



**NININGER TOWNSHIP
DAKOTA COUNTY,
MINNESOTA**
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES
MARCH 21, 2023**

12390 Ivanhoe Way
Hastings, MN 55033

MINUTES

Members present David Bauer, Supervisor, Karen Bremer, Deputy Chair, Margaret Flower, Clerk, Robert (Bob) Rotty, Chair

Absent Janet Bremer, Treasurer

Guests present Tony Werner, Pete Zajac, Robert Miller

1. **Call to Order** -The meeting was called to order by Bob at 7:12 pm.
2. **Approve Agenda** -Bob moved to approve the agenda as written. The motion was seconded by Karen. All ayes.
3. **Approve Minutes of Board of Supervisors** -Karen moved to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2023 meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Bob. All ayes
4. **Treasurer's Report**---Margaret presented the treasurer's report in Janet's absence.

Beginning Balance--	\$394,911.30
Total Receipts	\$15,033.44
Total Disbursed	\$24,286.16
Ending Balance	\$385,658.58

Karen moved to accept the treasurer's report and file for audit. The motion was seconded by Bob. All ayes.

5. **Building Permits**---Bob Rotty
 - a. Megan Ries & Ara Engeset-Residential house on slab-The permit for this property is still being reviewed by the building inspector. It could take some time to obtain this permit.
 - b. No other permits presented.
6. **Public Comment:** Visitors may share their concerns with the Town Board on any issue.
 - a. **Tony Werner-** Received a permit to build a garage last year and was unable to do last year. Wanted to know how long permits are good. Permits are good for one year.
 - b. **Pete Zajac-**He wanted to know if a permit was needed for a one car garage. A permit is required.
 - c. **Robert Miller, Miller Tree Service**—He has received a letter from Mike Hamilton, Nininger attorney regarding the wood chips he had stored ~~on~~ ~~his~~ close to his property. It appeared they were on the right of way of the road. The letter was requesting that the chips be moved. The wood chips were from trees on the property and have been moved off of the right of way. He stated that he can have as many wood chips on his property as he wants as he will not be selling them for his business. He also presented

the supervisors with a letter regarding several of his neighbors. His complaints were:

Tony Dockendorf-He has 5 outbuildings that are full of a lot of "crap". He feels this violates township ordinances regarding the number of outbuildings allowed. Robert feels that welding is not a hobby and is a business. He is sure that Tony has a business doing welding and people are coming to the buildings for the business. There is a business registered to this address.

Bea Westerberg-The previously yellow car and now is burned is not licensed. Robert thought all cars had to have current license plates. He has videos of kids playing on and around it. He has shown these to law enforcement. He is concerned that they could be injured. He feels this is trash not art and would affect the value of surrounding properties.

Kim Tharp-Kim complained that Miller Tree Service created additional traffic but Kim had a wagon with pumpkins for sale. This would also increase traffic.

Robert Miller would like to be left alone. If everyone left him alone then he would leave everyone alone. The letter from him will be placed on file.

7. **Planning Commission Report**-Bob Rotty—Nothing to report.
8. **Road & Bridges Report**--Bob Rotty --Luhman's will be bringing a blade next week to some of the worst road and some gravel. The road inspection will be completed when the weather improves. We will do street sweeping later in the spring. The cost of chloride is \$1.25 per gallon. Last year it was \$.90 per gallon. Everything is much costlier this year.
9. **Fire Report**---David Bauer—The fire contract has been signed as presented previously. He issued a burning permit to Eric Dorschner.
10. **Town Hall Maintenance/Correspondence**--Karen Bremer—Karen has not been able to replace furnace filter as we are unable to locate the proper area. She will contact Jeff Endres to show her. Jeff installed the furnace.

11. Old Business

- a. **Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Ordinances**—Approve the final copy of ordinance. Public hearing was held and planning commission has approved. Dave moved to approve the ordinance as presented and file in ordinance book. Karen seconded the motion. All ayes
- b. **Public regarding funding of additional deputies**—Dave Bauer—We will need more clarity on the proposal before we can discuss further. The sheriff's department are trying to get more creative in the hiring process. All law enforcement is at a critical point in hiring new officers.
- c. **Compensation of township officers and election judges**-The planning commission will discuss the compensation for township officers. This was suggested at the annual meeting. The board will review after recommendations are received from the planning commission. The board was given a compensation schedule for their information. Motion was made and passed at the annual meeting to raise the election judges' salaries to \$20.00 for election judge and \$25.00 for head judge.

12. New Business

- a. **Groundwater Water Protection Collaboration Spring Meeting**—Tuesday, April 25, 1-3pm.—Will not attend.
- b. **Model Mining Ordinance Workshop**—March 23, 6-8:00 pm and April 27, 6-8:00pm—Farmington Extension Center-Will not attend.
- c. **Safety Inspections for In-service Bridges**—There is no maintenance work recommended from the safety inspections.

13. Approve bills and sign checks.

Vender	Check Number	Amount
CenterPoint Energy	9222	\$210.51
Dakota Electric	9223	\$59.68
Hiawatha Broadband	9224	\$114.04
Inspectron	9225	\$11,079.05
Luhman’s Construction	9226	\$8,145.92
Tanner & Hamilton, P.A.	9227	\$996.25
Xcel Energy	9228	\$13.70
Terry’s Hardware	9229	\$38.55
Solberg Aggregate	9230	\$71.37
MN Association of Townships	9231	\$841.48
Hastings Rural Fire Association	9232	\$2,146.60
Margaret Flower	9233	\$177.78
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David Bauer	9235	\$57.64
Karen Bremer	9236	\$78.00
Mary Dalaska	9237	\$78.00
Margaret Flower	9238	\$240.00
Eileen Jahnke	9239	\$143.00
Janice Marthaler	9240	\$78.00
Nancy Traen	9241	\$78.00
David Bauer	9242	\$722.05
Janet Bremer	9243	\$1,800.82
Karen Bremer	9244	\$1,371.40
Margaret Flower	9245	\$2,950.00
Robert Rotty	9246	\$2,378.01

Karen moved to pay the bills as presented. Dave seconded the motion. All ayes.

14. Next meeting: Tuesday, April 18, 2023, 7 pm

15. Adjourn-- Dave moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 pm. Motion seconded by Karen. All ayes

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Flower,
Clerk, Nininger Township