

CORINNA TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 7, 2009

7 p.m., Town Hall

Unapproved

Present:

Ryan Seuss, Charlotte Quiggle, Ben Oleson, Ron Hubred, Kathy Hubred, Mary Weitz, Chris Weitz, Diane Miezwa Duff, John Duff, Kathie Miezwa, Paul Miezwa, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Johnson, Mark Miller and Town Board: Chairman Richard Naaktgeboren, Vice-Chairman Chuck Carlson, Supervisor John Dearing, P&Z Administrative Clerk Mary Brown and Clerk/Treasurer Vi Novotne.

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

With motion by John Dearing, second by Chuck Carlson, the minutes of the March 17, 2009 meeting were approved.

With motion by John Dearing, second of Chuck Carlson, the agenda for this meeting was approved with the following additions: Other Business: 3. Corinna Township Building Permits issued for March; 4. Two Permits for the Park Department; 9. Violation-Paul Glassman; 25. Use of Hall – discuss policy; 26. Wright County Township Association Meeting, April 2; and 27. Legislator Larry Hosch Meeting, Saturday, April 4.

7 p.m. Town Board review and Action

Property Owner: Daniel and Bonnie Shay, 9362 Kramer Ave NW, Annandale, 206-000-181408

Requests:

1. Conditional Use/Land Alteration permit to raise an existing private road to meet floodplain elevation requirements:

Planning Commission/Board of Adjustment Hearing, March 26, 2009 recommends approval with the following condition that erosion and sedimentation control measures be installed before commencing the permitted work and maintained until the fill is stabilized and based on the findings of fact:

1) The Conditional Use will not be injurious to the use and enjoyment of other property in the immediate vicinity for the purposes already permitted, or substantially diminish and impair property values within the immediate vicinity.

a) The elevation of the access road should not have any substantial negative effect on the ability of other properties in the value to use their property and may in fact improve the ability to use the other property accessed by this road given that it would meet floodplain elevation requirements. The fill associated with raising the road will be tapered down to the existing elevation before it reaches the other private property accessed by the road and drainage should not be increased on the property given that such drainage will drain primarily to the sides of the road (according to the engineers drawings and plans).

2) The Conditional Use will not impede the normal and orderly development and improvement of surrounding vacant property for uses predominant in the area.

a) Elevating the road should improve the ability to use adjacent land given that it will improve access. In any case, there is no vacant land (except for the County Park) that would be impeded from development.

3) Adequate utilities, access roads, drainage and other necessary facilities will be provided. The purpose of the application is to provide an adequate access road where a sub-standard access road now exists.

4) Measures to provide sufficient off-street parking and loading space to serve the proposed use are not applicable.

a) The proposed conditional use does not have any impact or need for off-street parking and loading spaces.

5) The use will not conflict with Policies Plan of Corinna Township and/or Wright County.

a) While the Comprehensive Plan may not seek to have properties such as this developed today, this area has been developed for a long time. As such, the purpose of the Comprehensive Plan is arguably more about improving and protecting public safety and welfare. This would include providing adequate or better access for emergency service vehicles to existing dwellings and improved properties. The proposed raising of the road is for that purpose.

b) While the Comprehensive Plan also seeks to limit uses that are too intensive for the natural limitations of the land, the proposal to raise the road itself does not necessarily mean the land will be used more intensively and would be necessary even if no intensification of use (in terms of the size of the dwelling on the lot, for instance) were allowed.

6) Adequate measures will not be necessary to prevent control of nuisances as the proposed elevating of the road would not involve any odors, fumes, dust, noise, vibration or lighting that would constitute a nuisance except for the temporary noises and vibrations associated with building up the road.

