

## CORINNA TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

7 p.m., Town Hall

Unapproved

Present: Planning Commission Chairman, Charlotte Quiggle  
Corinna Town Board: Chairman Richard Naaktgeboren, Supervisor Chuck Carlson,  
Supervisor John Dearing. P&Z Administrative Clerk Mary Brown and Clerk/Treasurer  
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Meeting opened at 7 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

With motion by Richard Naaktgeboren, seconded by John Dearing, the minutes of the June 2, 2009 meeting were approved with one correction No. 9, Wright County Planning and Zoning Draft of new ordinance amendment addressing wind energy conversion systems: Change “from noise from guy wires” to “from noise from wind turbines”.

With motion by John Dearing, seconded by Chuck Carlson, the updated printed agenda was approved with three additions: Requests to be heard: Trudy Richter, 11224 Hollister, Road Easement; Other Business: 2. E-mail from Charlotte Quiggle: Rose Thelen Remarks at Wright County Board of Commissioners’ Meeting, June 16, 2009; and 21. Request for Payment: J. S. Seeding

### Requests to be on the Agenda:

1. Trudy Richter, 11224 Hollister Ave NW (not present). Request for Road Easement. For a water runoff problem correction, Trudy Richter has agreed to an easement along the property’s road for a catch basin and culverts. When Trudy Richter has a new septic system installed, she will need an “Across the Road” easement. Costs would be for a survey and the recording of the easement.

### Other Business:

1. Planning Commission, Chairman Charlotte Quiggle: Three property owners have requested variances that will be heard at the Public Hearing June 25, 2009:

Ricci and Diane Fournier, 10286 Gulden Ave NW: Variance to construct a detached garage within the minimum road centerline setback.

Michael Hilgert, 6543 117<sup>th</sup> St NW: Variance to enlarge an existing attached garage to be within the minimum road centerline setback and on an undersized lot.

Robert Gruys, 10461 Hollister Ave NW: Variance to construct a covered deck and trellis addition within the minimum lake setback.

**Litigation between Wright County, Corinna Township, and the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry: Wright County Board of Commissioners Meeting, June 16: Approved resolution to authorize any appropriate appeals in conformance with the County’s interests and positions on the issues. Approved by a majority of the Board of Commissioners, 4-1. Commissioner Rose Thelen voted against the resolution.**

Discussed the need for file information exchange - a continued discussion with Wright County.

Special Planning Commission Meeting, Tuesday July 7, 2009, 6 pm: Mining permits. Additional discussion time for property owners that may have questions.

CGI Training – Conducting Effective Site Visits: Thursday, June 25, at

CGI's St. Cloud Office. Mary Brown and Charlotte Quiggle plan to attend.

2. Metro West Services: At the request of Metro West Inspection Services, a letter will notify Doug Nord, Department of Labor and Industries that on August 19, 2008, Corinna Township approved hiring of Metro West Inspection Services for administering the Minnesota State Building Code and administering the current MN Rule 7080, the same as used by Wright County, for on-site sewer systems. Attachments will be a copy of the minutes and a copy of the contract.

The town board motion of August 19, 2008 did not specify approval for administering permits for sewer systems.

To clarify the original motion as the board at that time did not realize that permits for on-site sewer system should be specified, John Dearing presented motion that on August 19, 2008, Corinna Township approved hiring of Metro West Inspection Services for administering Minnesota State Building Code permits and administering the current MN Rule 7080, the same as used by Wright County now, for on-site sewer systems. Motion second by Chuck Carlson. Unanimous approval.

Correspondence:

E-Mails:

6/8/09 Ben Oleson to P&Z Office. Request to review parcel files - included names and parcel numbers.

6/8/09 Tom Salkowski to Ben Oleson: Provide 48 hours notice to provide such a request.

6/8/09 Ben Oleson to Tom Salkowski. Not a request for research but to pull files for review.

6/8/09 Wright County Attorney Anderson to Ben Oleson: Request for review of parcel files and data practices act.

6/10/09 Ben Oleson to Corinna Township Attorney Peter Tiede: Forwarded e-mails: Attorney Anderson and Tom Salkowski in reference to request for review of parcel files.

6/15/09 Charlotte Quiggle: Copy of Wright County Board of Commissioners Resolution: Matter of the Administrative Order Issued to Wright County, Wright County Board Agenda, June 16, 2009, 9 a.m.: -----The Board authorizes any appropriate appeals in conformance with the County's interests and positions on the issues.

6/16/09, Charlotte Quiggle, Rose Thelen remarks presented at the Wright County Board of Commissions Meeting, June 16.

6/15/09 Sheri Budde to Charlotte Quiggle: Questions permit fee

\*Building Inspector confirmed permit charges were correct. Corinna Township uses the same fee schedule as Wright County.

Letter: 6/9/09, Tom Salkowski: Copies of letters to Michael Hilgert, Robert and Katherine Gruys and Ricci and Diane Fournier: Requests that these applicants apply for permits directly to the County.

3. Complaint: 8719 78<sup>th</sup> Street NW – Business Operation in Home. Complaint letter forwarded to Township Planner for follow up action.

