

**NININGER PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING (#578)
April 3, 2023**

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: John Bremer, chair; Steve Boetcher; Gary Rotty; Ted Wagner; Mary Dalaska, secretary

TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Karen Bremer

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by Chair Bremer at 8 p.m.

MINUTES REVIEWED AND APPROVED: Chair Bremer called for review of the minutes from the March 6, 2023, meeting. **Motion:** Gary Rotty made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Chair Bremer. **Member vote:** 5 Ayes; 0 Opposed. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Chair Bremer provided a brief update to Ted Wagner regarding the township-owned cartway along the west end of the Frandrup Circle Drive Development and the request by Wes Frandrup to use the cartway as a driveway for a landlocked lot within the development. Frandrup is currently working with Dakota County to install driveway access at County Road 46 and Fischer Avenue. Adjacent neighbors have been contacted regarding the new use of the cartway.
2. An ongoing agreement has been finalized with the City of Hastings for fire coverage in Nininger Township.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. TOWNSHIP BOARD AND PLANNING COMMISSION COMPENSATION: At the Annual Township meeting on March 14, 2023, the Township Board asked the Planning Commission to review the current compensation levels for all board and commission positions and make recommendations to bring the compensation more in line with neighboring townships. The Nininger Township compensation was last reviewed in 2015. The commission reviewed compensation for each position and recommended an increase for each. An updated, draft compensation schedule was developed and will be presented to the board at their April 18, 2023, meeting. Included in the recommendation is removal of the "per additional meeting" compensation level and an annual cost-of-living increase that is based on the yearly Federal Social Security increase. If approved, the changes will take effect July 1, 2023. **Motion:** Ted Wagner made a motion to forward the recommendations to the Township Board for review and consideration. Motion seconded by Steve Boetcher. **Member vote:** 5 Ayes; 0 Opposed. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS OF DISCUSSION/INFORMATION:

- ROAD MAINTENANCE: Cost of maintaining roads will be more costly this year because of the spring weather. Luhman's Construction Company added gravel to roads in some areas of the township but it's been difficult to keep the roads in good condition. A complaint was received regarding the extensive repairs needed to Furlong Trail. Township Board chair Bob Rotty and Planning Commission chair John Bremer will meet with the township engineer, Mark Schoenfelder, to look at possible solutions and costs to repair the road. Major repairs may require cost sharing between the township and residents who live along Furlong Drive.
- Next Township Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at 7 p.m.
- Next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 1, 2023, at 8 p.m.

MEETING ADJOURNED: **Motion:** Gary Rotty motioned to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Ted Wagner. **Member vote:** 5 Ayes; 0 Opposed. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Mary Dalaska, Planning Commission Secretary