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Oath of Office Is More Than Just Words

As Elected Officials, Gamache & Kordiak Have Obligation to Govern According to the Law

Last week, I discussed with readers the conundrum Commissioner Mike Gamache has placed the County Board in with his outburst at the December 15th Management Committee meeting. Gamache publicly, and on camera, advocated for awarding a county contract worth anywhere from \$15,000 to \$50,000 to a higher bidder based upon his dislike of the free speech of the low bidder and one of their advertisers. Commissioner Jim Kordiak indicated he would also vote against the low bidder but would hold his statement for the January meeting.

Gamache and Kordiak are more than welcome to voice their dislike of the free speech published in the *Record*. They are also welcome to claim that their constituents agree with them, even though the feedback we receive has said otherwise. At issue is how they choose to vote.

Last week I had a good conversation with a county employee about Gamache's statement. We agreed that like anyone else, he is entitled to the right of free speech and to speak on behalf of other residents. But there is an added part to this if you are an elected official. Unlike ordinary everyday citizens, elected officials such as Gamache and Kordiak have taken an oath to govern or cast their vote in accordance with the law.

"I do solemnly swear... that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Minnesota... to the best of my judgment and ability."

- Office of the MN Secretary of State

Whenever the County conducts a sealed competitive bidding process that clearly states that contracts are to be awarded to the lowest responsive responsible bidder, there is a legal obligation to award contracts in that manner or to toss all bids and start the process anew.

The Minnesota Legislature did not create this process on a whim or by mistake. After years of corruption on the part of elected officials back in the early half of the last century, this process was created to prevent elected officials from awarding contracts to their friends and buddies as rewards. It also prevents contracts from being awarded based upon the free speech of bidders.

Without this process, Commissioners like Gamache and Kordiak could rank bidders not based upon price, but based upon the number of nice articles written about them. They could also give preference to newspapers that gave them free space to write columns as ECM, Inc. (parent company of the *UnionHerald*) gives to Kordiak on a regular basis.

Awarding contracts to bidders based upon cost to county taxpayers, using a sealed bid process, is the only honest, transparent, and ethical way of awarding newspaper publication contracts.

January's vote will determine which Commissioners have chosen to respect the oath they have taken.

Publisher's Column



John Kyslyczyn

Senate District 35 candidates file

Aplikowski vs. Abeler in Republican primary Jan. 12 Anoka Smoke Shop plays role in 3rd party bid

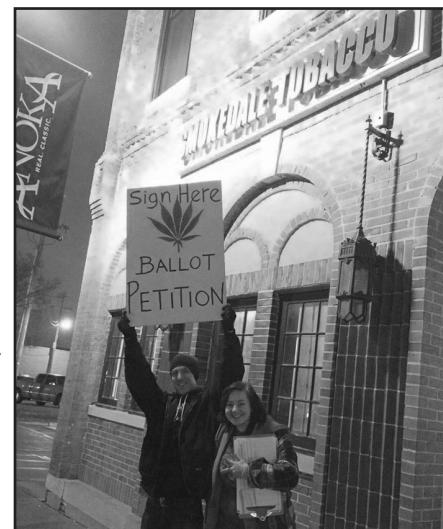
by Bryan Olson — Special to the *Anoka County Record*

Four candidates have filed for the open Senate District 35 seat, which was resigned by State Senator Branden Petersen in October.

Republican Party-endorsed Andy Aplikowski will have former State House legislator Jim Abeler as an opponent in the special primary Tuesday, January 12th. The winner will advance to the February 9th special election as the GOP candidate for the seat. The senate seat has been in Republican hands for a number of years; the district comprises much of Andover, Anoka, Ramsey and the northern portion of Coon Rapids.

Filing as a Democratic candidate was Roger Johnson of Coon Rapids. A statement on his candidacy papers read, "a fair wage for a fair day's labor."

The fourth candidate, Zachary Phelps, petitioned to get on the ballot as the candidate for the minor political party, Legal Marijuana Now. The party is recognized by the state as a minor party because Dan Vacek of St. Paul ran for state Attorney General under the LMN banner in 2014 and received more than the required 1% of the vote. Vacek tallied 57,604 statewide and received votes in each county (another requirement). 1,992,566 votes were cast statewide in that general election. He received over 12,000 votes in Hennepin County, 5,000 in Ramsey County and over 3,500 votes in Anoka County. Vacek received 821 votes in Senate District 35. (The district had over 50,700 registered voters in 2014).



Petitions for Phelps could be signed at the Smokedale Tobacco shop in downtown Anoka (photo from campaign web site)

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Same faces file for Nichols seat ISD 13 Superintendent's contract revealed

Four candidates filed in early December for the second open seat on the ISD 13 Columbia Heights School Board. The two seats were resigned by Lori Meyer in July 2015 and Grant Nichols in October.