4. NW Quadrant Land Use Plan Public Hearing, Thursday, June 18, 2009, 7:30 p.m., Wright County Planning Commission Hearing. The property owners located in the proposed "Resource Land" areas received a letter from the township, 6/4/09, stating the hearing date, descriptions of "Resource Land" from the NW Quadrant Proposed Land Use Plan and a map. Dick expressed opinion that Wright County has laid out the proposed Resource Land areas and will not make changes.. It appears the county is not contacting people nor working with them in

this area and in the aggregate issue. The housing units for Resource Land would be different than for Ag Land. One has one building unit for forty acres and the other one unit per 10 acres.

5. Wright County Planning and Zoning: (continued from 6/16/09) Draft covering Wind Energy Conversion System Ordinance. As the deadline to respond is in July, the board wished to continue reading the draft of the ordinance. Three concerns were that wind turbines are noisy, placement should be back further from the property line and the required acreage.

6. Under Road Easement. Review. No comment.

7. Insurance Claim: Two bids were received for the hail damaged salt shed.

Dearing Construction, Inc. \$10,577.74

Smith Quality Construction \$12,450.00

With motion by Chuck Carlson, second by Dick Naaktgeboren, that for insurance purposes, the board approved the Dearing Construction, Inc. proposal for removing the plywood siding on north and west side of the salt shed, hauling away old siding, installing new fir plywood siding and painting the entire building for a total cost of \$10,577.74. Copies of the two proposals are to be forwarded to the insurance adjuster.

8. Kadabra Plat: Bond is on file.

9. Portion of Hollister Avenue Road Vacation: Property owners requesting the road to be vacated are to submit the road's legal description.

10. Inquiry from Nelson, 10503 Kimball: Complaint that snow and gravel were pushed onto property area. The gravel has been removed.

11. Violations:

Timothy Auwles, 6581 80<sup>th</sup> St NW: Second letter, 6/4/09, property must be brought into compliance within 20 days or no choice but to refer case to appropriate agencies for criminal prosecution. Site inspection by John Dearing revealed that no attempt to clean up the property has been made. Referral to Wright County Sheriff's Office for investigation and action.

Francis Quick, 6329 80<sup>th</sup> St NW: Property clean up deadline was extended to July 6, 2009.

Gary J. Pikala, 11000 108<sup>th</sup> St NW: Property to be brought into compliance by July 5, 2009.

Milo Vail, 8008 Griffith Ave NW: Vacant house roof has caved in. As house is a safety hazard and Milo Vail cannot be located, clerk contacted Karen Wolf, Ass't Wright County Attorney. Township could have a civil suit against the property. Board members stated that this vacant house is a danger to the community and County should continue the action against Vail not the township. Clerk to contact Assistant County Attorney's Office.

Steve Leinonen, 11718 Kramer Ave NW. Complaints that yard is a junk yard, the smells from the burning is disgusting and property is being used as a junk business. Follow up will be that a conditional use permit is required for a salvage business. Conditional Use Permit has specified requirements for a business.

12. Local Board of Appeal and Equalization Training: Chuck Carlson will be registered for the training offered, September 8, 2009, at the Government Center.

13. Cooperative Purchasing Venture: With motion by Richard Naaktgeboren, second of John Dearing, the town board unanimously approved renewing the Cooperative membership.

14. Highway 55 Corridor Coalition Meeting, Friday, June 19, 2009, 9:30 a.m., at Hennepin County Medina Facility's Training Room.

15. Minnesota Association of Townships: Membership cards were received.

16. Business Radio Licensing: No action.

17. 91<sup>st</sup> Street Drainage Correction. John Dearing reported that township is waiting for the State and M. Ransom agreement and judgment that is expected in July. John and Chuck Carlson met with Vickie and Lee Morgan and three other neighbors to discuss the road plan, the easement for a drainage pipe and a tree replacement. Discussion resulted in favor of these issues.
18. Summer Short Course, MN Association of Townships, Monday, 7/13/09 at St. Cloud  
Mary Brown was approved to be registered to attend. Motion, Dick Naaktgeboren and second, Chuck Carlson.
19. Feed Lot Application: 6/11/09, Wright County P&Z for Larry Smith, 7000 100<sup>th</sup> Street NW. Information Copy.
20. Wright County Township Offices Association Quarterly Meeting and Dinner, Wednesday, July 8, 2009 at Rockford Township Hall. All board members plan to attend.
21. J. S. Seeding: Request for payment for seeding along Jenkins Avenue. Balance will be paid upon board's approval.
22. Corinna Cemetery, Highway 24: Part of the plan for the development of the cemetery is to remove several trees, place a culvert in the driveway, stake and grade the road area and level remaining land. North end portion of the cemetery will contain lots 1-10 and one-half of 11. Lot 32 is to be removed for a future road. A small shed could house the pressure tank for the well and to store a lawn mower. Fencing could be added later. Discussed possible lot price as \$850. Sales would begin in the North end portion of the cemetery.
23. Township Office Closed Friday, July 3, 2009: Approved, with motion by Richard Naaktgeboren, seconded by Chuck Carlson. Notices are to be placed on website, bulletin board and on office building door.
24. Visual Equipment and Meeting Room Appearance. Discussed rearrangement of room and addition of paintings or historical pictures of the township.

With no further business to come before the board, Chuck Carlson presented motion, seconded by John Dearing, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved July 7, 2009

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Viola K. Novotne, Clerk/Treasurer

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Richard Naaktgeboren, Chairman