

**CASTLE ROCK TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING/ PLANNING COMMISSION
“RIGHT TO FARM”
MARCH 23, 1999**

The regular BI-monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Castle Rock Township along with the Planning Commission was convened at the town hall at 7:00 p.m. Present were Alyn Angus, Chair, Norbert Kuhn, Jr., Vice-Chair, Jim Ozmun, Bill Neil, Ken Betzold, Supervisors; Roger Randall, Treasurer and Michelle Nicolai, Clerk. Also present were Shirley Dubbels, Gerry Drewry, Maralee Rother, Jim Heiman, Bill Fitch, Dave Nicolai, Bernie Bongaard, LaCelle Cordes, Farmington Council Member, Jerry Ristow, Farmington Mayor.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Alyn Angus, Chair, the pledge of allegiance was recited.

A motion was made by Bill Neil, seconded by Ken Betzold to approve the March 16, 1999 meeting minutes with the following changes: Page 3 2nd paragraph should say 18” depth and on the backslope. The pay rate for mileage is 31 cents not 31 1/2 cents. Motion carried.

Bernard Bongard 25560 Chippendale Ave. Farmington MN 55024 came in to discuss the rebuilding of a shed 20’ x 28’. He is replacing due to storm damage and is putting up the same as it was. Inspector Murphy has inspected it. He was given a building permit application and told to come to the next Planning Commission Meeting on Monday, March 29, 1999.

RIGHT TO FARM

Supervisor Ozmun went to the Township Short Course in Owatana and received the information that Iowa Supreme Court and the Federal Court both denied the Right to Farm. We must do some research to find out why. The Board and Planning Commission decided that the wording of the Ordinance will stand as is and we will research this and discuss this further at our April 6, 1999 meeting.

The Annual Road Inspection will be held on Thursday May 20, 1999 at 6:00 p.m.

Fiber Optic Cable will run up Hwy 3 instead of Denmark. Chairman Angus asked Mayor Ristow if Farmington has an Ordinance pertaining to this issue. He will forward their information to us.

The board picked a committee to interview for a new staff person to work in the office 8 hours per week at a rate of 10.50 per hour. A motion was made by Bill Neil, seconded by Jim Ozmun to nominate Alyn Angus. Motion carried. A motion was made by Jim Ozmun, seconded by Bill Neil to nominate Ken Betzold. Motion carried. Treasurer Randall and Clerk Nicolai will also sit on this

committee. The interview will take place in the evening at 6:30 p.m. at will be at 15 minute intervals. Clerk will set this up.

Supervisor Ozmun gave us an overview of the Township Shortcourse in Owatana. Culverts, Spiral have a chance of unraveling, Plastic can burn and rodents tend to chew them, Rivets seem to be the best..

Supervisor Betzold and Clerk Nicolai gave an overview of the Dakota County Township meeting at Weiderholts. Any funds for bridge repair will need to be used or it will be lost. Weight restrictions will be for a fixed 8 weeks, March 1 through May 1st. License plate fees, if lowered will cost the Townships a great deal of road repair money. We must consider this when voting.

The board received a copy of the Joint Powers Agreement between Farmington and Castle Rock. We will discuss them at the April 13, 1999 board meeting. We need another committee meeting first.

The Township received a letter from Char Gabbert who wishes to use the Nike Site to house homeless animals and have juveniles come and work with them and the property as a type of reform. This letter was also sent to Governor Ventura. The Clerk was instructed to send her a letter acknowledging her ideas and to let her know of some of the expenses at the Nike Base. The 3 silos have climate control and must be heated 365 days a year and submersible pumps to keep the water out. The electric bill for this is \$21,000 per year. The Township does not have funding for this type of thing.

Northwest Financial Group has expressed interest in purchasing the Nike Site. We need a committee to sit down with them and investigate this further. A motion was made by Bill Neil, seconded by Ken Betzold to nominate Norbert Kuhn to work with Chairman Angus on this. Motion carried.

Treasurer Randall requested an update on signature cards for the Bank.

The board discussed the need for building permits to be made easier for the residents to acquire. Clerk Nicolai was instructed to send Inspector Murphy a letter to attend our April 6, 1999 meeting for his input on how he could work with Clerk to eliminate the need for residents to attend Planning Commission and Board Meetings.

Treasurer Randall and Jim Ozmun will work on putting together a job description for Inspector based on these needs. The Planning Commission will become involved when the Inspector is not comfortable with a situation, and the Inspector should also attend the meeting. Supervisor Ozmun will attend the next Planning Commission meeting to discuss this with them.

Dave Vickory would like to move a building and he has a 2 day limit. The board will allow this if he leaves the building loaded and then goes through the proper channels of a Conditional Use Permit and Public Hearing.

Mark Henry attended the Chub Creek meeting and they need volunteers to monitor rain gages. The next meeting will be Thursday, May 6, 1999 at Waterford Town Hall.

The Audrey Bridge is done and came in \$500 below budget. He contacted the DNR and told them he is finished. The Township applied for a general permit that will allow us to work on the 5 right of ways, Biscayne Ave., Audrey Ave., Chub Creek, 270th Northbranch, Akron Ave.

The board reviewed a map given to us by Acting Zoning Administrator Tom Barry. He is to be sent any changes. Alyn Angus has farmland that the map is showing as wetland.

A motion was made by Bill Neil, seconded by Jim Ozmun to adjourn at 9:35 p.m.. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Nicolai, Clerk
Attest:

Chairman Angus