



NININGER TOWNSHIP DAKOTA COUNTY, MINNESOTA ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

8:15 pm (Following the 8:00 PM closing of Polls)

12390 Ivanhoe Way Hastings, MN 55033

Resident's present: Bea & Larry Westerberg, John Bremer, Karen Bremer, Janet Bremer, Larry Neuman, Robert (Bob) Rotty, Gary Rotty, Harrison & Patti Benjamin, S. E. Bloomstrand, Margaret Flower, Clerk

1. **The meeting was called to order** at 8:33pm by Margaret Flower, Clerk
2. **Nominations for Moderator**—A motion was made by Larry Neuman and seconded by Karen Bremer to nominate Robert Rotty as moderator for the annual meeting. All ayes, no nays. Motion carried. No other nominations.
3. **Election of Moderator**—A motion was made by John Bremer and seconded by Harrison Benjamin to elect Robert Rotty by acclamation. All ayes, no nays. Motion carried. Robert Rotty took position as moderator.
4. **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited by all.
5. **Report of Election**—Margaret Flower reported that a total of 45 ballots were cast.

Janet Bremer 45 Karen Bremer 45 No write ins.
6. **Official Proof of notice of annual meeting**-- The official posting from The Journal of the Nininger Township election was posted on February 18, 2021 was read by Margaret Flower.
7. **Announce the Agenda**—The official agenda was reviewed, and no additions were necessary.
8. **Review and Approve the minutes of the 2020 annual meeting.** It was moved by Terry Flower and seconded by Karen Bremer to dispense with the reading of the minutes as everyone had a copy. Corrections were page 1: Change 3rd sentence to There was a nomination for Robert Rotty to be **moderator** (not Nominator) for the Annual meeting. John and Janet Bremer (not John and Karen) Page 2: Townships are now **recommended** (not required) to use state program. Motion made by Terry Flower and seconded by Janet Bremer to accept minutes as corrected. All ayes, no nays. Motion carried.
9. **Board of Audit Report** –The minutes from the Board of Audit were reviewed by Margaret Flower. No questions were asked.
10. **Treasurer's Report**-- Janet Bremer reviewed the Financial Report for January 1, 2020-December 31, 2020. She reported that we are now using the Cities, Township Accounting System(CTAS) program and the books are audited yearly by the state. Since starting this program (2 years) everything has been satisfactory. She reported that the township received \$22,775.00 from the county for Covid related expenses. Of this \$15,408.65 was spent on new HVAC system that included air handling and purification system, table for socially distancing, 3 new computers for board and planning commission to work from home plus salaries for board members attending meetings and hosting virtual meetings. The remainder, \$7,366.35 was returned to Dakota County for use in the county. It will be used to upgrade the broadband system in the township.

Beginning balance	\$191,698.54
Ending Balance	\$207,384.49
Total Receipts	\$397,872.34
Total Disbursed	\$382,186.39

Motion was made by Harrison Benjamin and seconded by Larry Neuman to accept the treasurer's report as presented and file for audit. All ayes, no nays. Motion carried.

11. **Town Board Report**—Bob Rotty reported that we are now using Luhman’s Construction to pick up trash along the highways. Bea Westerberg commented that they seem to be very responsive, and trash is being picked up very quickly. Bob will tell Luhman’s that residents are pleased with their response. No other questions
12. **Old Business**-- Karen Bremer made the motion to pass the following old business items as a block since they are remaining the same as previous years, seconded by Janet Bremer. All ayes, no nays. Motion carried.
- a. **Set polling hours**—Township election polling hours will remain 10am-8pm
 - b. **Set the annual meeting business hours**—Annual meeting will commence following the counting of the ballots of the township election, as in previous years.
 - c. **Gopher bounty pay** will remain at \$2.50.
 - d. **Election judge salary** will remain at \$13.00.
 - e. **Designate official newspaper.** The Journal in Hastings, MN will remain the official newspaper.
 - f. **Designate road maintenance**—Luhman’s construction will continue with the road maintenance.
13. **New Business**
- a. **Rural Fire Association costs**-- Larry Neuman reported that the City of Hastings has not progressed with negotiations, so we do not have any the final numbers as to what our cost for fire protection will be at this time. There will probably be an increase but do not have any confirmation of details.
 - b. **Report on Vermillion Watershed** ---No report
 - c. **Report on Roads and Bridges** --Luhman’s construction will continue as they are doing a good job.
 - d. **Planning commission report** --John Bremer—Nothing to report
 - e. **Set conditional use permit fees**—John Bremer recommended that they remain the same as last year.
 - f. **Board of Appeals & Equalization**--County has been doing this the last 2 year, as there are very few questions, and it is costly for the township. It appears to be working well to have this addressed by the county.
 - g. **Set chloride costs.**—Price will remain at 95cents per gallon. The township applies appropriate amount and pays for it. If individuals want extra, they are billed by Luhman’s directly. The township does not do any billing for chloride. Janet Bremer made a motion to continue with chloride program as described above and seconded by Karen Bremer. All ayes, no nays. Motion carried.
14. **Review levy for 2022**—The levy was reviewed, and John Bremer recommended that the levy remain the same as 2021 in the amount of \$265,000.
15. **Motion to approve general levy for 2022.**—Harrison Benjamin made the motion to keep the levy the same as 2021 with no increase, seconded by Terry Flower. All ayes, no nays. Motion carried.
16. **Motion to set time and location for 2022 annual meeting**-- The motion was made by Terry Flower and seconded by Harrison Benjamin to continue to have the annual meeting at the Nininger Town Hall at 12390 Ivanhoe Way will be the location for the annual meeting on March 8, 2021 following the counting of ballots for the township election. All ayes, no nays. Motion carried.

- 17. General discussion of Items of Concern**—Bea Westerberg and neighbors on Jacob Ave and 140th Street are concerned about the amount of traffic and the size of the commercial vehicles coming to and from Miller Tree Service. There have also been 2 driveways that have been added. They are looking for guidance to solve this problem. Bob suggested they go to a planning commission meeting. Bob also gave them a copy of the correspondence between Mike Hamilton, attorney, and Miller Tree Service regarding this issue. They will attend a planning commission meeting and discuss with them. They are also concerned about the Skogstad property and if there will be residences added to the location. The township attorney and real estate attorney have been discussing. There has been minimal discussion in the last few months, so presumed it will not progress forward. If it does come forward again the township will continue to enforce ordinances that prevent further development of this property. Westerberg's will be kept apprised of any issues involving the property. Larry Westerberg stated that no sand had been put on 140th and Jacob. Bob will check on it. The snow plowing had been good this year. A thank you was given to the township officers and appreciation for their service. Janet explained the CTAS program and what the township process is to prevent any problems with our treasury, as has been happening in some surrounding townships.
- 18.** A motion was made by Larry Neuman moved and seconded by Karen Bremer to adjourn. All ayes, no nays. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Board of Canvas Meeting met immediately following the annual meeting to certify the results of the election. Appointed members were: Terry Flower, Patti Benjamin, and Gary Rotty. Election was certified.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Flower, Clerk
Nininger Township

Robert Rotty
Moderator

March 10, 2021