MORRISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL MINUTES

The meeting was held in the County Board Room, Government Center, Little Falls, MN, and was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Johnson.

Members present: Commissioners Randy Winscher, Duane Johnson, Don Meyer, Kevin Maurer and Jeff Jelinski.

Staff present: Brian Middendorf, Brad Vold, Cyndi Bachan, Bonnie Paulsen, Amy Kowalzek, Glen Erickson, Russ Nygren, and Beth Hamlin

Others present: Mike Krejci, Kirsty Smith, Linda Trebb, Pat Rioux, Jerry Chandler, Tyrone Umlauf and Jennie Zeitler

APPROVAL OF COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Maurer, seconded by Commissioner Jelinski and carried unanimously to approve the Morrison County Board of Commissioner Minutes for July 23, 2013.

AGENDA CHANGES

A motion was made by Commissioner Winscher, seconded by Commissioner Meyer, and carried unanimously to adopt the agenda as presented with the deletion of the Public Works Report.

GREAT RIVER REGIONAL LIBRARY REPORT

Kirsty Smith, Library Director and Linda Trebb, Finance Director, discussed with the Board about the previous year's budget and the upcoming one as well. The Great River Regional Library operates across six counties and all programs and items purchased are available for all regions. An increase in Legacy dollars, which are used only for cultural and heritage items and not allowed to be used for operating costs is one of the explanations of a budget increase. The representatives discussed many aspects of the budget with the Board and thanked them for their support of the library system.

COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT REPORT

Brad Vold, Social Services Director, Bonnie Paulsen, Public Health Director and Pat Rioux of St. Gabriel's Hospital shared the results of the Morrison County Health Needs Assessment completed in March of 2013. A collaborative effort by St. Gabriel's Hospital, Social Services and Public Health helped determine the health status of the county and what the perceived health issues are. Pat Rioux was able to explain several aspects of the survey and also what the goals and strategies were going to be by the hospital and by Morrison County. The results are available on the Morrison County and St. Gabriel's websites.

SOCIAL SERVICES REPORT

Brad Vold, Social Services Director and Cyndi Bachan Supervisor provided the Board an update on the implementation of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and its impact to the Financial Assistance Unit. Cyndi explained that staff will begin training by the end of the month and that the training is provided online for staff to complete individually. Brad Vold stated that the department will be moving to the new system in 2014.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Bonnie Paulsen, Public Health Director, reported to the Board the upcoming meetings for August and September.

The County Board recessed at 10:12 a.m. and reconvened at 10:18 a.m.

PLANNING AND ZONING REPORT

The County Board considered a Rezone Application from Tyrone Umlauf to rezone approximately 15 acres from Agriculture & Shoreland Residential to Commercial & Shoreland Commercial located in the North 660' of E ½ of NE ¼, Section 16, Township 040, Range 031, Agram Township. A Resolution was presented to the Board. A motion was made by Commissioner Meyer, seconded by Commissioner Winscher, and carried unanimously adopt the Resolution attached to these minutes.

MORRISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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ASSESSORS REPORT
A motion was made by Commissioner Maurer, seconded by Commissioner Jelinski and carried unanimously to approve the attached Abstract of tax Abatements dated August 6, 2013.

COUNTY BOARD WARRANTS
A motion was made by Commissioner Maurer and seconded by Commissioner Jelinski to approve the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Morrison County Board of Commissioners have reviewed the list of County Board Warrants;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the list of County Board Warrants on file in the Auditor/Treasurer's Office for August 6, 2013 be approved for payment:

REVENUE	$,50,955.87
PUBLIC WORKS	$120,153.92
SOCIAL SERVICE	$ 61,302.88
SOLID WASTE	$ 4,233.76
PARKS FUND	$ 1,309.50
LOCAL COLLABORATIVE	$ 1,231.51
TOTAL	$239,187.44
Meals	$ 163.09

Motion carried on a roll call vote with all Commissioners voting "aye".

A motion was made by Commissioner Maurer and seconded by Commissioner Jelinski to approve the Commissioners Expense Reports as presented to the Board. Motion carried on a roll call vote with all Commissioners voting "aye".

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT
Beth Hamlin, Administration, informed the Board of a couple invitations that were extended by Horizon Health to attend their Senior Day at the Morrison County Fairgrounds and the Soil and Water Conservation District to attend the Water Festival in September.

COUNTY BOARD REPORTS AND SCHEDULE
Members of the County Board reported on various meetings they have attended and on their upcoming schedule of meetings with various organizations.

ADJOURNMENT
A motion was made by Commissioner Winscher, seconded by Commissioner Maurer and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Duane Johnson, Chairman

Beth Hamlin, Deputy Clerk to the County Board

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Morrison County Planning Commission and the Morrison County Board of Commissioners held a public hearing on July 22, 2013 to consider rezoning a 60 acre tract of land from Agriculture and Shoreland Residential to Commercial and Shoreland Commercial, located in Section 16, Township 40, Range 31, Agram Township, also known as parcel number 01.0008.001.