All those who filed candidacy for the second seat had also filed for the first seat. Got that?

The two seats are not being elected concurrently, so a qualified candidate could file for both seats. Confused?

The reader can pour through our editions of September, October and November to find the whole story behind what took place at the Columbia Heights school district that brought us to this point, which is:

A primary election was held Dec. 1 for the first (Meyer) seat, and the top two vote-getters, Hala Asamarai and Naty Severson are set to face each other in a final election January 26.

However, two weeks later, both Asamarai and Severson will be on the ballot for the second (Nichols) seat. A primary for that seat is scheduled for February 9th. Two other candidates, Tim Utz and Scott Bardell will also be on the ballot — they both filed for the first seat as well but were eliminated in the Dec. 1 primary. The top two vote-getters of the Feb. 9 primary will advance to the special general election April 5, 2016.

There will also be the regular 2016 elections in the fall, with the seats of Ted Landwehr and John Larkin on the ballot, and the Meyer seat again.

Recent actions of the school board:

They voted all ayes to remove the school district from the WMEP joint powers agreement, to take effect at the end of this school year. The reason given at recent meetings was vague, citing the school administration didn't feel the costs justified the outcomes. The West Metro Education Program is an "integration" school district. The WMEP website says "(its) mission is to build our collective capacity to achieve educational excellence and racial equity...we

Observations from the Field

Bryan Olson



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A political party can achieve minor party status by petitioning before a state primary election and collecting the signatures of registered voters equivalent to 1% of the total number of persons who voted in the previous state election. (*Minn. Stat. 200.02 subd. 23; Chapt. 8205 Minn. Rules*). Maintaining a 1% share of the vote over two consecutive state elections is a requirement for keeping the minor party status.



Candidate Zachary Phelps (middle) (photo from campaign web site)

which in this case was only seven days, ending Dec. 14. The campaign web site singles out Smokedale Tobacco shop, located just around the corner from Anoka City Hall, as an important, fruitful petition location.

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serve (our students and staff) through regional leadership, collaboration, commitment and mutual support...our student programs are created to increase student engagement, achievement and college/career readiness."

The "student programs" area of the website describes programs that take a think-tank approach to civil rights, race and equity (which is different than *equality*, by the way). The school districts that are in the WMEP joint powers agreement include Minneapolis, ISD 282 St. Anthony-New Brighton, and other school districts in the Hennepin County suburbs.

Record Exclusive: Superintendent's employment contract renewed for another three years

Because they think it's nobody's business, school superintendent Kathy Kelly's contract was quietly renewed without the public being able to see the contract. They don't seem to understand how comical their efforts to hide public information appear. It's incredible to think that school attorney Karen Kepple, a presenter at the meeting, would not see to it that meeting materials are in the room for public inspection, as required by state law. They think if the school board members use their taxpayer-provided *laptops* instead of paper, that somehow they are exempt from the open meeting laws. These actions do not go unnoticed.

The *Record* made a public data request for the contract. What eventually arrived was the current contract, not the new contract approved by the school board at its Dec. 8 meeting. The current contract runs through the end of this school year. The new three-year contract runs from June 2016 to June 2019.

The superintendent's current contract pays a base salary of \$168,026 and the possibility of an incentive bonus of \$10,000 each year based on "mutually agreed upon measurable goals and objectives." The new three-year contract provides for pay raises of 2½%, another 2¼%, and another 2½% over the three years. The increases will put the base salary at just over \$180,000 for the 2018-2019 school year.

The superintendent's current contract also provides 13 paid holidays, 28 days of paid vacation per year, and a cash payment for any unused vacation days "upon resignation, retirement or termination of employment." Emergency Leave — at the discretion of the school board; Personal Leave — three days per year "to attend to personal business which can only be conducted during the work day"; Discretionary Leave — three days, and "no restrictions on the purposes (of its) use..."; Bereavement Leave — five days; Sick Leave — 15 paid days annually, which can accumulate to a maximum of 175 days. Unused sick leave to be paid to the superintendent by a per diem calculation based on current salary. All medical costs for the superintendent and dependents are paid for by the school district for the duration of the contract and such "benefits shall continue during active employment regardless of the Superintendent's eligibility for Medicare during such time." There are also provisions for insurance and annuities ("the annual School District matching contribution shall not exceed \$3,500") and mileage reimbursement at the current IRS rate.

