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This special meeting was called by majority of the board with a written letter signed by Vernon May, Shirley Sprague, and Nora Quisenberry; to review the 11/19/09 determination to support rezoning of the property on the corner of Arthur road and M66. (Steve Huffman's property i.e.: "Grandpa's")

### **MINUTES-Special Meeting: January 6, 2010 -8:00am**

Supervisor Darwin Denslow called the meeting to order at 8:08am with the pledge to the flag. Roll call shows present Ginger Sherman, Shirley Sprague, Darwin Denslow, Vernon May and Nora Quisenberry. 2 visitors John Rettinger and Laurie (maiden name: Rettinger).

The public was given ample time to ask questions as to "why" the board had changed its mind?? Those board members who had changed there minds; expressed there feelings on the issue. Noting that the school had *with drawn there previous letter of support* and that was the main reason for them changing there mind.

A letter of support had already been sent out on December 21, 2009 from this township to the planning commission in support of Steve Huffman's re-zoning request (as long as the "Irrevocable Deed Restrictions" presented at that meeting were maintained), which had previously passed at a special meeting of this board on November 19, 2009 with a 3-yea / 2-nay vote. The letter of support was also presented at our 12-10-09 meeting for review; with minor corrections made.

Ginger and Darwin both took a minute to note the fact that they still supported Steve's re-zoning requests, and would continue to support him. Ginger noted that she had been on the fence with the issue in the beginning but after talking with others and hearing the thoughts from the overwhelming number of people who thought that the re-zoning was a good idea, and careful thought, she decided to support of the re-zoning of Grandpa's in the best interest of the residents of Sheridan Township and Mecosta County.

It was also noted that with such short notice; and the Planning commission meeting being tomorrow night 1-7-10 that it might be better to just plan on being at the meeting rather than sending a letter to request; removal of support, which may not get to all planning members before the meeting anyway.

Vernon made a motion to rescind the previous motion of sending a letter of support to the planning commission. Roll Call vote: 3 nays Vernon, Shirley, and Nora, and 2-ayes Darwin, Ginger. Motion did not pass as it takes a 2/3 vote (4 members of a 5- member board per Katherine at MTA) to rescind a previous decision when supporting documents have been sent out.

Notice of this meeting was given to all members of the board between 10am and 11am on 1-5-10. In such short notice, Ginger (needing to leave for work at another job at noon), was given very little time for research on rescinding of motions; which she knew could only be done under certain circumstances. Ginger called "MTA" and talked with Katherine who noted that the meeting must be posted and scheduled with an 18 hour notice; which there was still time for. Katherine suggested that we look it up in "Roberts Rules of Order" under rescind. She noted that if supporting documents had gone out that it takes a 2/3 vote to rescind a previous motion of the board (4 members of a 5 member board). Ginger quickly faxed her quick notes to Darwin for him to do more research on as she needed to leave for work and he was unable to find the "Roberts rules of Order" book at the town hall. In light of this fact we must go with what Katherine from "MTA" said over the phone, as no other facts on rescinding motions were presented from any of the other board members.

The Supervisor declared the Meeting Adjourned.

Ginger Sherman, Clerk

Ginger Sherman, Sheridan Township Clerk