WHEREAS, the applicant received a Conditional Use Permit on June 5, 2007 to establish a Business Enterprise, specifically for the operation of a retail sales of firearms and sporting goods business within the Agriculture zoned portion of his property. The condition to handle hazardous waste according to MPCA rules was attached to the permit, and

WHEREAS, the applicant wishes to expand his business by constructing additional buildings. Business Enterprises are no longer allowed within the Agriculture zoning district, so expansion via an amendment to the existing CUP is not possible, and

WHEREAS, the options available to the applicant to accomplish expansion of his business are:

1. Apply for a Conditional Use Permit to convert the Business Enterprise to a Limited Rural Business and expand under the Limited Rural Business
2. Apply for an expansion of the business under Section 301.2 f of the Morrison County Land Use Control Ordinance, which allows for expansion of legally established commercial uses regardless of the zoning except that intensification, enlargement or expansion are only allowed as a conditional use
3. Rezone the property to Commercial. Business Enterprises are a Permitted Principle Use within the Commercial zoning district. Expansion does not require a Conditional Use permit within this zoning district, and

WHEREAS, the applicant is proposing to rezone parcel 01.0008.001 to Commercial and Shoreland Commercial. This will allow the expansion of the business without the need for an amended Conditional Use Permit. Land Use permits must be obtained for the construction of any buildings associated with the expansion, and

WHEREAS, the surrounding parcels are zoned Agriculture and Shoreland Residential. The Thommes Estates residential subdivision is adjacent to the parcel, and

WHEREAS, the parcel is situated along State Highway 27, and customer access is off of the highway, and

WHEREAS, The Purpose of the Agriculture Zoning District is: *to promote and protect areas which have high quality agricultural lands and are essentially rural in nature. Within the district agricultural activities shall be given precedence over other land uses*, and

WHEREAS, The purpose of the Commercial Zoning District is: *to promote and protect areas which currently are active commercial areas or meet the comprehensive plan guidelines for future or desired commercial development*, and

WHEREAS, Applicable Comprehensive Plan Goals and Objectives are: Goal C1: Promote a thriving county-wide community by promoting economic and business diversity

Goal Objective 5 – Increase the use of buffering or similar practices to minimize the impacts of residential development on commercial and industrial use, and commercial and industrial use on residential development

Goal C2: Minimize the impacts of business development on other land use within Morrison County

Goal Objective 1- Limit commercial and industrial development only in areas capable of handling such development with adequate infrastructure and services

Goal Objective 2 – Mitigate impacts of new commercial and industrial development on existing adjacent land use and the impacts of existing adjacent land on new commercial and industrial development.

Goal Objective 5 – Reduce the impacts of spot zoning by carefully considering the adverse secondary impacts of the potential business and its future use.

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission found the Agram Town Board recommends approval of the proposed rezone, and

WHEREAS, based upon the information and exhibits received at the public hearing on July 22, 2013 and the information provided by staff for the rezone request, a motion was made by Darvin Keehr and seconded by Randy Winscher, that the Planning Commission recommends approval of this rezone request. The vote was 4 yes, 0 no, and

WHEREAS, the applicant requested that the Board of Commissioners consider the rezone of the first 660 feet from Highway 27 to Commercial and Shoreland Commercial instead of the entire 60 acre parcel.

NOW THEREFORE, based on the information, exhibits and testimony reviewed at the public hearing as well as information provided by staff, be it hereby resolved that the parcel described below be the zoning of Commercial and Shoreland Commercial:

> The North 660 feet of the East one-half (E ½) of the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) of Section Sixteen (16), Township Forty (40), Range Thirty-One (031).
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> LESS AND EXCEPT: The east 20 acres of the East Half of the Northeast Quarter (E ½ of NE ¼) Section 16, Township 40, Range 31.

The above resolution was duly adopted by the Morrison County Board of Commissioners at its regular meeting on August 6, 2013.

Chairman
Morrison County Board of Commissioners

Clerk (Deputy)
Morrison County Board of Commissioners

ABSTRACT OF TAX ABATEMENTS

August 6, 2013

1. **DAVID A & PAMELA C BELL, Parcel Number 29.0664.000, Scandia Valley Township**
   The house traverse in CAMA on this parcel was incorrect, which caused the house to be overvalued for taxes payable in 2011, 2012 and 2013. Correcting the taxes payable in **2011**, would decrease the taxes from $2,962.00 to approximately $2,806.00, a decrease of $156.00. Correcting the taxes payable in **2012**, would decrease the taxes from $3,436.00 to approximately $3,274.00, a decrease of $162.00. Correcting the taxes payable in **2013**, would decrease the taxes from $3,418.00 to approximately $3,260.00, a decrease of $158.00. This was corrected for the 2013 assessment, taxes payable 2014. **Amount of Credit: $476.00. Recommend Approval.**

NOTE: Minnesota Statutes 1988, Section 609.41, "Whoever, in making any statement, oral or written, which is required or authorized by law to be made as a basis of imposing, reducing, or abating any tax or assessment, intentionally makes any statement as to any material matter which the maker of the statement knows is false may be sentenced, unless otherwise provided by law, to imprisonment for not more than one year or to payment of a fine of not more than $3,000, or both"

____ Tax is Paid
____ Tax is Not Paid

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

After examining the applicants' claims, I have carefully investigated these applications and find the facts as stated above.

Signature of Investigator

August 6, 2013
Date

CERTIFICATIONS OF APPROVAL

NOTE: For these abatements to be approved, the assessor, county auditor and the county board of commissioners must all favorably recommend their adoption.

ASSESSOR'S RECOMMENDATION (County Assessor or City Assessor in certain cities)

XX Approved _____ Denied

Assessor's Signature

COUNTY AUDITOR'S RECOMMENDATION

XX Approved _____ Denied

Auditor's Signature

COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S ACTION (To be completed by county auditor)

XX Approved _____ Denied

I certify that at a meeting held August 6, 2013 the County Board, took the above official action on these abatements. This action was duly adopted and entered upon the minutes of its proceedings as a public record, showing the names of taxpayers, other concerned persons and the amounts involved.

Russ Nygren 8/6/13

Signature of County Auditor Date