



“New York of the West”

**NININGER TOWNSHIP
DAKOTA COUNTY, MINNESOTA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES**

**Tuesday, January 17, 2023, 7 PM
12390 Ivanhoe Way, Hastings, MN 55033**

Minutes

Members present Dave Bauer, Supervisor, Janet Bremer, Treasurer, Karen Bremer, Deputy Chair, Margaret Flower, Clerk, Robert (Bob) Rotty, Chair

Guests present Ann & Lynn Mershon, John Bremer, Planning Commission Chair, Andrew Leko, Dakota County Deputy Sheriff, Butch Kummer

1. **Meeting called to order by Bob Rotty** at 7pm.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.**

3. **Approve Agenda** Karen moved to accept the agenda as written and seconded by Dave. All ayes. Motion passed.

4. **Approve Minutes of Board of Supervisors** –December 20, 2022 meeting Bob made the correction that the amount of the mechanical and plumbing permit for Joseph Mangan should have been \$101.00 instead of \$100.00. Dave approved the minutes with that correction and seconded by Karen. All ayes. Motion passed.

5. **Treasurer’s Report--Janet Bremer**

Beginning Balance	\$27,880.54
Total Receipts	\$26,424.08
Total Disbursed	\$51,283.24
Ending Balance	\$403,021.38

Dave moved to accept the treasurer report as presented and file for audit. Karen seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion passed.

6. **Building Permits---**Bob Rotty

a. **Wolf River Electric**—Luke Johnson and Cody Rossman The planning commission recommended a building permit for rooftop solar collectors for Dan Ochs at 10435 132nd Street. Karen moved to approve the application for the solar panels in the amount of \$2,137.57 and seconded by Dave. All ayes. Motion passed. Mr. Ochs will contact Margaret when he receives the check from Wolf River Electric and Margaret will give him the permit.

7. **Public Comment:** Visitors may share their concerns with the Town Board on any issue.

a. **Lynn & Ann Mershon**—They appreciate plow driver today and the road is in good shape now. Previously there was ice all over and it was very dangerous. Mr. Mershon felt the boot of the plow was too high. They were explained the process for plowing and salting process. If the boot is too low, we will have to regravell the roads in the spring. Salt is in short supply so will be using sand more and less salt. They appeared to understand.

b. **Dakota County Sheriff**—Andrew Leko—John Bremer asked if he should pull people out of the ditch. The sheriff said it is best to only do on side roads for people that you know and trust. Roads have been slushy and road maintenance has been very difficult this year.

8. **Planning Commission Report**-Bob Rotty—The planning commission is recommending no increase in the levy this year. This will be discussed at the annual meeting.
9. **Road & Bridges Report**---Bob Rotty—We discussed snow removal earlier in meeting. Snow removal costs will be very high this year. It has been a difficult year to satisfy residents due to snow and ice. Luhman’s is working very hard to keep the roads in good condition under the circumstances.
10. **Fire Report**----David Bauer—He issued one burning permit on Dec 27, 2022. The Rural Fire Association met and the outlook is not good. Several meetings were cancelled with the city administrator because of health issues with an individual with the fire association. When no contract had been signed with the city the administrator recommended a 25% increase. If we do not have a contract by April there will be a 25% increase due April 1, 2023. The committee will continue to negotiate. It is possible that he will accept a smaller increase if they ultimately get to the 25% increase. A 25% increase over the next 3-5 years might be considered. It was felt that the administrator was upset that a contract had not been reached. Bob thanked Dave for doing a good job with the negotiations.
11. **Town Hall Maintenance/Correspondence**--Karen Bremer—Karen issued 2 burning permits. The new vacuum cleaner is doing a good job of keeping carpet clean so we do not have to replace.

12. **Old Business**

- a. **Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Ordinances**—The public hearing for the ordinance revision will be held on March 6 at 7 pm. Margaret will have the notice published in the Hastings Journal. She will complete the necessary paperwork.

13. **New Business**

- a. **March Township Elections**—Will not have results of the election for annual meeting so will need to certify the election within 2 days. The Board of Certification will meet the morning after the election. We will select that board at the annual meeting. The election is March 14, 2023
- b. **Township Day at the Capital**—February 1 & 2, 2023--. Karen, Janet and Dave will register online to go to Day at the Capital.

14. **Approve bills and sign checks**

Vender	Check Number	Amount
Centerpoint Energy	9199	\$161.71
Dakota Electric	9200	\$56.72
Hiawatha Broadband	9201	\$78.82
Inspectron	9202	\$2,789.55
Luhman’s Construction	9203	\$15,040.64
Tanner & Hamilton, P.A.	9204	\$357.50
Xcel Energy	9205	\$14.16
Dakota County Township Officers Assoc	9206	\$960.00
David Bauer	9207	\$36.10
Mn Dept Of Labor & Industry	9208	\$476.76
Total Claims		\$19,971.96

Karen moved to pay the bills as presented and seconded by Dave. All ayes. Motion passed.

15. **Next meeting:** Tuesday, February 21, 2023, 7 pm

16. **Adjourn** Bob moved to adjourn at 8:16 pm and seconded by Karen. All ayes. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Flower,
Clerk Nininger Township