An Independence Party candidate, Brian Personius announced that he would file for the open senate seat but failed to gather the required signatures. IP chair Phil Fuehrer of St. Paul, told the *Record* by e-mail that Personius had been endorsed by the party on Dec. 6, two days before the candidate filing period began. Fuehrer said Personius "is considering making a run at the seat in the fall." The Independence Party lost its major party status after the 2014 elections.

Polling place changed in northern Coon Rapids

On Dec. 1, the Coon Rapids City Council approved the moving of the polling place in Ward 1, precincts 1 and 2 to the Anoka County Sheriff's office at 13301 Hanson Boulevard in Andover (state law allows a polling place to be outside of the precinct's boundaries by up to one mile, *Minn. Stat. 204B.16*).

Previously, voting was held at the Coon Rapids Free Church, 2650 128th Ave. N.W. The sheriff's office will be the new polling place for the SD 35 primary and special general elections, as well as all other elections in 2016. The SD 35 seat will be on the regular primary and general election ballots again later in the year, as will all House and Senate seats statewide. A public notice listing the 28 precincts and polling places within the senate district can be found in this edition of the *Record* and will be republished again next week.

Attorney Kepple said Superintendent Kelly's salary ranks near the bottom in a comparison to the salaries of her peers. Kepple cited a list of 25 school superintendent salaries as research that supports the "at the bottom" claim. The *Record* is also waiting on a public data request for this document as well, as it was not provided in the meeting room or in any meeting packet.

We did take a look at some of the base salaries of other school superintendents and found:

The Stillwater school district hired a new superintendent whose salary is to be increased to \$187,000 after two years; the South Washington Schools ISD 833 superintendent is currently paid \$186,000; ISD 15 St. Francis schools recently hired a new superintendent starting at \$145,000; the Shakopee superintendent receives \$176,000; Roseville ISD 623's new superintendent was hired this past summer for \$181,000 but the salary will be raised to \$204,000 in the 2017-2018 school year. Outgoing Superintendent John Thein's salary in 2014-2015 was \$201,000. ISD 622 North St. Paul-Maplewood's outgoing superintendent Patty Phillips was being paid a base salary of \$183,000. The new superintendent will be paid \$185,000 in the second year of the contract. In 2012, the Minneapolis school board approved a salary of \$190,000 plus the potential for \$40,000 bonuses. St. Paul Schools superintendent Valeria Silva will be paid \$213,000 during the next school year but also has an extremely generous benefit package that includes lifetime health coverage for her and her dependents, and a flat \$13,200 car allowance, plus bonuses and annuity payments.

With two school board seats still vacant, it was a 3-1 vote to approve Kelly's contract. School board member Ted Landwehr said he would personally approve the contract but chose to vote the will of the constituents who had contacted him with negative comments about renewing Kelly's employment.

The state agency IPAD, an arm of the Department of Administration, has said that superintendents' contracts are public data. The agency admonished the Farmington school district (ISD 192) in 2008 for withholding the contract from the public. Some years ago the legislature granted school districts immunity from the state's salary cap laws — school boards can pay whatever salaries and benefits they wish.

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Quote of the Week: "Ignorance is an evil weed, which dictators may cultivate among their dupes, but which no democracy can afford among its citizens."

- William Henry Beveridge

TAXPAYERS COME TO LIFE!

Congratulations, Watchdogs! This past week, an informed and assertive citizenry came to life after the Watchdog exposed eye-popping, massive property tax increases on the part of the Coon Creek Watershed District (CCWD), an un-elected and heretofore unknown taxing entity.

We heard from many Watchdogs who contacted us via email to tell us that they had contacted the CCWD, expressing their outrage at the whopping tax increases.

We heard from others who took time to attend the CCWD meeting this past Monday to tell the district directly what they thought of their tax hike plans.

Ultimately, taxpayers fell just short, as the board approved a massive 44% property tax increase on a close 3-2 vote.

Even after the citizen outrage, three board members voted to jack up their property tax levy for a reason that will blow your taxpaying mind!

Before we get to that reason, know that the three who voted in favor of the tax increase were:

Byron Westlund
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Scott Bromley
scott@cooncreekwd.org
Phone: 763.754.3820

Nick Phelps
nphelps@cooncreekwd.org
Phone: 218.838.4735

As reported in last week's edition, the CCWD has been increasing the levy in order to create a slush fund for the express purpose of building their own office building.

Now, it would be tough to convince the Watchdog that CCWD needs an office building, but it's entirely possible - if you could prove it.

According to multiple sources, the CCWD has not engaged in the due diligence that typically precede the decision to levy the monies to engage in a major capital construction project.

The organization lacks feasibility studies, conceptual drawings, financing analyses, and an overall justification that points to the construction of a building as the best option to meet the anticipated future office needs of the organization.

