

THE HAMPTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

June 7, 2010

Attendance

Chair	Doug Wille
Supervisor	Donna Otto
Supervisor	Bob Leifeld
Clerk	Jeanne Werner

This meeting was called to order by Doug Wille, Chair at 9:00 am. Brad Becker from Dakota County Water and Soil was present. Brad explained the process that goes along with administrating permits. There are State of Minnesota rules that apply, no rules from the county and approval comes from the township.

Application is the first step in the feedlot permit process. From the application, it will state if it is a new feedlot or an expansion of a feedlot either by increasing the number of head or a building expansion which in some cases needs a certified engineer. You also need a certified manure management plan. Also, you would have to notify your neighbors within 5000 feet of your feedlot either by mail or legal notice in a legal newspaper if the permit requested is over 500 animal units.

The board had reviewed our current feedlot ordinance from the township and also the neighboring township to see the different ordinances and to make a determination if we need to make any changes.

Doug Wille would like to make clear the difference between an existing feedlot and a new feedlot when it comes to making decisions based off our current ordinances. The board had discussed the "Right to Farm". The township ordinance currently has the following setback in place. It was suggested that we contact our attorney to make new language for an adoption of a revised ordinance if it seemed that a change is needed. Also, to review the process of a "conditional use permit" and to make it more understanding.

Bob Leifeld mentioned that we should think about putting a moratorium on the feedlots until the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors have a little more time to review and at the same time protect the residence.

Brad Becker explained in the year 2000, the county first started requested the farmer to register their feedlots with Dakota County and the townships. A permit needs to be applied for if you are over 50 - 300 animal units unless you are closed to a shore land, then it is 10 animals. If you are applying for 500 animal units or more, you are to notify your neighbors within 5000 feet. Over 1000 animal units, you deal with the State of Minnesota and the Pollution control. You cannot write an ordinance that is weaker than the State of Minnesota ordinance.

Doug Wille made a motion to have the Planning Commission review our feedlot ordinances and to state what is an existing feedlot and what is a new feedlot and to table the issue for May Calf Farm until ordinance can be reviewed and more legal advised from the township attorney. The Planning Commission is to report back to the board of their recommendation of any changes that are needed if any. Motion was seconded by Bob Leifeld and unanimously passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:13 am.

Respectfully Submitted;

Jeanne Werner, Clerk
Hampton Township

Date Signed: 6-15-10

Doug Wille, Chair: 

Jeanne Werner, Clerk: 