



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

12390 Ivanhoe Way
Hastings, MN 55033

Minutes

Members present: Dave Bauer, Supervisor, Janet Bremer, Treasurer, Karen Bremer, Vice Chairmen, Margaret Flower. Clerk, Robert (Bob)Rotty, Chair

Guests Present: Fred Litscke, Mike Slavick, Dakota County Commissioner, Dakota County Deputy Posterick

1. **Meeting called to order** by Bob Rotty at 7 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** was said by all.
3. **Approve Agenda** Karen moved to approve the agenda as written. Motion seconded by Dave. All ayes.
4. **Approve Minutes of Board of Supervisors** –Karen moved to approve the October 17, 2023 minutes as written. Motion seconded by Dave. All ayes. The minutes will be posted online.
5. **Treasurer’s Report**----Janet Bremer

Beginning Balance	\$415,968.10
Total Receipts	\$4,261.11
Total Disbursements	\$16,985.08
Ending Balance	\$403,244.13

Karen moved to approve the treasurer’s report as presented and file for audit. Motion seconded by Dave. All ayes.

6. **Building Permits**---Bob Rotty
 - a. **Safe Basements, Inc**-Dave moved to approve the building permit for the Virginia Carroll residence for basement remodel and radon abatement. Motion seconded by Dave. All ayes. They will pick up the permit tomorrow and bring a check for \$445.39.
7. **Public Comment:** Visitors may share their concerns with the Town Board on any issue.

Dakota County Deputy Posterick—No problems and nothing to report this month.

Fred Litscke- He is concerned if a tree falls on his property who is responsible for cleaning it up? Mike Slavik thinks that the tree is the responsibility of where the tree lands.

Fred wants to build a free-standing carport that is not attached to the house. He would like to know what kind of permit will be needed. Karen asked him to make a diagram and bring it to the planning commission and then they would have better answers. He will do this.

8. **Planning Commission Report**-Bob Rotty No report
9. **Road & Bridges Report**---Bob Rotty---The culvert by Jay Sorg's residence needs to be replaced. A company blew out the culver and it appears that it does not need to be replaced at this time. The culvert is now open. Luhman's will check to see if it is acceptable. The board will be assessing the culvert in the spring.
10. **Fire Report**----David Bauer-Dave did not attend rural fire association meeting due to being out of town. He has not had any report from the meeting. The meeting was supposed to be an informational meeting. He issued 6 burning permits.
11. **Town Hall Maintenance/Correspondence**--Karen Bremer—She washed the windows. A few screens might need repair or replacement.
Township Officers meeting-Sue Vento is the new Met Council representative for Nininger Township. Spring Township Officers meeting is March 23, 2024. Location to be determined.
12. **Old Business**

Mike Slavick, Dakota County Commissioner-

- a. **Dakota County and Nininger Township plan to pave Pind Bend Trail and Furlong Trail Updates**—Staff recommending to not apply for LRIT grant for this project because it will not meet the requirements for the state approval. The DNR has a grant that would be more appropriate for this project. Staff will work on the DNR grant. It will take more time and is not critical to get complete at this time. County will assist with the application for the DNR grant. The engineers will assess what needs to be done. They will then meet with the Nininger board and discuss the situation. Staff from the county will come to discuss the grant application and explain the process. Nininger was planning to use the money from the SLFRF grant acquainted and not visible to the public. Mike will meet with the board and bring staff from the county to explain the process. We are planning to use the SLFRF money for this project. The money needs to be designated by Dec 31, 2024 and the project completed by Dec 31, 2026. Mike indicated that the project could take a few years so need to be mindful of our timeline.
- b. **Dust control on Pine Bend Trail/Bison area**—We will discuss next year the application of chloride and the county assisting with payment of chloride application. Bison are down at paddock by river and not visible to public. The new bison are getting acquainted.
- c. **Update on Hiring of New Sheriffs**--Ravenna township refused to sign the agreement for the township to assume some responsibilities for sheriff salaries. Sheriff Lesko was able to use money from other areas to hire 3 more sheriffs. This will be happening soon. The squad cars have been ordered for delivery in 2024. Public safety is a priority of the County Board and the safety improvements were approved by the board 7-0.

c. **Dakota county Soil & Water**—The Dakota County Model Mining Ordinance was reviewed by several people and it was felt that it would be very difficult to start a new mining site. There were concerns about the ordinance.

d. **Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area (MRCCA) Model Ordinance**—Information only

13. New Business

a. **Xcel Energy new Minnesota Transportation Electrification Plan**—Information only

b. **Dakota County Regional Railroad Authority** draft of 2024-2028 Capital Improvement Program (CIP)-Information only

c. **Community-development-block-grant-application.** Information only-Not appropriate for Nininger.

d. **Vermillion Watershed Stakeholders meeting**---No dramatic changes this year. We need to stay engaged as some things were put in by hard core environmentalists and needed to be amended for the rural areas. We do not want that to happen again.

e. **Application for gambling license**-Emerald Greens-Miesville Lions Club—The Lions will not be applying at this time due to not generating enough money for the business. They will possibly apply later.

f. **Invitation: 2023 Annual Meeting of the MN Association of Townships December 7-9 in St. Cloud-** No one will be attending at this time.

g. **PFAS**—The City of Hastings opted out of 3M class action suit. They would only get 6-8 million but felt they could get more funds from the EPA. We are questioning if Nininger should follow Hastings lead and opt out. Dave will discuss with Mike Hamilton, attorney regarding this option for Nininger.

14. **Approve and sign bills.** Karen moved to approve the bills as presented. Dave seconded the motion. All ayes. The checks were signed.

15. **Next meeting:** Tuesday, December 19, 2023, 7 pm/Christmas Party

16. **Adjourned at 8:45pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Flower, Clerk
Nininger Township
November 22, 2023