One elected official familiar with the situation told the Watchdog, "At this point, it's nothing more than a slush fund. If I had approved a major tax levy under these circumstances, my head would be on a pike. They haven't justified the need for this project."

The same elected official went on to note, "Here we are, slashing budgets and cutting a thousand here and thousand there to keep our levy down, and these guys lard on a million bucks for a building that is just an idea."

While the 2016 levy is now in the books and there is nothing that can be done about this year's levy, there is still much that you, the taxpayer, can do.

Contact your Anoka County commissioner and demand that Scott Bromley, Byron Westlund, and Nick Phelps NOT be reappointed to the watershed board.

Our commissioners need to understand that they need to appoint board members who respect the taxpayers. We're confident they get this - at least 5 of them.

Moreover, the city councils that recommend these board members to the Anoka County Board need to hear from you.

Given where they reside, it appears that Westlund was recommended by Ham Lake, Bromley by Coon Rapids, and Phelps by Blaine.

While the outcome was by one vote a bad one, the response of Watchdogs was outstanding and in the finest traditions of citizen engagement.

This battle was narrowly lost, but we can win the war.

Stay tuned.

HONOR ROLL

Watchdogs, take a moment to rinse the bad taste from your mouth over the Coon Creek Watershed District with the anti-septic, cleansing power of some awesome fiscal restraint exercised by some of our Anoka County cities.

While many cities have held their levies to small increases (e.g. Ham Lake), three cities in particular deserve special recognition from the Watchdog.

The Town of Linwood has held its levy flat since 2012. Since that year, Linwood has levied exactly \$1.5 million every year.

Over in Oak Grove, that city council has actually reduced its levy! In 2012, the certified levy for the city stood at \$2,536,907. The proposed 2016 levy is \$2,192,565. Take a bow, Oak Grove.

And, surprisingly, the City of Spring Lake Park has reduced its levy. In 2012, it levied \$3,326,770. In 2016, the proposed levy is \$2,975,985.

There's some good news out there, Watchdogs. Let's embrace it.

On a related note, the Watchdog wants to offer some special recognition to both the Ham Lake and Oak Grove city councils. These are two governmental entities that are not only fiscally conservative, they have often led the fight against Big Government encroachment.

Oak Grove has led the way in downsizing staff and outsourcing services to both save money and give residents more responsive government.

Ham Lake has led the fight against the Met Council, whether it's the boondoggle Northstar rail, downsized residential lot sizes via city sewer/water hook ups, or even tree inspectors, this city has been a beacon of individual liberty for some time.

We salute you!

2016 ELECTION PREDICTION

The Anoka County Watchdog congratulates State Rep. Peggy Scott (R - Andover) on her re-election to the Minnesota House.

Yes, the election is still nearly a year away, but

Scott's announced opponent is sure to hand her a 70% margin of victory next November.

This past week, DFL partisan, union hack and liberal blogger Wes Volkenant announced his campaign against Rep. Scott.

Based on his most recent public pronouncements, Volkenant appears to be focusing his campaign on abortion rights, gay rights, fealty to unions, and a reduction of First Amendment rights via "campaign finance reform," which is often code for silencing certain voices in the political arena.

Of course, these priorities are dressed up in the rich, opulent vestments of feel-good words like "equality," "reform," "fairness," and "common sense."

All of which would be accomplished at the point of a gun under color of governmental authority.

Volkenant's own biography begins by noting that he and his wife have a cat. A Siamese cat.

He then goes on to explain his career as a government employee and his role as a leader in his government union, AFSCME.

Now, this publication has a certain amount of respect for any person who cares enough about our country to spend their time and efforts running for office.

But one of the primary rules of politics is that a candidate should be a good "fit" for the district.

In other words, the candidate should be a person who has a background, viewpoint, and lifestyle similar to those the person wishes to represent.

To say that Wes Volkenant is poor fit for the district is an understatement.

Peggy Scott should be hoping that Wes knocks on lots of doors and sends out lots of mail to tell every district voter EXACTLY where he stands on the issues. (No word on whether the campaign will distract Volkenant from his regular duties of writing weekly rants in the Anoka County Union with pen pal Mel Annerud).

To say that the district, in the aggregate, holds views different from those of Mr. Volkenant may be one of the year's biggest political understatements.

Volkenant's partisan affiliation, political views, and biography put him on a course to garner no better than 30 out of every 100 votes on Election Day.

Congratulations, Rep. Scott!

No matter what the line out of Vegas, the Watchdog takes Peggy Scott to cover the spread.

The DFL bench must be really short in Anoka County.

