

MINUTES OF THE HAVEN TOWN BOARD SPECIAL MEETING
Discussion on Reconfiguring Railroad Crossings
February 15, 2011

The Haven Township Board met at the Haven Township Hall on Tuesday, February 15, 2011. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Eric Meyer. Members present: Chairman Eric Meyer, Supervisor Jeff Schlingmann, Supervisor Mark Knowles, Supervisor Kathi Sims-Kosloski, Supervisor Randy Linn, David Meyers, Mike Zniewski and Tammy Schefers. Other people present were Rick VanWagner, Jim Browsers, John Chadwich, Larry & Renee Czech, Wayne Brinkman, Gretchen Lindgren and David Hannula.

The Board of Supervisors discussed 52nd Street, 50th Avenue and 32nd Street SE to reconfigure the Railroad Crossings in that area. The 52nd Street Railroad Crossing is being in consideration for closure and the 32nd Street Railroad Crossing needs improvements. Rick VanWagner, Freight, Rail & Waterways Rail Project Manager from the Minnesota Department of Transportation talked with the Board about his findings on this issue. He had a power point packet for the Board and residents that was a Grade Crossing Safety Project Overview. After reviewing the packet he answered questions from the residents and Board Members. Rick VanWagner said that this project is in consideration for the year 2016. He needs the Board to come up with a plan on how they would like to handle this by October, 2011. This was only an informational meeting tonight. No decisions will be decided on this issue yet. The Board Members had some questions that Rick VanWagner will look into and get back to the Board. The questions were: How much traffic uses these crossings? The Board would like to have a traffic count on both of these crossing areas. Will the property value go down on the residents parcels? The Board asked if they could get some history on other crossing this has happened to. The last question is what will happen if the board says no; they will not pay any money and do not want the crossings upgraded? They wish not to participate in this project. Rick VanWagner said that he will get answers to these questions and get back to the board by June/July, 2011.

This Special Meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Chairperson

Clerk/Treasurer