



"New York of the West"

Nininger Township
Dakota County, Minnesota
Board of Supervisors Minutes

Tuesday, June 16, 2020

7 pm

12390 Ivanhoe Way Hastings, MN 55033

Members Present: Janet Bremer, treasurer, Karen Bremer, supervisor, Margaret Flower, clerk, Larry Neuman, supervisor, Bob Rotty, chair. Mike Hamilton, attorney

Visitors: Michaela Silker, Alex Conzemius

1. **Call to Order** by Chair, Bob Rotty at 7:00 pm
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Approve Agenda:** Larry Neuman moved and seconded by Karen to approve agenda as written. All ayes, No nays
4. **Approve Minutes of Board of Supervisors—May 19, 2020** -- Treasurers report changed from \$190,501.51 to \$190,748.51. Motion made by Larry Neuman to approve the minutes as corrected and seconded by Karen Bremer. All ayes, no nays.
5. **Treasurer's Report**----Janet Bremer—
Beginning balance \$186,233.26,
Total receipts-\$127,066.08,
Total Disbursed \$9755.22,
Ending balance \$303,544.12. Motion made by Karen Bremer and seconded by Larry Neuman to accept treasurer's report and file for audit.
All ayes. No nays
6. **Financial Report**-----Janet Bremer—Payment from Dakota County received in full this month--\$125,000.00
7. **Public Comment:** Visitors may share their concerns with the Town Board on any issue.
 - a. Michaela Silker spoke regarding lot split. He has completed the Building permit application but will need to go to planning commission prior to coming to Town Board. Will need to bring complete plans and 7 copies of everything to the planning commission that meets on the first Monday at 8 pm. They were told to bring back to the Town Board July meeting.
8. **Planning Commission:** Will look at signs in Frandrup Addition and replace as necessary.
9. **Report---Bob Rotty**
 - a. **Building permits**—No permits to review.
10. **Road & Bridges Report**---Bob Rotty
 - a. Seal Coating—Contract signed for \$28,967.64 and will be faxed to Pearson Inc. for seal coating which will start on June 26, 2020, weather permitting. Contract was approved at May meeting.
 - b. Potholes have been repaired. Roads have been graded and chloride has been spread.
 - c. Mowing of the ditches to start soon.

- d. Solberg requested to bring 114 loads of gravel over Jacob for the High School parking lot. Request denied.
- e. They will only bring 6 loads and will repair any damage done to the roads because of their traffic.

11. **Fire Report**---Larry Neuman—A virtual meeting was held to discuss the budget for the townships. A committee was formed to negotiate contract which is up on December 31, 2020.

12. **Town Hall Maintenance/Correspondence**--Karen Bremer—

- a. New light fixtures were placed outside town hall to better illuminate parking lot and appear to be doing a good job.
- b. New refrigerator purchased for town hall.
- c. Discussion held regarding unkept property. Brianna Johnson, complaining that neighbor's property is unkept and she is concerned that it will lower the value of her property. This has been discussed on social media. Mike Hamilton will investigate and see if any ordinances have been violated.

13. **Old Business**

a. Revision of Nininger ordinance---Bolten & Menck

Alex Conzemius present to discuss changes that need to be made to the ordinances using the \$10,000 grant obtained from the county for this purpose. Approximately \$4800 has been spent at this time. We have not met with Alex since January due to the COVID 19 pandemic. Alex is certain that we will be able to finish revisions within our \$10,000 budget.

Discussion of specific ordinances

1. **Dog Ordinance**—We will discuss next month
2. **Driveway Separation**— Each driveway will be evaluated for pitch when applying for permit.
3. **Removal of dead animals**—The ordinance presently reads that they need to be removed within 24 hours and this is not always reasonable. We would like to change it to 7days/one week.
4. **Variiances**—We will discuss the possibility of having Bolten & Menk plot out the homes in the township so that it is recorded the variiances etc. At this time members of the board know a lot of the placements, but it is not recorded. We will discuss this later after ordinance revision is complete.
5. **Minor lot split**—Public hearing will only need to be held if lot is to be split into 3 or more lots
6. **Regulate RV/Camper uses**_ Alex will investigate camper/RV usage and report next month.
7. **Addendum to ordinances**—All addendums to ordinances will be incorporated into the original ordinance.

8. **Firearms**—Alex will do a case study of how other townships regulate firearms and compare to our present ordinance.
9. **Horticulture**—The definition is too broad and need to use a more restrictive definition.
10. **Solar**—We will limit solar to rooftop/residential units only. We will not allow large commercial solar farms.
11. **Vermillion Watershed**- Issue has been resolved
12. **Plan review fee**—Discussion regarding escrowing money for permit. This would ensure that the township received a payment for services if the party does not every complete permit and the fee is not paid. This rarely happens so it was felt it was not an issue.

Alex will meet with the board at their next meeting on July 21. He will get the information to the board in three weeks so they can review prior to the meeting.

At the suggestion of Larry, the board will continue this meeting prior to the next schedule meeting. They will discuss the information received from Alex and any other concerns. This will enable them to be prepared to discuss the necessary changes and the information sent by Alex at the July meeting. Meeting time will be determined later when all the information is available.

14. **DNR/MRCCA requirements**—This will be put on hold to be discussed later when the revision of ordinances has been complete. These are unfunded mandates by the DNR and would affect Nininger Township.

15. New Business

- a. **Copies of Ordinances-Margaret**—The township will have to print copies of new ordinances when the revisions are complete.
- b. **Ground water plan**-Margaret-No discussion currently
- c. **2019 Population Estimates**-Metropolitan Council populations estimates reviewed and will be posted on bulletin board for residence to review.
- d. **MAT membership cards**-Margaret—Minnesota Association of Township membership cards given to board members.
- e. **CARES Act**—This is currently not approved by state legislature so will be filed for future reference.
- f. **Town Hall Office Hours:** Margaret will be in town hall on a regular basis two times per month.

They hours will be:

First Tuesday afternoon: 1-4 pm

Third Wednesday morn: 9-noon.

This is to enable better access to resident for township business. This will be posted on the website.

16. Approve bills and sign checks by appropriate parties.

Checks as follows:

Vendor	Check Number	Amount
Centerpoint Energy	8711	\$31.37
Century Link	8712	\$139.06

Dakota Electric	8713	\$39.66
Highland Sanitation	8714	\$33.93
Inspectron	8715	\$580.69
Luhman's Construction	8716	\$10,698.75
Tanner & Hamilton, P.A.	8716	\$1338.50
Excel Energy	8717	\$11.41
Hastings Rural Fire Association	8719	\$28,900.32
M-R Sign Co.	8720	\$37.02
Margaret Flower	8721	\$50.44
Larry Neuman	8722	\$384.58
Bremer, Janet	8723	\$2817.41
Bremer, Karen	8724	\$872.71
Flower, Margaret	8725	\$3823.29
Neuman, Larry	8726	\$1131.29
Rotty, Robert	8727	\$2535.01

17. Meeting to be continued later to continue discussion on ordinance revisions when information is available from Alex Conzemius.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Flower
 Clerk, Nininger Township
 June 23, 2020