



# MOWER COUNTY

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### Minutes of the Mower County Board of Adjustment

Members Present: Bill Millbrath, Don Olson, Joan Roe, Kenneth Trom.

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Oliver Hillier, Miriam Look, Ladd Baldus, Sandy Fredrickson, Daryl Franklin.

The meeting of the Mower County Board of Adjustment was called to order by Chair Ken Trom on Wednesday, August 31, 1994, at 2:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Mower County Office Building, 1105-1/2 NE 8th Avenue, Austin, Minnesota.

Minutes of the July 27, 1994, meeting were approved as mailed on a motion by Don Olson, seconded by Bill Millbrath. The motion passed unanimously.

**Variance #274 - Austin Township** - Variance from the Mower County Sewage Disposal Ordinance (Chapter 11) section 11-1, Appendix A, Section F, to install a holding tank instead of a standard system at the Township Hall located in section 22, Austin Township. Staff report was presented. Sandy Fredrickson explained the ordinance, the purpose of the variance and provided suggested conditions. In order to grant a variance, the Board of Adjustment must find:

- 1.) That the variance is in harmony with the spirit and intent of the Ordinance?
- 2.) The variance is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan?
- 3.) Are practical difficulties or particular hardships shown?

After some discussion, a motion was made by Bill Millbrath, seconded by Joan Roe, to approve the variance for the holding tank because (1) the variance is in harmony with the spirit and intent of the ordinance because land application is an acceptable means of disposal and the expected low flow from the facility, (2) the variance is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan because holding tanks are acceptable under MPCA and County Standards, (3) there are practical difficulties and particular hardships shown because of the expected low flow, high water table in the area and the excess cost of standard on-site sewer system with the following conditions:

1. The tank will be equipped with an alarm or indicator which will indicate when approximately 100 gallon capacity is remaining in the tank
2. The manhole cover will be secured by lock or weight so as not to be accessible to the public.
3. The tank will be pumped by a licensed pumper.

4. All County, State and Federal requirements are to be followed.  
The motion passed unanimously.

**Variance #275 - Ladd Baldus** - Variance from the Mower County Sewage Disposal Ordinance (Chapter 11) section 11-1, Appendix A, Section F, to install a holding tank instead of a standard system at a shop located in section 33, Frankford Township. Staff report was presented. Mr. Baldus explained his proposal. Sandy Fredrickson explained the ordinance, the purpose of the variance and provided suggested conditions. In order to grant a variance, the Board of Adjustment must find:

- 1.) That the variance is in harmony with the spirit and intent of the Ordinance?
- 2.) The variance is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan?
- 3.) Are practical difficulties or particular hardships shown?

After some discussion, a motion was made by Don Olson, seconded by Bill Millbrath, to approve the variance for the holding tank because (1) the variance is in harmony with the spirit and intent of the ordinance because land application is an acceptable means of disposal and the expected low flow from the facility, (2) the variance is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan because holding tanks are acceptable under MPCA and County Standards, (3) there are practical difficulties and particular hardships shown because of the expected low flow, high water table in the area and the excess cost of standard on-site sewer system with the following conditions:

1. The tank will be equipped with an alarm or indicator which will indicate when approximately 100 gallons is remaining in tank capacity.
2. The tank will be pumped by the owner or a licensed pumper.
3. The manhole cover will be secured by a lock or weight so as not to be accessible.
4. Pumpage will be disposed of in accordance with all applicable Federal, State and County standards.

The motion passed unanimously.

**Variance #276 - Robert Wilson & Morrison Well Drilling** -The Chair noted that this variance had been withdrawn by the applicant therefore no action was necessary by the Board of Adjustment.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m. on a motion by Don Olson, seconded by Joan Roe. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:



Daryl W. Franklin