7) Other conditions which the Planning Commission considers necessary to protect the best interest of the surrounding area or the community as a whole:

a) Staff recommend that it be clearly stated that an approval of this CUP is subject to the specific approvals and requirements of the SWCD and the County Parks Department as stated in its September 11, 2008 letter and applicant will need to obtain these approvals and provide evidence to the Township prior to beginning work.

b) The Staff suggests that the raising of the road take place after the ground has dried (i.e. no sooner than June 1st or as otherwise determined by the township's road maintenance staff) so that the township roads leading into the access road and the likely turn around area for the heavy trucks are not damaged.

c) Staff notes that the requirements of Appendix A, Section 728.2 (requirements related to temporary and permanent prevention of erosion and sedimentation) will need to be met. The applicant has not provided a specific plan for these items, but the Commission did require such measures as part of the recommendation for approval.

Proposal: The applicant proposes to elevate an existing access road leading into their property and one other property so that it is within two feet of the regulatory flood protection elevation.

TOWN BOARD DECISION:

Chuck Carlson presented the motion to approve Conditional Use/Land Alteration Permit using the findings of fact and recommendations of the Planning Commission/Board of Adjustment for the requirements for the road, that culverts be added, that road elevation will not be an issue for the neighbors and Soil and Water permit is updated. Motion seconded by John Dearing. Unanimous approval.

2. **Variance to replace the existing one-story cabin with a larger, two-story cabin not meeting the minimum lake and septic system setbacks.**

Board of Adjustment recommends the approval of the variance with the following condition of approval:

- That the applicant implements a stormwater best management practice sufficient to treat at least ½-inch of rain from the roof of the proposed building. The applicant shall submit a BMP plan to be approved by the Township prior to being issued any Township-required permits to construct the building.

- The variance is not valid unless all approvals necessary to build the road up to meet floodplain requirements are granted, whether these are local, county or state regulations.

Based on the findings of fact:

1) With some modifications the applicant has 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.

a) The Comprehensive Plan does not directly address this issue except to make statements about protecting lake quality as land is developed. The spirit and intent of the ordinance (lake setback) is to ensure that buildings are set back from the lake to allow for infiltration of runoff from buildings, preserve relatively natural views of the shoreline from the lake and accomplish other water quality objectives. The applicant has designed a building to replace the existing cabin that is not significantly larger in terms of footprint, but would add a second story and make the property much more feasible for year-around use. Impact on the lake from the proposed building project is expected to be similar to the existing impact for two reasons: 1) the primary impact on the lake would occur during summer months and the cabin is already being used during the summer months, and 2) the proposed cabin would have the same number of bedrooms as the existing cabin.

The spirit and intent of the ordinance (septic system) is to provide some spacing between septic system drainfields and building foundations so that the infiltration and treatment of effluent in the soil does not weaken or impact building foundations. At the time of the installation of the system, the Wright County ordinance allowed for drainfields to be no less than 10 feet away if site conditions prohibited a further setback. Moving the structure further to the south or to the west would require additional fill to meet building code requirements and such fill would have a greater negative impact on the property than allowing the home to be rebuilt in its current location.

The spirit and intent of the floodplain requirement is to protect public health, safety and general welfare as it related to the periodic inundation of lands which lead to the potential loss of life, loss of property, health and safety hazards, disruption of commerce and governmental services, extraordinary public expenditures for flood protection and relief, and impairment of the tax base. The proposed building does not worsen the existing situation, which is a two-bedroom cabin being located in a flood-prone area. With the approval of the related conditional use permits to raise the road and the house to meet floodplain standards, the situation will actually be improved and public safety improved.

2) The applicant has 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.

a) The property would not yield reasonable use because the only structure that could be built without a variance to replace the existing cabin is a cabin of the exact same dimensions, with no height additions. Given that the existing cabin is less than 600 s/f and does not meet floodplain elevation standards, it would not be reasonable to simply replace the cabin “as is” because it would make an existing public safety hazard more permanent. In addition, the existing cabin is smaller than the cabin on the adjoining property (that is approximately 750-800 s/f in size) and properties further to the north on Kramer Avenue are larger yet (ranging from 650 to more than 1300 s/f). The proposed enlargement of the cabin is a reasonable use for the property and for the neighborhood.

