

SPRINGVALE TOWNSHIP
JUNE 10, 2009
SPECIAL MEETING-COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The township board met at the town hall for a special meeting with the following board members present: Roger McNear, Bill Friedland, Burt Coleman, and Michelle Kleven. McNear called the meeting to order at 6:34pm. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Coleman made a motion to approve the June 10th, 2009 agenda with the amendment of offering a three minute time instead of the five minute time listed on the current agenda. Seconded by Friedland. Motion carried.

McNear explained the reasoning for the special meeting and read information from the Minnesota Association of Townships regarding informative meetings. The residents at the March 2009 Annual meeting requested this meeting to receive and discuss feedback regarding the new Isanti County Comprehensive Plan versus the current Springvale Township Comprehensive Plan. McNear stated that each resident will have a three minute time limit to ask their question after stating their name. McNear also welcomed Tim Anderson from Isanti County Zoning and Larry Southerland a County Commissioner.

McNear asked Tim Anderson to speak and explain some of the new things happening with the County Comprehensive Plan. He stated all changes have been adopted and are not currently implemented.

McNear opened the floor to the residents for discussion.

Rebecca Alley has questions about the Rum River district. Asked about acreage sizes and platting.

Dave Spizman had comments on cost, zoning control, and for the township to follow the County bylaws.

Glenn Lood commented on transferring rights and septic laws. He also explained why the township has the ordinances it does and agrees with them, but does not think the township should handle all of zoning.

Peter Clay had a detailed discussion about development rights with examples of what has happened in other towns and counties.

Jason Stanffer questioned if he didn't like the County plan, what needs to happen for the township to do their own zoning? Asked how many other townships handle their own zoning?

Larry Southerland gave the County perspective on the new plan and gave examples of dollars values of what it costs to run a zoning board.

Dean Yerigan gave some examples of what Athens Township has been through and what the residents have commented on that live in that township.

Gordon Hillstad voted to use the County plan and for no more restricted government.

Norris Shugren asked to notify all residents by mail if the township does any major changes with its current ordinances and comprehensive plan.

Other residents had discussion, but did not stand and present their names.

Friedland made a motion not to take any further action at this time regarding the township comprehensive plan. Coleman seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Coleman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. Friedland seconded the motion. Motion carried.