



“New York of the West”

NININGER TOWNSHIP
DAKOTA COUNTY, MINNESOTA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES

Tuesday, April 20, 2021, 7 PM
12390 Ivanhoe Way, Hastings, MN 55033

Minutes

Members present Karen Bremer, Vice Chair, Janet Bremer, Treasurer, Margaret Flower, Clerk,
Larry Neuman, Supervisor, Robert (Bob) Rotty, Chair

Guests present: Deb & Joel Bauer, Rose & Tony Dockendorf, Dan Fox, Luhman’s Construction, Jon Jacobson,
Bea & Larry Westerberg

1. **Meeting called to order** by Bob Rotty at 7 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.**
3. **Approve Agenda---**A motion was made by Larry Neuman seconded by Karen Bremer to accept the agenda as written. All ayes
4. **Reorganization**
 - a. Janet Bremer and Karen Bremer repeated the Oath of Office.
Officiated by Margaret Flower, Clerk
 - b. Election of town board chair—Motion made by Larry Neuman seconded by Karen Bremer to elect Bob Rotty as chair. All ayes
 - c. Appointment of vice chair—Motion made by Larry Neuman to reappoint Karen Bremer as Vice Chair, seconded by Bob Rotty. All ayes
 - d. Set compensation for town officers will remain the same.
 - e. Designate posting places for legal notices--The board outside the door at the town hall will be the posting place for legal notices.
 - f. Designate bank as town depository—Vermillion Bank will remain the official town depository.
5. **Approve Minutes of Board of Supervisors** meeting –March 16, 2021—Larry Neuman moved and seconded by Karen Bremer to accept the March minutes as written. All ayes.
6. **Treasurer’s Report----**Janet Bremer
 - Beginning Balance--**\$200,534.47
 - Ending Balance--**\$186,052.46
 - Receipts--**\$5,264.28
 - Disbursements--**\$19,746.39Karen Bremer made a motion to accept treasurers report as written and file for audit. All ayes
7. **Public Comment:**
 - a. **Tony Dockendorf** representing the 140th and Jacob Ave. neighborhood. re: Miller Tree Service, 140th Street. They are concerned about business growing and adding more trucks and large equipment. They would like a conditional use permit that would prevent the business increasing and adding several large trucks. They were referred to attend a planning commission meeting. They would like all the areas of concerned addressed in the conditional use permit. Mr. Miller will be contacted to attend the planning commission meeting on May 3. The neighbors will also attend to address the condition of the

conditional use permit. They are mainly concerned mainly about all the trucks and heavy equipment. There is a significant amount of large equipment now. They presented a letter signed by several neighbors and several others are willing to sign. This letter attached. Margaret will contact John Bremer to put on agenda for planning commission May 3, 2021 meeting.

8. **Planning Commission Report**--Bob Rotty

- a. **Margaret & Terry Flower**--Permit for deck replacement for \$540.06 Moved by Larry Neuman and seconded by Karen Bremer to accept the permit. All ayes.
- b. **Jon & April Jacobsen** --Permit for in ground pool for \$1,087.19 Moved by Larry Neuman and seconded by Karen Bremer to accept permit. All ayes.
- c. **Joel Bauer**—Permit for demolition for 2 homes for \$150.00. Moved by Larry Neuman and seconded by Karen Bremer to accept permit. All ayes.
- d. **John Bremer**—Permit for well house and grain bin for \$50.00 Bob Rotty moved and seconded by Larry Neuman to accept permit. Bob Rotty and Larry Neuman voted in favor of motion. Karen Bremer abstained.
- e. Tom Furlong will not be doing construction soon.

9. **Road & Bridges Report**--Bob Rotty-- **Dan Fox**, Luhman Construction, Red Wing.—Dan and Bob did the annual road review in March. We will probably need 5 loads less of Class 5 than last year for a total of 124 loads. Dan is recommending that reshape some of the ditches to provide better run off. The approximate cost \$2800 per quarter mile on both sides of road. It takes about 1 day to do a quarter mile. There are 3 areas that need attention. We will spend more money for rock if we do not do the reshaping. Larry Neuman made the motion that we do the reshaping in 2 areas, ¼ mile west of Jacob on 150th and ¼ mile north of the Solberg pit on Jacob Ave. seconded by Karen Bremer. All ayes. They will do project mid to late June after putting chloride of roads. Larry Neuman made the motion to approve the road report as presented and seconded by Karen Bremen. All ayes. Report attached.

10. **Fire Report**---**Larry Neuman** will contact Kathy Hagen, secretary of rural fire association regarding status of contract negotiations. Will have report next month.

11. **Town Hall Maintenance/Correspondence**--**Karen Bremer** spoke with Karla Bigham extensively via phone. They covered many areas of concern. Karla was not familiar with the new restrictions being put forth by the DNR/MRRCa making up to County Road 42 part of the Mississippi River Critical care area. Karla will speak with the DNR. Legislature not wanting to change annexation rules at now. She would like to see a change speed limits in townships.

Karen Bremer also spoke with a representative from MNDOT regarding roads. They would like to put a roundabout at Hwy 42E and Hwy 55 and also Hwy 42W and Hwy55. There are no specific dates for these projects. The funding will need to be obtained. There are several other projects that are being considered.

12. **Old Business**

- a. **Larry** checked with MAT regarding insurance and the board is covered by MATTT Insurance. The clerk and treasurer are bonded for \$100,00

13. **New Business**

- a. **Larry** has had several complaints regarding the cost of building permits. Several other communities appear to charge less than Nininger township. It was suggested that Inspectron come to a board meeting and explain their pricing. Larry will check further before we ask Inspectron come to a meeting.

There have been several complaints regarding when broadband company that did the cabling work last fall will return the land to previous condition.

- b. Dakota County will do private well sampling the Summer 2021.

- c. Cottage Grove Comprehensive Plan Amendment—Margaret will return that we do not have any comment.
- d. **Flag**—The flag is missing and will need to be replaced and Larry will lower flag to half-mast when necessary. Margaret will purchase a flag.
- e. Mike Hamilton received a letter from Gilbertson, attorney regarding the Skogstad property. The letter was citing an ordinance from 1980. Mike has sent a letter in response but has not received a reply yet.

14. Approve bills and sign checks.

Vender	Check Number	Amount
Centerpoint Energy	8919	\$56.44
Century Link	8920	\$144.05
Dakota Electric	8921	\$61.61
Inspectron	8922	\$1,355.25
Luhman’s Construction	8923	\$2,633.60
Rahn, Neisen & Root, P.A.	8924	\$109.00
Tanner & Hamilton, P.A.	8925	\$1,416.00
Excel Energy	8926	\$11.41
Cannon Pest Management	8927	\$123.20

Karen Bremer moved to pay the bills as presented and seconded by Larry Neuman. All Ayes.

15. Next meeting: May 18, 2021

- 16. **Adjourn** Karen Bremer made the motion to adjourn and seconded by Larry Newman. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Margaret Flower,
Clerk, Nininger Township**