



CORINNA TOWNSHIP NEWS

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Barry Schultz, Alternate

ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION, TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2010

One supervisor will be elected for a three-year term. Richard Naaktgeboren is the only candidate that has filed for this position. Polls will be open from 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM at the Corinna Township Hall located at 9801 Ireland Avenue NW. The Annual Meeting will begin at 8:15 PM after the polls close. The agenda items for the Annual Meeting are:

1. Report from Township Board on completed projects for 2009, projects for 2010 and projects proposed for 2011.
2. Report on Township Planning and Zoning.
3. Presentation of proposed 2011 budget. (Only in township government do the citizens who attend the Annual Meeting approve or amend the budget.)

ABSENTEE VOTING

You may find that you will be absent from your polling place or you are ill or have a disability. You may obtain an Absentee Ballot through the mail by completing the Absentee Ballot Application on website: www.sos.state.mn.us and sending it to the township clerk or by calling the Corinna Town Hall at 320-274-8049 to request an Absentee Ballot Application.

TOWN BOARD MEETINGS

Town Board Meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month, 7:00 PM at the Corinna Town Hall.

CORINNA TOWNSHIP PLANNING AND ZONING

The Township Planning Commission meets monthly the 4th Thursday of the month. Exceptions due to holidays: Nov. and Dec. meetings are Nov. 18 and Dec. 16. Ben Oleson of Community Growth Institute works as the Township Planner. www.communitygrowth.com.

BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION

The Local Board of Appeal and Equalization will be held on Tuesday, April 27, 2010, 3:00 PM at the Corinna Town Hall. If you have concerns about the assessed value placed on your property, please set up an appointment to attend by calling 320-274-8049. If you have questions, contact Ken Yager, the Township Assessor, at 320-963-6219. He may be able to answer your questions about the value assessed and give you suggestions to bring to the Board for review.

JUNK AMNESTY DAY

Junk Amnesty Day will be held Saturday, July 31, 2010, 7:30 AM to noon, at the Corinna Township Hall. You will receive a newsletter in July giving you more details about Junk Amnesty Day.

BUILDING PERMITS

All building permit applications may be obtained at Corinna Town Hall. Office hours are: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Applications are also available in the drop box outside the township hall. You may also drop off completed applications and/or plans in the drop box.

PRESS RELEASE - October 23, 2009

Wright County ordered by state agency to stop issuing building permits in Corinna Township.

The Commissioner of the MN Department of Labor and Industry (DOLI) has upheld an October 2008 order that Wright County has been illegally issuing building permits in Corinna Township for the last year. The September 1, 2009 order makes Corinna Township the sole building inspector throughout all areas of the Township.

Applicants in shoreland areas of Corinna Township have been illegally required to obtain building permits, including payment of application fees, by Wright County since the fall of 2008. Wright County appealed the October 2008 order to the Commissioner of DOLI, who ultimately agreed with the state agency that Corinna Township has properly appointed its own building code official and that Wright County must stop issuing such permits.

Wright County has appealed the recent decision, but is currently abiding by the September 1 order and is no longer issuing building permits or conducting inspections in Corinna Township. Corinna landowners, whether in shoreland or non-shoreland areas, now need a building or septic permit only from the Township and can direct applications or questions to (320) 274-8049.

Corinna Township has previously attempted to become the sole shoreland zoning authority so that landowners do not need to go two places for their permits. A July 2008 resolution by the Wright County Board denied the Township this authority.

Documents relating to the DOLI order and the ongoing efforts of the Township to obtain shoreland zoning authority can be found at www.corinnaplanning.info or by contacting Corinna Township at 320-274-8049.

The goal of this effort has been to create a local permitting program that is convenient for residents and contractors and that would allow for a smooth transition from Wright County's procedures and fees to Corinna's own procedures and fees. The Town Board remains committed to this goal and we thank many of you who continue to show your support.

In the meantime, please be aware of the following:

- Corinna Township is the sole permitting authority for building permits, zoning permits, and septic permits. You need only contact Town Hall to begin the process of applying for these permits.
- If you are in a shoreland area (1,000 feet of a lake or 300 feet of a river), and you need a variance, conditional use permit, or subdivision approval, you will need to contact Corinna Town Hall to schedule a public hearing. Since Wright County has refused to allow Corinna Township to administer zoning in shoreland areas, you will still need to go to Wright County for their approval as well. The Township is aware of efforts to change state law so that it can administer shoreland zoning as well without having to gain the approval of Wright County.

