



**NININGER TOWNSHIP**  
**DAKOTA COUNTY, MINNESOTA**  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**MINUTES**  
**AUGUST 15, 2023**

12390 Ivanhoe Way

Hastings, MN 55033

**Members present:** David Bauer, Supervisor, **Janet** Bremer, Treasurer, Karen Bremer, vice chairman, Margaret Flower, clerk, Robert (Bob)Rotty, Chair

**Guest present:** Wes Frandrup, Deputy Chandler, Dakota County Deputy Sheriff, Bea Westerberg, Ann Mershon, Cyndy Birch, Mike Slavik, Jordan Pohlana

**MINUTES**

1. **Meeting called to order by Bob Rotty at 7 pm.**
2. **Approve Agenda**—Karen moved to approve the agenda as presented. David seconded the motion. All ayes.
3. **Approve Minutes of Board of Supervisors** –July 18, 2023 meeting-- David moved to approve the minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Karen. All ayes.
4. **Treasurer’s Report**----Janet Bremer
 

<b>Beginning Balance</b> -----	\$495,276.34
<b>Total Receipts</b> -----	\$1,559.46
<b>Total Disbursed</b> -----	\$63,081.02
<b>Ending Balance</b> -----	\$433,754.78

Karen moved to accept the treasurers report as presented and file for audit. Motion seconded by David.

5. **Building Permits**---Bob Rotty-No building permits presented.
  - a.
6. **Public Comment:** Visitors may share their concerns with the Town Board on any issue.
  - a. **Kevin Krech, Dakota County Transportation**-Kevin presented information regarding the roundabout at CR 46 and CR 85 (160th and Goodwin) He discussed the plans, handed out maps and discussed the timeline for the roundabout. A public informational meeting will be held on August 29, 2023. Questions were answered. Karen and Janet suggested they lower the hill as you approach Goodwin. It is not in the plan to lower the hill as the distance is too far from the roundabout and it is not expected to be a problem due to the configuration of the roundabout. The expected speed to enter roundabout is 20 mph and will slow down to 10 mph. All questions were answered.
  - b. **Deputy Chandler-Dakota County Deputy Sheriff** --Copper cable thefts are occurring on the corner of Horner Ave Highway and 55 and continuing down to Emery. They are cutting poles to get to the wire. The sheriff department is tagging wires with air tags, have placed trail camera in the area and have extra patrol. They are hopefully that they will be able to catch them. They are looking for tools and precious metals. There have not having problem with irrigation equipment now. The detour on Goodwin causing traffic back-up. The sheriff has added more patrol to the area considering the multiple accidents recently. The officers are working overtime

in the area, so the rest of the county still has officers on the regular patrol throughout the county. Bob will contact Luhman's to trim the trees.

7. **Planning Commission Report**-Bob Rotty

- a. **Wes Frandrup Driveway update** -Mr. Frandrup has called Luhman's and got many issues as to why the driveway is not legal. Luhman's met with county today. County will give anyone a permit but when construction commences, they have many stipulations. The recommendation from county is to not do project till next year. Highway 46 will be closed due to construction of roundabout. Luhman's will do the construction next year. Mr. Frandrup is concerned about when the project will be completed next year and not charged extra. The township agreed that when the driveway project is completed, he will not have to pay anything additional fees other than the \$11,000 he paid. The \$11,000 is for county right of way only and does not extend up into his driveway or cartway. There will be an extra charge to Mr. Frandrup, who will be responsible for the driveway and cartway area.

8. **Road & Bridges Report**---Bob Rotty

9. **Fire Report**----David Bauer—No updates from the rural fire association Four burning permits were issued.

10. **Town Hall Maintenance/Correspondence**--Karen Bremer—Took furnace apart and put filter in but do not feel it is correct. Issue resolved when David and Mr. Frandrup looked at it. On July 18<sup>th</sup> Nininger Township passed a resolution to support 911cost share. Only 11 townships out of 19 have approved the resolution. Several people are talking with the other township to clarify the language and hopefully they will sign the resolution.

