



“New York of the West”

**Nininger Township**  
**Dakota County, Minnesota**  
**Board of Supervisors Minutes**  
**Tuesday, July 20, 2021, 7 PM**  
**12390 Ivanhoe Way, Hastings, MN 55033**

## Minutes

**Members Present:** Janet Bremer, Treasurer, Karen Bremer, Vice Chair, Margaret Flower, Clerk, Larry Neuman, Supervisor, Robert (Bob) Rotty, Chair.

**Guests:** Tony Jurgens, SD54A State Representative, Mary Larson, Tianna Larson, Robert Miller, Miller Tree Service, Amber Primeau, , Mike Slavik, Dakota County Commissioner

1. **Meeting was called to order** by Bob Rotty at 7:02 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited by all.
3. **Approve Agenda---**Bob Rotty—Karen Bremer moved to approve the agenda as written and seconded by Larry Neuman. All ayes.
4. **Approve Minutes of Board of Supervisors meeting** –June 15, 2021. One correction made by Larry Neuman to change \$3000 to \$30,000. Larry Neuman moved to accept minutes as corrected and seconded by Karen Bremer. All ayes.
5. **Treasurer’s Report----**Janet Bremer
 

<b>Beginning Balance</b>	\$194,288.29
<b>Total Receipts</b>	\$155,545.93
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	\$22,771.89
<b>Ending Balance</b>	\$327,062.33

Larry Neuman moved to accept the treasurers report as written and file for audit. Karen Bremer seconded. All ayes.
6. **Building Permits---**Bob Rotty
 

Mike & Brenda Chapeau—Install picture window—Bob Rotty moved and seconded by Karen Bremer to approve the permit for Budget Exteriors for \$76.00. Completed value \$2886. All ayes

**Public Comment:**

**Mary and Tianno Larson** requesting formal address for Jason Ave property. Margaret has completed the paperwork with Dakota County and will send them the formal notice regarding the property. The address will be 12169 Jason Ave. Hastings, MN 55033

**Robert Miller, Miller Tree Service-**

1. There is a sink hole in the corner of his property on the NW corner bordering the Skogstad property. Bob will talk with Luhman;s Construction and have it repaired.
2. Inquiring about a burning permit—No permits are being issued due to the drought at this time. He can obtain a permit from Bob, Karen, or Larry any time after the drought is resolved.

3. He would like to know what the firearm ordinances are in the township.  
He was given a copy of the ordinances.

**Amber Primeau**—Inquiring about a permit for a swimming pool. She was given a copy of the Building Permit form and told to attend the planning commission meeting on August 2 at 8 pm at the town hall.

**Tony Jurgens**—Tony congratulated Bob Rotty on the Rotty family being named Farm Family of the Year. The award will be presented at Farm Fest. The legislature was able to pass the biennial budget in special session. The emergency powers of the Governor were ended. The legislature did not revise Chapter 12 to inable the legislature to have more ability to control emergency powers of the governor. The question was asked whether letters to legislators were affective. Tony stated letters in your own words were very effective but just a form letter from many people were not very effective. He does try to answer emails and phone calls and does try to vote what is best for his constituents. He is always glad to hear from constituents and their opinions on a particular issue. He encouraged everyone to contact him if they have a concern.

**Mike Slavik**—There was large transportation bill that will benefit Dakota County. There are several concepts regarding expanding Highway 55 to 4 lanes from its present 2 lanes. This one of the most dangerous highways in the state. There will be some minor changes made soon to eliminate some of the dangers, such as putting in turning lanes for trucks. It will take several years to complete the entire project and will cost over \$100 million. There are 4 projects in the county that are being studied and it will take at least \$400 million to complete them. He reminded everyone of the Bison project and the groundbreaking. The bison are expected to arrive in the fall of 2022.

7. **Planning Commission Report-Bob Rotty**—A representative from the DNR will be at the August 2 meeting to discuss the changes to the MRCCA ordinances.
8. **Road & Bridges Report**---Bob Rotty --Roads in good shape. No complaints.
9. **Fire Report**----Larry Neuman—There will be a zoom vote on accepting the City of Hastings cost for fire services for Nininger Township. The cost would be \$59,096.20 per year with a 3% increase in 2022 and 3% increase in 2023. The payment would be in 2 installments with the first payment of \$29,548.10 being due on August 31, 2021. It is expected that it will pass.
10. **Town Hall Maintenance/Correspondence**--Karen Bremer—No report.

## 11. Old Business

- a. **American Rescue Plan Funding Update**—Mike Slavik reported on the ARP Funding. Lost revenue appears to be the greatest need. The money can also be used for installation of broadband throughout the township. It might be possible to partner with the county for some of this but will not be available like it was with the CARES money. The county will have a workshop on ways to use the funds appropriately. Since the township has completed the application, we can expect the funds to be deposited in our account soon.
- b. **Inspectron—Report on swimming pool permit charges** No report. Will follow up in August.
- c. **School Board Election, November 2, 2021**—This year the school board election will be held in the town hall not in Hastings. Margaret will do some further checking on this as she has not heard anything lately.

## 12. New Business

- a. **Approve Ordinance establishing a street naming and addressing system** ----  
No. 3/2021--Bob Rotty made a motioned to approve the ordinance establishing a street naming and address system, Ordinance 3/2021, seconded by Karen Bremer. All ayes.

- b. **Updates to MRCCA ordinance meeting** --Daneil Petrik, Minnesota DNR will give a presentation on August 2, 2021, at 8 pm during the planning commission meeting.
- c. **MAT District 4 meeting**-Zumbrota, Wednesday, August 11, 2021, 6:30 pm. At this time no one will be attending.
- d. **Bison reintroduction groundbreaking**-Friday, July 30, 2021, at 9:45 am. Everyone is invited to attend.
- e. **Lock & Dam 2 Protective Island**-A map and information regarding the islands that are to be constructed in the Nininger area on the river.

**13. Approve bills and sign checks.**

Vendor	Check Number	Amount
Century Link	8941	\$143.92
Dakota Electric	8942	\$74.81
Inspectron	8943	\$918.55
Luhman's Construction	8944	\$10,102.75
Tanner & Hamilton	8945	\$625.00
Xcel Energy	8946	\$11.96
Dakota County Property &Taxation Reco	8947	\$98.42
The Journal	8948	\$17.85
Solberg Aggregate	8949	\$11,525.63
FED/Fica	EFT	\$1,521.61

Karen Bremer made a motion to accept bills as presented and Larry Neuman seconded the motion. All ayes.

**14. Next meeting: August 17, 2021**

**15. Adjourn** Motion made by Karen Bremer to adjourn and seconded by Bob Rotty. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Flower  
Nininger Township Clerk