MORE DFL BS - THIS TIME PROPERTY TAXES

Being liberal with the facts is par for the course for any true Democrat. Whether it's keeping your health care if you like your health care or being opposed to regressive taxes, Democrats are no strangers to misleading the public.

The latest reason for taxpayers to put on the hip boots and grab a shovel comes from the pen of some state Rep. named Paul Marquart who comes from a place called Dilworth.

Marquart has been busy at the keyboard typing up letters to the editor in local newspapers

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blaming Republican legislators for local property tax increases.

One example is Marquart blaming GOP state Reps. Tim Miller and Chris Swedzinski for the 9% increase in the proposed property tax levy for the city of Benson, located in far western Minnesota.

Obviously, city taxes are raised by city councils and neither of those two are on the council.

Instead, Marquart blames these two for not shelling out enough money via a program called "local government aid (LGA)," which is little more than welfare for cities.

The state raises the taxes and then ships a few hundred million around the state in the form of handouts to cities.

So the city of Benson had to raise their property taxes 9%. That's a fact. But did the city fathers in Benson raise those taxes because this is a starving city that has cut city services to the bone?

Or were taxes raised because the city made questionable spending decisions that would have been papered over with more LGA?

Let's take a look, using Benson's most recent city council budget meeting as a guide.

(Note that Benson is a city of 3,240 people located in Swift County, some 130 miles west of the Twin Cities.)

- The city will spend \$5,596 in 2016 to hire a lobbyist to run around the Capitol in Saint Paul and get them things like, well, more LGA;
- \$10,059.26 for a "Kid's Day Carnival;"
- \$50,000 subsidy for the city swimming pool;
- \$37,500 subsidy to the civic center;
- \$44,000 to back GO bonds for the city owned golf course;
- City EDA made a bad loan to a private company that is now in default;
- Expenditures for the city police department.

Clearly, Benson has incurred expenses that are not ordinary for many cities and certainly aren't related to the core mission of city government.

If Benson wants to hire lobbyists or put on a carnival, that's not Miller's fault.

If Benson wants to be in the golf, swimming and recreation business, that's not Swedzinski's fault.

If Benson wants to act like a bank to local businesses, that's not Miller's decision.

If Benson, a city of 3,240, wants to have their own cops instead of contracting with the county, that's not Swedzinski's decision. It should also be noted that Benson is the county seat, meaning the sheriff's office is right there in town.

As one would expect, the talk of Benson city government being starved by Saint Paul is a crock of BS.

Reps. Miller and Swedzinski should have the gumption to call out both Marquart and the city on this spurious claim.

Our poor cities!

THE RELOVING DOOR

While taxpayers can become numb to the news, it was announced this week that yet another legislator has walked through the revolving door, instantaneously going from elected official to lobbyist.

Ann Lenczewski, a DFL state representative from Bloomington, resigned her seat to immediately

take a job with the lobbying/law firm of Lockridge, Grindal, Nauen (LGN).

Regular readers of this column will remember the LGN firm as one of the firm's legal specialties is prosecuting lawsuits against Republican legislators.

The most recent example was LGN representing a complaint against state Rep. Bob Barrett (R-Chisago City) regarding his legal residency and eligibility to run for office.

The nuisance lawsuit was dismissed, but LGN was right there to attack a Republican office holder.

Now, LGN is back in the news regarding the Lenczewski hire.

Unlike some, the Watchdog doesn't take a hard line against legislators working as lobbyists.

Like it or not, people should be free to sell their labor with a minimum of governmental restrictions.

Having said that, a "cooling off" period in which a legislator cannot work after leaving office is clearly needed in Minnesota.

In other words, the strong interest the state has in protecting the integrity of our legislative institutions outweighs the right of people to work as they see it, at least for a period of time.

The current situation raises important and troubling questions.

For example, when was the offer of employment made?

After all, it's quite likely LGN was lobbying Lenczewski or had business before her recently.

This raises the question of whether or not she was influenced by the offer of employment in her role as a legislator.

At the least, the very prospect of this situation undermines public faith in our democratic institutions.

To protect the integrity of the Minnesota House, Speaker Daudt should exercise his powers as Speaker to enforce House Rule 9.35, which bans House members from registering as lobbyists for one year after leaving the office.

While this rule doesn't have the force of law, the Speaker is obligated to enforce the rules and should do so to the extent of his authority.

Second, the state should formally pass a law providing for a one-year cooling off period between leaving the legislature and registering as a lobbyist.

Third, the state should raise legislator pay.

While this publication agrees that the legislature shouldn't be a career choice, neither should it demand a Hobbesian choice between public service or paying the mortgage.

While we don't know Lenczewski's motivation, many legislators leave public service and return to the Capitol in another capacity because the pay is far higher.