11. **Old Business**

- a. **Model Mining Ordinance**-The supervisors and the chair will share the one copy of the Model Mining Ordinance that is available. They will discuss following their review of the ordinance.
- b. **City of Hastings**- "Welcome to Hastings" sign--- The board members approved the sign being placed in the area as described in the map presented to the township by the city of Hastings. The sign will not be in the right of way and will possibly be on private property, the Augustine Property. Visibility is an issue at other locations. The sign should be placed as far east and/or as close to the substation as possible.
- c. **Township Mail in Balloting**. Dave made a motion that Nininger Township continue voting in the same manner as done in previous years. Motion seconded by Karen. All ayes. We will hold the.at the town hall with election judges etc. The same process as previous years.

12. **New Business**

a. **Invitation to Participate in 3M Settlement Priority 2 Subgroup-**

Dave does not recommend participating in the group. He attended one meeting and it is very political. Nininger would not benefit from participation in the group.

b. **MAT Roads Info-2023 LRIP (Road) Funding and Upcoming Webinars**-Information given to the supervisors regarding the upcoming webinars.

c. **Jordan Pohlana**—Rain has been causing his driveway to erode. He wants to know what to do about the erosion. Erosion across driveway is about 30 feet and about 6 inches deep. Bob will look at the property and discuss with Luhman’s the options. A culvert might be necessary.

12. **Mike Slavik, Dakota County Commissioner.** There is an aggressive timeline for roundabout at Highway 46 and Goodwin Ave. but are the county is committed to completing the project in that time frame. The project is a number one priority.

The Sheriff offered overtime sheriffs to patrol the high accident area. They have looked at accident records and several of the accidents have occurred while the driver was using electronics. They drivers have been cited for this activity as it is illegal.

**Legislature Report from the 2023 MN legislative session**

1. **Roads**— Road funding for the 1<sup>st</sup> is limited but the 2nd year increases significantly. Mike would be willing to work with the township to assist in using these funds where necessary.
2. **MET Council**—The legislature feels the Met Council are overreaching their boundaries. There was much discussion held regarding the activities of the MET Council. Jeff Reed, Douglas Township Chair, was appointed the MET Council rural representative.
3. **911 Resolution**-- 16 of the 19 townships have now signed a resolution supporting the 911 cost share proposal. Mike proposed that we start the process of hiring the new sheriff’s now. The increase in sheriff’s and the change in 911 are separate the issues. The 911 will increase the size of their committee to include representation from all townships. They will work on a proposal for the joint powers’ agreement. They will have all the details worked out before we start paying for it. The agreement will probably not start till 2025.
4. **Broadband**--Bea asked about broadband for the residents of Nininger that do not have broadband. Mike stated that only 5% of residents do not have broadband. Suggestions were to gather neighbors and go to Hiawatha Broadband office to request installation in your area. The Dakota County Broadband Committee has been disbanded.
5. **Bison** have created more traffic on Pine Bend Trail and Furlong Trail due to increase in number of people observing the bison. The county would like to apply for funds from the DNR to pave Pine Bend Trail and Furlong Trail. They would pave from Highway 55 to Fahey Ave on Pine Bend Trail and Furlong Trail. Nininger would be responsible for the base of the road and the county would be responsible for the overlay of the black top portion. Nininger agrees with this and will work with the county to complete this project. Mike Slavik will assist with applying for this funding. Mike will bring staff to discuss this project in the next couple of months. They will discuss what the project will look like.

**13. Approve and sign bills.**

<b>Vender</b>	<b>Check Number</b>	<b>Amount</b>
CenterPoint Energy	9304	\$16.07
Dakota Electric	9305	\$61.05
Hiawatha Broadband	9306	\$95.24
Luhman’s Construction	9307	\$2,477.01
Rahn, Neisen & Root	9308	\$173.00

Tanner & Hamilton, P.A.	9309	\$2,106.25
Xcel Energy	9310	\$13.60
The Journal	9311	\$179.18
Margaret Flower	9312	\$91.27
FED/FICA	EFT21	\$1,651.24
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$6,863.91</b>

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

14. **Next meeting:** Tuesday, September 19, 2023, 7 pm

15. **Adjourn --** Karen moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by David. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Flower  
Clerk, Nininger Township