3) The applicant has 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.

a) The property is very unique in that it has lake on three sides. The further back a replacement home is located, the more it encroaches on another lake setback. There is nowhere on the lot where a dwelling could be constructed to meet all lake setbacks. In addition, the entire lot is below the regional flood elevation, which is unique when compared to most other properties in the vicinity.

4) The applicant has demonstrated that the character of the locality would not be altered if the variance is granted.

a) The proposed story-and-a-half cabin is not out of character with others in the area, which include several full two-story dwellings (two out of four further down Kramer Ave). The footprint of the proposed dwelling would be smaller than that of most other dwellings in the neighborhood.

5) The applicant has demonstrated that the granting of the Variance will not adversely affect the environmental quality of the area.

a) The most likely impact on the environment would come from an increase in impervious surfaces and/or an increase in the use of the shoreland areas. Given that the increase in impervious surfaces is relatively small and remains under the allowable ordinance limits, the proposed structure would not likely degrade water quality simply due to the larger home. Given that the proposed replacement house will have the same number of bedrooms as the previous home and that the primary impact on lake quality occurs in summer months, when the existing cabin is used anyways, there is not likely to be a significant increase in use of the lake over what management practices on the lot to help mitigate some of the possible effects of a home being located within the lake setback.

b) In terms of impacts on the environmental quality of the area during a possible flood, the impact of the proposed building would likely be less than what currently exists given that the dwelling does not appear to meet floodplain elevation requirements and a flood would likely carry pollutants inside the home (i.e. cleaning products, heating fuel, etc.) into the environment. So long as any fill on the roadway or the property is sufficiently stabilized, the impact of a flood should be lessened through the proposed re-building of the cabin and associated fill work.

Proposal: The applicant proposes to replace an existing 582 s/f (approximately 22’x26’) single-story cabin with an approximate 843 s/f two-story dwelling. The new dwelling would be located 29 feet from Clearwater Lake on the east and approximately 58 feet from the lake on the west (existing cabin is 29 ft and 63 feet respectively now). There is also an existing deck about 15

feet from the lake on the east now that would remain (no variance is required for the deck as it is not being expanded or altered in any way).

TOWN BOARD DECISION

Chuck Carlson presented the motion to approve Variance to replace the existing one-story cabin with a larger, two-story cabin not meeting the minimum lake and septic system setbacks using the findings of fact and recommendations of the Planning Commission/Board of Adjustment for the requirements and adding that the new house be 10' away from the existing septic system. Motion second by Chuck Carlson. Motion was approved unanimously.

3. Conditional Use Permit to elevate a dwelling to meet floodplain elevation requirements via a method other than fill.

The Planning Commission recommends approval of the conditional use as presented with the following condition of approval that erosion and sedimentation control measures must be installed before commencing the permitted work and maintained until the fill is stabilized based on the findings of fact:

1) The Conditional use will not be injurious to the use and enjoyment of other property in the immediate vicinity for the purposes already permitted, or substantially diminish and impair property values within the immediate vicinity.

a) The elevation of the home above a crawl space would actually be less injurious to other properties in the area as it involves much less alteration of the lot. Where elevating the home on fill would increase the potential for erosion and sedimentation, filling of wetlands and greater harm should it wash out in a flood event, elevating the house over a crawl space would have none of these potentials. It would also not have the potential to shed additional water on neighboring properties during a flood event or during heavy rainstorms.

2) The establishment of the Conditional Use would not impede the normal and orderly development and improvement of surrounding vacant property for uses predominant in the area.

a) Simply elevating the dwelling over a crawl space would have no substantial effect on the ability of other properties in the area from developing their property for residential use – the predominant use in the area. It does not alter the public infrastructure or other facilities necessary for orderly development in any way.