This isn't because lobbyists in Minnesota make handsome salaries. It's because legislative service delivers a punishing financial blow to most who serve.

In an ideal world, the legislature would meet less often and government would do less, which would justify low salaries.

The simple reality is that the legislature will meet every year and legislative duties will eat up a legislator's time.

For conservatives, crowing over these low salaries in penny wise and pound foolish.

Over the years, this publication has spoken with dozens and dozens of good conservatives who pass on serving in the legislature because they can't afford to serve.

They are willing to take a pay cut, but they're not willing to lose their house or tell their kids they can't go to college.

An excellent example is the current special election race in Senate District 35 in Anoka County.

Sources familiar with the district's GOP politics have told the Watchdog that every name on their short list of well qualified candidates passed on the chance to run for the Senate. This in a district that will surely elect a Republican next February.

This publication is thankful for those good conservatives who serve despite the financial penalties for doing so.

We could have many more.

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ANOKA COUNTY SUMMARY OF BIDS

Bid #2015-42

Description of Bid/RFP:

Advertisement for Bids for Anoka County Jail Video Visiting Addition

Bid Opening: January 22, 2016

For more information regarding the above published bids/RFPs, please visit the Anoka County Web Site at: www.AnokaCounty.us/bids.

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ANOKA COUNTY SUMMARY OF BIDS

Bid #2015-43

Description of Bid/RFP:

Advertisement for Bids for Wargo Pedestrian Entrance Project

Bid Opening: January 25, 2016

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OFFICE OF THE MINNESOTA SECRETARY OF STATE CERTIFICATE OF ASSUMED NAME

MINNESOTA STATUTES, CHAPTER 333

The filing of an assumed name does not provide a user with exclusive rights to that name. The filing is required for consumer protection in order to enable consumers to be able to identify the true owner of a business.

1. List the exact assumed name under which the business is or will be conducted:

Pigeon Depot

2. Principal Place of Business:

1346 Meadowmoor DR NE**Fridley, MN 55432**

3. List the name and complete street address of all persons conducting business under the above Assumed Name, OR if an entity, provide the legal corporate, LLC, or Limited Partnership name and registered office address:

Daniel D Felsenstein**1346 Meadowmoor DR NE****Fridley, MN 55432****Shane Aherens****366 Sanburnol DR NE****Spring Lake Park MN 55432****John Kaiyalethe****409 2nd st apt. #3****Hudson, WI 54016**

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/s/ Daniel Felsenstein

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OFFICE OF THE MINNESOTA SECRETARY OF STATE CERTIFICATE OF ASSUMED NAME

MINNESOTA STATUTES, CHAPTER 333

The filing of an assumed name does not provide a user with exclusive rights to that name. The filing is required for consumer protection in order to enable consumers to be able to identify the true owner of a business.

1. List the exact assumed name under which the business is or will be conducted:

Digital Eclipse

2. Principal Place of Business:

1314 Viiking Blvd NW**Cedar, MN 55011**

3. List the name and complete street address of all persons conducting business under the above Assumed Name, OR if an entity, provide the legal corporate, LLC, or Limited Partnership name and registered office address:

Darrell G Andrews**1314 Viking Blvd NW****Cedar, MN 55011**

4. I, the undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required, or as agent of the person(s) whose signature would be required who has authorized me to sign this document on his/her behalf, or in both capacities. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath.

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/s/ Darrell G Andrews

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CITY OF ANDOVER

The City Council of the City of Andover will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard, on Tuesday, January 5, 2016 at Andover City Hall, 1685 Crosstown Blvd. NW, Andover, Minnesota to review the following request:

Public Hearing: Vacation of Easement to vacate easement for utility and drainage purposes over, under, and across portions of the properties legally described as:

Lots 14 – 23, Block 1, Country Oaks West, Anoka County, Minnesota.

There are several ways to participate in this process. You can attend the public hearing, send a letter, or e-mail to be added to the public record. A staff report summarizing the item will be available prior to the meeting. Please contact Stephanie Hanson, City Planner with any questions at (763) 767-5147 or s.hanson@andovermn.gov

Stephanie L. Hanson, City Planner

CITY OF ANOKA

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Notice is hereby given that the city council of the City of Anoka will meet in the Council Chambers of the City Hall, 2015-1st Avenue, Anoka, MN, at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 19, 2016, to conduct the Improvement Hearing to consider ordering construction of the City's 2016 Street Renewal Program.

Immediately following the Improvement Hearing the City Council will conduct the Assessment Hearing to consider the special assessments.

