



“New York of the West”

NININGER TOWNSHIP DAKOTA COUNTY, MINNESOTA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES

Tuesday, August 16, 2022, 7 PM
12390 Ivanhoe Way, Hastings, MN 55033

Minutes

Members Present: David Bauer, Supervisor, Janet Bremer, Treasurer, Karen Bremer, Deputy Chair, Margaret Flower, Clerk, Robert (Bob)Rotty, Chair.

Guests: Bob Sieben, Joby Nolan, Josh Fox, Tracy & Jenny Rupe, Valerie Neppl, Dakota County, Mary Sieben, Rita Sieben, Kar Viehule, John Augustine, Joanne Nolan

1. **Meeting called to order** by Bob Rotty at 7:00 pm
2. **Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.**
3. **Approve Agenda**--Bob asked to reverse numbers 7 & 8 on the agenda. Karen moved to approve the agenda as corrected. Seconded by David. All ayes
4. **Approve Minutes of Board of Supervisors** --July 19, 2022 meeting Karen moved to approve the minutes as written. Seconded by Dave. All ayes.
5. **Treasurer’s Report**----Janet Bremer

Beginning Balance	\$438,729.87
Total Receipts	\$1,924.14
Total Disbursed	\$46,495.91
Ending Balance	\$394,158.10

 Dave moved to approve the treasurers report as presented and file for audit. Seconded by Karen. All ayes
6. **Building Permits**---Bob Rotty No permits currently.
7. **Planning Commission Report-Bob Rotty**
 - a. **Public Hearing-Conditional Use Permit**-Precision Landscaping
Joby Nolan asked to speak.

1. He is asking what is meant by too big for Nininger?
2. The snow removal business has been part of the existing business since 1981. It is necessary to keep employees working and to keep the business financially sound.
3. Condition of road has been questioned? Precision has paid a portion of road maintenance and they are willing to do what is necessary to keep road in good condition. This is in the best interest of their company.
4. They are expanding use of the land to only grow trees. This is similar to corn and beans.
5. They would like a decision tonight with from public hearing. They are not asking for building permit currently. They want to be a good neighbor and citizens of Nininger Township.

Robert Sieben asked to speak—See attached AFF, LLC comments to Nininger Board 8/16/2022 sheet.

Motion made by Bob Rotty “to deny outright the application of Precision Companies for a conditional use permit to expand its business with no time frame for a reconsideration of the application.” Seconded by David. All ayes.

Board of Supervisors reasons for denial.

Karen—In 2016 Precision commented they were glad to be accepted by Nininger and glad to be here. They also stated that they would not expand and now they are asking to expand. It is not clear about the proposed building. They have not followed the rules of township. She has no issues with snow plowing,

Dave Bauer—He was not on the Board of Supervisors in 2016 so does not have any history of previous permits. He has spoken with more than 6 and less than 12 residents and most of them are opposed to the expansion of Precision. They are not opposed to small business in the township, but this is a larger business. Annexation is inevitable. He would like to keep Nininger like it was when he was growing up here.

Bob—He feels snow plowing is not consist with horticulture. Also, the selling snowplows is not horticulture. Landscaping and nursery are considered horticulture-current business exceeds this. If Precision Companies is looking for growth, perhaps they should look elsewhere.

Josh Fox asked to speak—They did not say that they would not grow. They were told by Bob not to ask for expansion till they had more land, which is what they are doing now. There were no negative comments from the public at the Public Hearing.

Bob Sieben asked to speak but was denied.

7. **Public Comment:** Visitors may share their concerns with the Town Board on any issue.
 - a. **Valerie Napp-** -Agriculture Chemical Reduction Effort-(ACRE project)—45-day review for public comment period. Comments are due Sept 6. Free nitrate event 2 hand outs attached. Information for installing wells in Nininger township.

Bob stated that farmers are doing better than a few years ago. They always go after the farmers. City of Hastings has trucks that apply chemicals also.

John Bremer— Nitrates could be coming from old systems on-site septic systems This may be a bigger problem than farmland.

They are trying to address turf fertilizer and crop fertilizer. It appears that cover crops and perennial crops could help with the problem.
 - b. **Sheriff—Nicole Young**—Salesperson dropping names and going to doors after 9 pm This has been posted on Facebook Neighborhood Watch. She said to call the sheriff when this is happening. Solberg pit needs some road control. People walking on road. They are not stealing or causing trouble and were given ride home by sheriff.
 - c. **Howard Bauer**—Electrically powered equipment on bike path going 35-40 mph on path. It is dangerous and they need to have more stop signs. Nininger has no control over bike path. He will need to talk to county parks as they have jurisdiction over the bike path.
8. **Road & Bridges Report**—Bob Rotty. —John & Bob drove the roads. There needs to do a lot of trees trimmed within the right of way. Bob will call Luhman’s and set a date to trim trees. Motion made by David to use American Rescue Fund for tree trimming throughout the township. Seconded by Karen., All ayes.
9. **Fire Report**—David Bauer—Rural fire association met on July 6-- Lisa Rowan-Vermillion Clerk was elected clerk of the Rural Fire association. She is not a member of the fire association, but the bylaws were changed to allow this. Contract negotiations are ongoing with active negotiations with fire chief and assistant chief. They are negotiating for 3-year contract, and this appears to be possible. They have received a new fire engine and ambulance recently that is replacing old equipment. Most of the funding for equipment comes from the City of Hastings.

10. **Town Hall Maintenance/Correspondence**--Karen Bremer—Mirror fixed. Has new sponge mop and likes it. Vacuum picks up grit and is saving carpet.

11. **Old Business**

- a. Bison at Spring Lake Park Reserve-Tom Lewanski-Dakota County Natural Resource—Notes from July 19th meeting were reviewed by Supervisors.
- b. Groundwater-Source Protection Collaborative Topic: Wellhead Protection Partnership information given to Supervisors.

12. **New Business**

- a. **Groundwater-Source Protection Collaborative** -Topic: Wellhead Protection Partnership-Given information from meeting on July 20, 2022.
- b. **Dakota County Township & Small City Fall Meeting**
Thursday, September 15, 2022, 6:30 PM Will discuss attending the meeting later.

13. **Approve bills and sign checks**

Vender	Check Number	Amount
Dakota Electric	9108	\$70.46
Hiawatha Broadband	9109	\$78.87
Inspectron	9110	\$944.13
Luhman's Construction	9111	\$1,354.69
Rahn, Neisen & Root	9112	\$160.00
Tanner & Hamilton	9113	\$1,691.25
Xcel Energy	9114	\$14.01
M-R Signs	9115	\$61.71
Dakota County Property & Taxation	9116	\$102.90
Margaret Flower	9117	\$104.14
Karen Bremer	9118	\$37.56
FED/FICA	Eft16	\$1,669.58
Karen Bremer	9119	\$182.00
Mary Dalaska	9120	\$169.00
Terrence Flower	9121	\$149.50
Eileen Jahnke	9122	\$445.00
Clyde Kummer	9123	\$123.50
Janice Marthaler	9124	\$260.00
Nancy Trean	9125	\$172.25
Anita Traynor	9126	\$169.00

David moved to pay the bills as presented and seconded by Karen. All ayes.

14. **Next meeting:** September 20, 2022,

15. Karen moved to adjourn and seconded by David. All ayes. Meeting Adjourned at 8:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Flower
Clerk, Nininger Township
August 30, 2022