monday, February 16, time to be determined, as the next review for budget plans for 2010 and plans for the North Corinna Cemetery.

17. Maintenance Building Lighting Replacement: Town Board reviewed two quotations:

SP Electric, Inc. \$ 4,835.78 Install 21-6 lamp T8 ibeam Fixtures w/ECO lamps

Baun Electric \$ 6,709.90 Install 21 fixtures

Dick Naaktgeboren presented motion to accept the bid from SP Electric for \$4835.78 to update the lights in the Maintenance Building

With motion of Dock Naaktgeboren, second by John Dearing, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved February 17, 2009

Viola Novotne, Clerk/Treasurer

John Dearing, Chairman