The 2016 Street Renewal Program consists of street and utility improvements to:

1st Avenue - Madison Street to Monroe Street

2nd Avenue - Madison Street to Monroe Street

8th Avenue - Brisbin Street to Jefferson Street

Adams Street - 7th Avenue to 10th Avenue

Brisbin Street - 7th Avenue to 9th Avenue

Madison Street - 5th Avenue to 7th Avenue

ANOKA COUNTY, MINNESOTA PUBLIC NOTICE OF ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Primary Election will be held in Anoka County, Minnesota, on Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at the polling locations listed below for the purpose of voting for candidates of the offices specified below. The polls for said election will be open at 7:00 AM and will remain open until closing at 8:00 PM.

STATE OFFICES

- State Senator District 35 (special election, term ending in 2017)

The voting places are as follows:

Precinct Name

Andover P-1

Andover P-10

Andover P-2

Andover P-3

Andover P-4

Andover P-5

Andover P-7

Andover P-8

Andover P-9

Anoka P-1

Anoka P-2

Anoka P-3

Anoka P-4

Anoka P-5

Anoka P-6

Anoka P-7

Anoka P-8

Coon Rapids W-1 P-1

Coon Rapids W-1 P-2

Coon Rapids W-2 P-1

Ramsey W-1 P-1

Ramsey W-1 P-2

Ramsey W-2 P-1

Ramsey W-2 P-2

Ramsey W-3 P-1

Ramsey W-3 P-2

Ramsey W-4 P-1

Ramsey W-4 P-2

Cindy Reichert, Elections Manager

Voting Location

Hope Lutheran Church, 16180 Round Lake Blvd NW, Andover, MN 55304

Andover Elementary School, 14950 Hanson Blvd NW, Andover, MN 55304

Grace Lutheran Church, 13655 Round Lake Blvd NW, Andover, MN 55304

Riverdale Assembly of God Church, 3210 Bunker Lake Blvd NW, Andover, MN 55304

Crooked Lake Elementary School, 2939 Bunker Lake Blvd NW, Andover, MN 55304

Andover Christian Church, 16045 Nightingale ST NW, Andover, MN 55304

Andover City Hall Council Chambers, 1685 Crosstown Boulevard NW, Andover, MN 55304

Andover Senior Center, 1685 Crosstown Boulevard NW, Andover, MN 55304

Bunker Hills Activity Center, 550 Bunker Lake Blvd NW, Andover, MN 55304

Green Haven Golf Course & Event Center, 2800 Greenhaven Rd, Anoka, MN 55303

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Zion Lutheran Church, 1601 4th Ave, Anoka, MN 55303

Lincoln School, 540 South St, Anoka, MN 55303

Anoka City Hall, 2015 1st Ave, Anoka, MN 55303

Anoka Covenant Church, 752 Grant St, Anoka, MN 55303

Wilson Elementary School, 1025 Sunny Ln, Anoka, MN 55303

Anoka County Sheriff's Office (W1P1), 13301 Hanson Blvd NW, Andover, MN 55304

Anoka County Sheriff's Office (W1P2), 13301 Hanson Blvd NW, Andover, MN 55304

Chapel Hill Church (W2P1), 12691 Hanson Blvd NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55448

Pathways Community Church, 6341 167th AVE NW, Ramsey, MN 55303

Cross of Hope Lutheran Church, 5730 - 179th Ln NW, Ramsey, MN 55303

Park Center Building, 7925 161st AVE NW, Ramsey, MN 55303

Independent Baptist Church, 15650 Sunfish Lake BLVD NW, Ramsey, MN 55303

Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Dr NW, Ramsey, MN 55303

Ramsey Fire Station #1, 15050 Armstrong BLVD NW, Ramsey, MN 55303

Ramsey Fire Station #2, 15153 Nowthen Blvd NW, Ramsey, MN 55303

Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 14501 Nowthen Blvd NW, Ramsey, MN 55303

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immediately follow such action. The proposed assessment roll is on file for public inspection at the city clerk's office. The total cost of the proposed project is \$4,325,000, with the total amount proposed to be assessed being \$862,504. Written or oral objections will be considered at the meeting. No appeal may be taken as to the amount of an assessment unless a signed, written objection is filed with the clerk prior to the hearing or presented to the presiding officer at the hearing. Upon such notice, the council may

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consider any objection to the amount of a proposed individual assessment at an adjourned meeting upon such further notice to the affected property owners, as it deems advisable.

Any owner who is not precluded by failure to object prior to or at the assessment hearing, or whose failure to so object is due to a reasonable cause, may appeal an assessment to district court pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 429.081 by serving notice of the appeal upon the mayor or clerk of the city within thirty (30) days after the adoption of the assessment and filing such notice with the district court within ten (10) days after service upon the mayor or clerk.