RECYCLING - PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT

Corinna Township has beautiful natural features such as wetlands, lakes, wooded areas, wildlife and rolling topography. We ask that everyone help protect this resource by participating in the monthly recycling program that the township offers. If you need recycling bins, contact the township office at 320-274-8049. Curbside recycling pick up times are:

Recycling Pick-Up	<u>Last Saturday of Month:</u> <u>North of County Road 39</u>		<u>Last Friday of the Month:</u> <u>South of County Road 39</u>	
	February	27	February	26
March	27	March	26	

Please check our website at www.corinnatownship.com or call 320-274-8049 for recycling dates for the remainder of the year. We will have an updated recycling contract as of April 1, 2010.

New Guidelines for Recycling:

Cans, mixed glass and plastic may be combined.

Cans: Aluminum and tin cans, including the lids. All cans must be rinsed and labels on tin cans removed.

Glass: All glass food and beverage containers. All glass containers must be rinsed and lids or covers should be removed. Labels may be left on glass jars.

Unacceptable glass items: Broken glass, light bulbs, windows, dished, drinking glasses and lids.

Plastic: All plastic bottles with necks accepted. All plastic containers must be rinsed thoroughly and caps removed. Labels may be left on.

Unacceptable plastic items: Yogurt, pudding and fruit cups, produce or deli take out containers, toys and automotive fluid containers.

Paper: All newspapers (including the inserts), magazines, phone books, and any junk mail or school flyers. Make certain it is kept clean and dry. All paper must be separated from other recyclables and placed in paper bags.

Cardboard: All cardboard must be broken down flat and bundled. This includes cereal boxes, flattened and plastic bag removed. Please place in a paper bag or bundle. Maximum length and width should not exceed 3 feet.

Questions: You may call Wright Recycling at 763-972-2031 or 763-238-2727.

Please have your recycling bin at the curb by 7:00 AM. For additional information, please check our website: www.corinnatownship.com. Township General Funds are used to pay for the cost of this service.

PARKING IS NOT ALLOWED ON TOWNSHIP ROADS

Grading and plowing equipment need to maintain the entire road surface.

TOWNSHIP HALL RENTAL

The township hall is available to residents on a rental basis. Contact the clerk for information and rates.

DOGS

Corinna Township has obtained the services of Sue Eaton as the Animal Control officer. Most of her activities deal with lost or stray animals. If you have a problem with a stray animal **contact Animal Control Officer Sue Eaton at 612-366-4370. Impounded animals are taken to the Annandale Veterinary Clinic – phone 320-274-3535.**

DANGEROUS AND POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS DOGS

On Jan. 19, 2010 Wright County adopted an Ordinance for Dangerous and Potentially Dangerous Dogs. This Ordinance will allow the County to regulate the ownership and possession of dangerous dogs and potentially dangerous dogs. The purpose of the Ordinance is to protect the public from such dogs and to reduce the threat to the health and safety of people and other animals that may come into contact with such dogs. A copy of the Ordinance is available at the Corinna Town Hall.

MAILBOX REMINDER

Please make sure your mailbox post is in good condition. Check to see that it is firmly in the ground. Pressure from plowed snow can knock over a rotted mailbox post. Mailboxes will only be repaired or replaced if the mailbox support was damaged by a direct hit from township equipment. Mailbox supports (swing-away type) are available for purchase from the township for \$42.00.

911 SIGNS

If your sign is missing, call the township office at 320-274-8049 for a replacement sign.

COUNTY ROAD 6 CONSTRUCTION

If you have questions please call the Wright County Highway Department at 763-682-7383.

BURNING PERMITS AND FIRE WARDEN CONTACTS

Burning Permits: Burning permits are required for open burning unless there is three inches of snow cover.

Burning the following items is strictly prohibited:



- Hazardous wastes
- Industrial solid waste
- Demolition debris of commercial or institutional structures. (A farm building is not a commercial structure.) Burning of any structure should be referred to a forest officer.
- Salvage operations
- Motor vehicles
- Oils
- Rubber
- Plastics
- Chemically-treated materials
- Other materials which produce excessive or noxious smoke, such as, but not limited to: tires, railroad ties, chemically-treated lumber, composite board, sheet rock, wiring, paint, or paint filters.
- Garbage, defined as discarded material resulting from the handling, processing, storage, preparation, serving, or consumption of food.
- It is **never** permissible to burn household garbage.

Permits may be obtained from Corinna Township Fire Wardens:

Bill Lieb, 320-963-6202

Barry Schultz, 320-274-5517

Annandale City Hall, 320-274-3055

Maple Lake City Hall, 320-963-5983

FIRE DEPARTMENTS

Maple Lake Fire Department serves all parts of Corinna Township that are east of a north-south line dividing Cedar Lake.

Annandale Fire department serves all parts of Corinna Township west of the north-south line dividing Cedar Lake.