3) Adequate utilities, access roads, drainage and other necessary facilities exist and will be provided.

a) With the approval of related conditional use permit request to raise the access to this property. Currently, the access to this property is via a “road” that does not meet floodplain elevation requirements. However, the applicant has also applied for a conditional use permit to raise the road to meet these standards. With the approval of the CUP, the access road will be adequate.

b) Even without an approved CUP for the raising of the access road, the applicant would have adequate access for at least an exact replacement of their existing cabin. Staff would consider an approval of this particular CUP to include an exact replacement of the cabin should the proposed expansion of the dwelling not be allowed by variance.

c) There are no public sewer, water or gas utilities in the area and the property is already served with electric utilities. Drainage is poor in the area due to its location below floodplain elevation, but would not be worsened by this application.

4) Adequate measures have been taken to provide sufficient off-street parking and loading space to serve the proposed use.

a) The property has limited area for parking and normal circulation of traffic due to the low elevation of the lot and the irregular shape. It is adequate, however, for normal residential traffic. The proposed home may reduce this parking and circulation area somewhat, but not significantly enough to be a problem for residential traffic.

5) The use will not conflict with the Policies Plan of Corinna Township and/or Wright County.

a) The spirit and intent of the Comprehensive/Local Use Plans is generally to protect public health, safety and general welfare as it relates to the development in shoreland areas and periodic inundation of lands which lead to the potential loss of life, loss of property, health and safety hazards, disruption of commerce and governmental services, extraordinary public expenditures for flood protection and relief, and impairment of the tax base. The proposed method of elevation, constructed as required so that utilities within the dwelling are also elevated, improves upon the current situation.

6) Adequate measures have been taken, or will be taken, to prevent or control offensive odor, fumes, dust, noise, and vibration, so that none of these will constitute a nuisance, and to control lighted signs and other lights in such a manner that no disturbance to neighboring properties will result.

a) The proposed elevating of the house over a crawlspace would not involve any odors, fumes, dust, noise, vibration or lighting that would constitute a nuisance or that would be out of the ordinary for residential property.

7) Other conditions which the Planning Commission considers necessary to protect the best interest of the surrounding area or the community as a whole are:

a) Staff would recommend that it be clearly stated that an approval of this CUP is subject to approval of the CUP related to raising the access road and subject to approval of the variance for the location of the home.

b) If either the variance or CUP for raising the access road are denied, or approval is conditioned on substantial changes to the request, this CUP should be reviewed in light of those.

c) Staff finds that the requirements of Appendix A, Section 611-4 (3) (a) (requirements related to confirming that the crawlspace is adequately flood proofed and that heating and other utilities are properly elevated) have been adequately shown that they will be met. These requirements can be adequately verified by the authorized building code inspector during the review of the design and construction of the dwelling.

Proposal: The applicant proposes to elevate a proposed new dwelling so as to meet floodplain elevation requirements of Wright County and the State of Minnesota. The method of elevating the dwelling would be to construct it over a crawl space rather than through the use of fill.

TOWN BOARD DECISION

Chuck Carlson presented the motion to approve Conditional Use/Permit to elevate a dwelling to meet floodplain elevation requirements via a method other than fill using the findings of fact and recommendations of the Planning Commission/Board of Adjustment as the requirements.

John Dearing seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

Request to be on the Agenda:

1. Website Management, LCD Projector and Shredder, P&Z Administrative Clerk Mary Brown. Mary reported that software has been ordered from Bergesch Computer Service to update the township website and the website should be ready for entering by the end of the week. Mary continued that she had two bids for LCD projector packages and each was around \$5,000. Chuck Carlson noted that the projector purchase should be placed on hold at this time and perhaps ways could be found to cut some of the cost.

Dick Naaktgeboren presented motion to purchase a similar shredder from Quill, as recommended from the law office, for \$200. John Dearing, second. Motion carried

2. Ryan Seuss, present website manager. Ryan stated that he would be available to help with website setup as long as he is needed or at least for two weeks. Ryan added that the present provider may make option changes and add set up and area provider charges and he recommended that website should allow for future Planning and Zoning needs. Dick expressed appreciation to Ryan for the extra time offered and the past service he has given our township and expressed hope that Ryan understood that as the township has two office clerks, it seemed wise to have one of the persons maintain the website.

3. Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Johnson, 11722 90th Street, Annandale, PID 206-000-182101. Mr. Johnson stated that he has 50 acres east of his driveway along County Road 39 which is not good cropland and contains gravel. He intends to sell the gravel. As the gravel is being mined, the sand and top soil would be piled separately so that each may be returned to reclaim area as farm land. He would inform his neighbors of his intentions.. Chuck stated that there is a protocol that must be followed such as a brim and slope needed. Dick gave him a copy of the ordinance and responded that part of the ordinance requirements for opening a gravel pit is that the land should be surveyed and a conditional use permit be approved for a specific project. Mr. Johnson was instructed to contact Wright County Highway Department for answers to questions for gravel needs and names of contractors that bid for reconstructing County Road 6.

Other Business:

1. Planning Commission, Charlotte Quiggle, Chairman. Charlotte reported that the next Planning Commission meeting will be Thursday, April 23, 2009, with three public hearings on the agenda and Joe Jacobs of Wright County Soil and Water scheduled to make a presentation.

2. Corinna Township Planning and Zoning:

Community Growth Institute has three training sessions planned of which one will be at St. Cloud, April 23, 12-2 p.m. As Corinna is one of the network communities, there is no fee. Charlotte, Chuck and Mary indicated they wished to attend this session. As these are such valuable sessions, Charlotte expressed the need to have them repeated on an ongoing basis. Ben Oleson added that CGI plans to have trainings with a simultaneous web cast .

Corinna P&Z Permits issued, March: (6) 1-foundation; 2- reroof; 1-reroof/reside; 1-reside and patio and 1-finish basement.

Wright County Permits issued, March: (3) 2- additions; 1-land alteration.

Park Department did not have a permit for reroofing building at Schroeder Park.

Inspector informed Labor and Industry, Metro Inspection Services and Tom Salkowski, Wright County P&Z Administrator, then tagged and closed down the project. The contractor was informed that a permit was required.

Correspondence: No comments.

3/6/09 Ben Oleson, CGI Planner response to 3/3/09 letter from Tom Salkowski, Wright County Planning and Zoning Administrator. Re: applications and hearings for Shay. Ben Oleson forwarded Tom Salkowski's letter to Roger Stradal of DNR.

3/20/09, letter, Attorney Scott Anderson, representing Wright County Planning and Zoning to Judge Sheehy, Office of Administrative Hearings – copy to Township Attorney Peter Tiede. Request that this court not to give consideration to the memo submitted by Corinna Township.

3/20/09 Letter, Attorney Peter Tiede to Town Board. Considered it appropriate under the rules to file a responsive brief.

3/23/09, Letter, Wendy MacLennan, Paralegal for Murnane and Brandt. Revised draft Answers to Interrogatories. With John Dearing's motion to approve the letter Answers, second of Chuck Carlson, the submittal form letter was signed by Chairman Dick Naaktgeboren.

3/24/09, E-Mail, Ben Oleson, CGI Planner may not respond to 3/16/09 Letter, Tom Salkowski County P&Z Administrator. Re. Objection to township applications and hearings for Dan Shay.

3. 3/19/09 Town Board letter to all township supervisors of Wright County. Letter gave update of additional developments of Corinna Township's efforts to administer planning and zoning and building regulations locally; Corinna does not have a plan or desire to be less restrictive than Wright County or to circumvent any County regulation or state law; Corinna's desire is to administer planning and zoning and be locally accountable; and that the town board hopes that this is something that other townships can support.

3/20/09, identical town board letter to Representatives Urdahl, Emmer and Anderson and Senators Dille and Koch.

4. Sugar Lake Access, Charlotte Quiggle. Charlotte commented that at one of the Sugar Lake accesses, DNR contracted work that did not provide proper erosion control. Sugar Lake Association notified MPCA to make an inspection and corrections were made. Dick commented on the excellent work done at a lake access of Lake Francis, Meeker County.