Minnesota Statutes Section 435.193 through 435.195 authorize a municipality to defer the payment of assessments against homestead property owned by persons 65 years of age and older, or who are retired because of permanent and total disability under circumstances where it would be a hardship for such person to make the assessment payments. When deferment of the special assessment has been granted and is terminated for any reason provided in that law, all amounts accumulated plus applicable interest become due. Any assessed property owner meeting the requirements of this law may, within 30 days of the confirmation of the assessment, apply to the city clerk for the prescribed form for such deferral of payment of this special assessment on said owner's property.

Craig J. Jochum, Project Engineer

CITY OF BLAINE

Ordinance: ORD-15-2334 AMENDING SECTIONS 31.04, 31.14 and 31.33 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BLAINE TO ALLOW FOR BREWER TAPROOM AS A CONDITIONAL USE IN THE I 1 (LIGHT INDUSTRIAL), I 2 (HEAVY INDUSTRIAL) AND PBD (PLANNED BUSINESS DISTRICT) ZONING DISTRICTS. CITY OF BLAINE.

THE CITY OF BLAINE DOES ORDAIN: (Added portions are underscored and deleted portions are shown in brackets with overstrike.)

31.04 CONDITIONAL USES (Light Industrial)
(p) Brewer taproom as defined by Section 6 33 associated with and on the same site as a licensed brewery.

ESTATE OF WARREN A. PRINZING

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ANOKA
In Re: Estate of
Warren A. Prlnzng,
Decedent.

NOTICE OF AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR DETERMINATION OF DESCENT
Cynthia M. Prinzing has filed a Petition for Determination of Descent. It Is Ordered that on January 19, 2016 at 9:00 A.M., a hearing will be held In this Court at 325 East Main Street, Anoka, Minnesota, on the petition.

The petition represents that the decedent died more than three (3) years ago leaving property In Minnesota. The petition requests the Court to determine the descent of such property and assign the property to the persons entitled.

Any objections to the petition must be raised at the hearing or filed with the Court prior to the hearing. If the petition Is proper and no objections are filed or raised, the petition will be granted.

Notice shall be given by publishing this Notice and Order as provided by law and by mailing a copy of this Notice and Order to each Interested person by United States mail at least 14 days before the time set for the hearing.

Filed Dec. 7, 2015

BY THE COURT /s/ Bethany A Fountain Lindberg, Judge of District Court

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Industrial
INTRODUCED AND
READ in full the 3rd day of
December, 2015.
PASSED the 17th day of
December, 2015.

CITY OF BLAINE

Ordinance: ORD 15-2336
SECOND READING
AMENDING APPENDIX D
FEE SCHEDULE OF THE
MUNICIPAL CODE OF
THE CITY OF BLAINE

THE CITY OF BLAINE
DOES ORDAIN: (Added
portions are underscored
and deleted portions are
shown in brackets with
overstrike.)

The Municipal Code of the
City of Blaine is hereby
amended by adding
Appendix D adopting a Fee
Schedule for City services
and licensing, pursuant to
Minn.Stat. §462.353, subd.
4 and subd. 4(a).

City staff has reviewed
the current Fee Schedule
for the City of Blaine and
is recommending that the
following amendments to the Fee Schedule,
be adopted. After
consideration of and review
by the Blaine City Council,
the amendments to the
Fee Schedule, Appendix D
of the Municipal Code of
the City of Blaine is hereby
adopted.

INTRODUCED AND READ
in full the 10th day of
December, 2015.

PASSED by the City
Council of the City of Blaine
this 17th day of December
2015.

CITY OF COLUMBUS

PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE

Zoning Code Amendment
Notice is hereby given
that the Columbus
Planning Commission
will hold a Public Hearing
on Wednesday, January 6,

2016 at 7:00 p.m., or as
soon thereafter as parties
may be heard, in the City
Hall located at 16319 Kettle
River Blvd., Columbus,
Minnesota to consider a
request for a variance to
permit and construct a
mound type septic system
of "other construction"

(Type III) to replace an
existing failing system. The
hearing shall continue until
all evidence and testimony
has been received.

Applicant: Barbara A.

Ruppe & Sandy L. Learned

Property Owner: Barbara A.

Ruppe & Sandy L. Learned

Property Location: 8830

191st Ave. NE, Columbus,

Minnesota

Existing Legal Description:
THE W 330 FT OF E 1320

FT OF S 1/2 OF SE1/4 OF

SEC 26 TWP 33 RGE 22;

EX RDS; SUBJ TO EASE

OF REC, Anoka County,

MN

Elizabeth Mursko, Zoning

Administrator

Elizabeth Mursko, Zoning</p