

MEET THE NEW SUPERVISORS

Mark Knowles - I would like to thank all the people involved in this year's elections. The Townships call to action was obvious in our mailboxes, at our doors, in our conversations, and at the polls. I hope that this degree of involvement does not diminish as we proceed. It is my hope that we can do what is best for all of the residents of Haven Township. Conflict that has divided us must find resolution.

The near future brings with it many challenges and changes. As neighbors we need to count on each other to find a balance in the place that we all call home. Although, we each come to the table with different agendas, we all need to remember that it is at this table that we will meet often and digest much. It is my desire that all will feel welcome, all will be heard, and that all will want to return.

Thank-You for the vote of confidence.

Jeff Schlingmann - As one of two new Supervisors on the Board I would like to introduce myself to the residents of Haven Township and let you know my positions as they relate to development in the Township.

Having a 30-year background in physical planning and development, I have a strong commitment to the need for actively pursuing how we want our Township to develop. Since moving to Haven Township over nine years ago I have observed The City of St. Cloud, the Area Planning Organization (APO) and the Joint Planning Taskforce making their plans on how they will develop us without us telling them how we see ourselves developing in the future. My position as Supervisor will be that we redefine our destiny with a new land use plan that reflects our common values. A Haven Township generated plan will be the guide the Township Board should use in rendering any land use decision, be it allowing new housing, expanding mining operations, upgrading roads, or protecting our agricultural community from development pressures. More importantly it should serve as the Township's position for updating any orderly annexation agreement.

My position on maintaining the integrity of the Mississippi Scenic River Corridor is beyond compromise. This river is currently under attack from the City of St. Cloud, to do anything to weaken enforcement of development standards within the corridor. A complacent Stearns County and an inept Department of Natural Resource aids them. I have personally fought for preserving our river as a charter member of the Central Minnesota Chapter of the Izaak Walton League. I also fought the Arctic Cat Test Track zoning appeal by testifying against allowing the use in the corridor. As your Township Supervisor I will continue resisting any attempt to weaken the rules governing the Scenic River Corridor.

Transportation systems can be either a boon or bane to an area trying to control its growth. We in Haven Township have an extraordinary set of issues to deal with. We have a major highway going right through the Township, Hwy 10. We also have the growth of the Regional Airport and future NorthStar Commuter Rail Line to deal with. I have hands on experience in multimodal transportation planning. I will bring this experience to the Township Board in formulating our responses to control our growth in an expanding transportation corridor. Our resident's interests need to be considered in any changes to these systems.

Finally, and most importantly, I believe in balanced representation. This means that the interests of both our agricultural and our rural residential neighbors get equal consideration before the Board of Supervisors.

Thank-You

"ARE YOU READY"

Monday, February 12, 2007 the Sherburne County Sheriff's Department Emergency Services and Sherburne County Public Health Department co-hosted a free "Are You Ready" Community forum to help individuals and families prepare for emergency situations. Some emergency concerns were snow, hail, thunder and ice storms, wind damage, tornadoes, extended power outages, floods, chemical spills, nuclear power plant accidents, terrorism, train derailment, school shooting and pandemic flu. In all of these potential emergencies it is important to follow the Plan, Prepare, Practice and Stay Informed set of guidelines. Plan - Create a plan of action in any emergency for you or your family. Prepare - A "critical 10 list of items" to remember in emergencies: 1. Water - 1 gallon per person per day 2. Food - 3 day supply of nonperishable, lightweight foods like granola or dried fruits 3. Flashlight & Batteries 4. Radio & Batteries 5. Blankets 6. First Aid Kit as well as hand washing supplies and alcohol based hand sanitizers 7. Special medications & over the counter medications to last 3 days 8. Pets & Supplies 9. Personal Identification list in a file & ICE (In Case of Emergency) your cell phone to assist emergency workers and first responders 10. Money - To stay informed in addition to you portable or home radio, the following websites have more information:

1. MN Public Safety Homeland Security Emergency Management @ <http://www.hsem.state.mn.us/>
2. FEMA Homeland Security @ <http://www.fema.gov/hazard/winter/wi.during.shtm>
3. American Red Cross @ <http://www.redcross.org/services/disease0.1082,0-595,00.html>