5. Corinna Township Survey to seven townships comparing road services and resident and non-resident classification.

At the annual meeting, a handout was distributed that appeared to be but was not from the Wright County Auditor's Office. The per capita levy figure was false. Tax levy is based on land classification, property values and is spread to all taxable units. With motion from John Dearing, second of Chuck Carlson, Dick Naaktgeboren will draft a letter that will be sent to all persons attending the annual meeting. The letter will provide correct comparable information regarding the tax levy and the results from a survey sent to seven townships asking for breakdown of seasonal and homestead properties, and the road miles using own equipment or contract services.

Handouts at Annual Meeting: Board determined that in the future all handouts will be reviewed and approved by the town board before being distributed. This message is to be added to the annual meeting announcement on the website.

6. Resolutions and a Suggested Procedure:

Procedure for salt/sand use. A suggested procedure to follow for salt/sand application on winter roads will be given to the maintenance department. Number one in importance is road safety.

Resolution 2009-1, Creating a Vice Chairman position on the Town Board. With motion by Dick Naaktgeboren, second of Chuck Carlson, the motion carried.

Resolution 2009-02, Policy for compensation and reimbursement of town officers. The title for Mary Brown is to be changed to Planning and Zoning Administrator. Approval and signature will be on agenda at next meeting.

7. Road Salt – Chloride Sampling. Clearwater River Watershed District Engineer, Wenck Engineering, forwarded lab results for the three samples taken in March. The low for chloride was 31.4 milligrams per liter and the high was 50.8 milligrams per liter. The latter sample was taken just south of the box culvert on State Highway 24. This site includes runoff from the City of Annandale and was expected to be higher than the other samples. The chronic standard for chloride is 230 mg/l and the acute standard is 860 mg/l. These ranges are safe.

8. Violation Reports:

Kevin Smith, 8111 Griffith Ave NW. John Dearing reported that work has started to clear the piles of trash. Site will have a future check.

Paul J. Glassman, 8195 Griffith Ave NW. Paul Glassman telephoned John Dearing and promised to have the horses, housed at his home area, moved to another property by April 25.

9. Maple Villa “Pathways”.

Ltr, 3/24/09 Township Attorney, Tim Young. The dedication clause of Maple Villa plot appears to be dedicated to the public for public use. Letter included options township could follow: 1. Vacate pathway; 2. Unless the township has accepted the road for maintenance and has not maintained the pathway for at least six years, the town is not required to exercise jurisdiction over the pathway; 3. If township wished to exercise jurisdiction over the pathways, town could police, improve, maintain, etc. as it would any other road; and 4. Township could adopt an ordinance regulating docks, boat lifts, etc. anywhere on the lake. If the township cuts the trees on the pathway, doing so will make it more likely that the pathways are public roads accepted by the township.

Ron and Kathy Hubred, Mary and Chris Weitz, Diane and John Duff and Kathie and Paul Miezwa. Property owners stated that several property owners have placed docks and boats at the public right way for 15 years and could not see the reason not to be able to continue. John Dearing stated that the trees on the easement will be cleared by township maintenance and our town attorney’s research determines the area as a public access dedicated to the public use. Dick Naaktgeboren explained that other property owners have complained of lifts and boats in front of their property. Each of the board members made the suggestion that “neighbors talk to neighbors” and try to resolve the problem.

10. Annandale Fire Commission Meeting, Thursday, April 16, 2009, 7 pm, Annandale Fire Hall. Dick Naaktgeboren, Township Representative.

11. 91st Street Water Drainage Problem: Micky Klasen of MN DOT, met with John Dearing and Mark Miller, Maintenance, on site to discuss the drainage problems. Water that drains from cul-de-sac can with some reshaping of the surface redirect some of the water to the East and into the ditch at 91st Street. North edge of roadway could be built up. John Dearing reported that Otto Associates have been contacted to prepare a survey of the area.

12. PFA Authority for funds for Clean Water. Mary Brown reported that MPCA does not have Corinna on a list of projects. As the deadline is April 6 to be on this round of funding, and several projects are already listed, the board determined not to proceed.

13. Wright County Recycling Contract, April 1, 2009 thru March 31, 2010. Contract agreement did not have changes. Board approved the contract for signature.

14. Wright County Sheriff’s Office: Sgt Todd Sandin is the patrol sergeant with the Wright County Sheriffs Office that is assigned to the NW area of Wright County which includes the

Township of Corinna. As he will be patrolling in this area of the county as much as possible he asked that people contact him directly if there is a problem or concern.

15. 2008-2009 Township Zoning Survey, MN Dept of Agriculture. Each board member agreed to the responses added to the survey.

16. Clearwater River Watershed District Organizational Meeting for Future Wastewater Treatment Needs. With motion by Dick Naaktgeboren, second of Chuck Carlson, the board approved Dean Flygare to be the representative from Corinna Township.

17. Hazard Mitigation Project Status Report. Board received copy of the drafted report which is being sent to Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

18. Aggregate Material Tax Informational Brochure, Email from Commissioner Dick Mattson. Board received copy. No comment.

19. SF 913 Bill allows cities to establish "growth areas" outside its boundaries, Information forwarded by Kent Solem of Township Association and Karen McDougal, Wright County Township Association. Information noted.

20. 2009 Lobby Day at State Capitol, March 18, 2009. Karen McDougal, Wright County Township Association, forwarded group photos of some of the people who attended.

21. Request for Gravel, Gravel Hauling and Dustcoating Bids. Bid opening 7 p.m., regular town board meeting, Tuesday, April 21, 2009. Legal notice posted and published in Maple Lake Messenger and Annandale Advocate. Courtesy notices were mailed to those that forwarded a bid the previous year.

22. Board of Appeal and Equalization is Monday, April 27, 2009 beginning at 3p.m., at the town hall.

23. Minnesota Township Association Short Course, Monday, March 23, 2009. Comment: The road section was informative and good.

24. Rental or Use of Town Hall – April. List.

25. Use of Hall Policy: Discussion. Board determined to continue policy of no liquor, wine, or beer is to be sold or consumed in connection with the use of the hall.

26. Wright County Township Officer's Association Annual Meeting, April 2, 2009. Election of two directors: District 1 (Corinna) and District 5; and featured speakers were Greg Kramber, Wright county Assessor speaking on the Board of Review Meetings and Gary Miller, Wright County New Jail. Announced: Weed Inspector Meeting covering Wild Parsnip Infestation, Ney County Park, May 20, 1 or 5 p.m. and NW Quadrant Open House, 5/4 Maple Lake High School and 5/7 at Clearwater Township Hall.

27. Boots Froyen Meeting, Saturday, April 4, 2009 at his home to discuss Annexation Issues and Reforming of County Boundaries with Legislator Larry Hosch. Board members were either out of town or unavailable to attend.

28 Maintenance Meeting: Mark Miller

a. Sand/Salt application during winter season. Mark and Doug will receive a list of suggestions.

b. Wild Parsnip Identification Course: May 20, 2009, 1 and 5 p.m., Ney County Park. Mark Miller plans to attend.

c. Road Shouldering Mower Attachment. Mark obtained two quotes: All American Disk, \$4200 and Tiger Claw, \$4494.22. Mark noted that Albion and Silver Creek Townships have the Tiger Claw. With motion by Dick Naaktgeboren, second of Chuck Carlson, the town board approved the purchase of a Tiger Claw Road Shouldering Attachment for mower at a cost of \$4494.22 plus shipping.

d. Salt Shed: Mark stated that salt shed_ shows hail damage on the west and north side of the shed. Insurance company is to be called for an estimate of cost to repair.

e. Hart Ave Road Repair. Mark reported that at an area on Hart Ave, the road is settling and culvert needs to be installed and road leveled.

29. Payment of Claims: Check Number 14930-14983 and Electronic Transfers 14-16 were approved for payment in the amount of \$45,333.41

With no further business to come before the board, Chuck Carlson presented motion to adjourn, Dick Naaktgeboren, second. Meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved April 21, 2009

Vi Novotne, Clerk/Treasurer

Dick Naaktgeboren, Chairman