



NININGER TOWNSHIP
DAKOTA COUNTY, MINNESOTA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES
JANUARY 16, 2024
12390 Ivanhoe Way
Hastings, MN 55033

MINUTES

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

Guests present: Fred Litschke, Wendy Busch, John Barker, Mike Slavik

1. **Meeting called to order by Bob Rotty** at 7:05 pm
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** was said by all.
3. **Approve Agenda** Karen moved to approve the agenda as written and seconded by Bob.
4. **Approve Minutes of Board of Supervisors** Bob asked that #7 in the minutes be removed. It was agreeable with the rest of the board. Bob moved that the minutes be approved as amended and seconded by Karen. All ayes.

5. **Treasurer's Report----**

Beginning Balance---\$488,541.31
Total Receipts-----\$4,510.95
Total Disbursed-----\$24,275.43
Ending Balance-----\$468,776.83

Karen moved to accept the treasurer's report as presented and seconded by Bob. All ayes.

Janet Bremer reported that we it is necessary to return to Price Custom Homes \$1606 from the \$3000 that was put in an escrow fund for the construction of the Eli and Tracy Hauschild home at 14036 Furlong Trail, Hastings, MN 55033. Bob moved that we refund the excess escrow in the amount of \$1606 to Price Custom Homes and seconded by Dave. All ayes.

6. **Building Permits---**Bob Rotty-No permits currently.

7. **Public Comment:** Visitors may share their concerns with the Town Board on any issue.

Wendy Busch--Gambling Manager for Merrick, Inc.—Wendy Busch is requesting acknowledgement that Merrick, Inc is applying to conduct gambling activity in Nininger Township. at Emerald Greens Golf Course. The gambling will be pull tabs and electronic games. John Barker, CEO Merrick, INC described the type of gambling they will be doing. They have several sites that conduct this type of activity. Dave moved that we acknowledge that Merrick, Inc will be applying to Dakota County for approval to conduct gambling activity in Nininger Township at Emerald Greens Golf Course. Merrick Inc will pay the attorney fees incurred by Nininger Township and seconded by Karen. All ayes.

Mike Slavik: Several things to discuss.

1. There will be a Community Engagement Forum at the Hastings Library to discuss roadways down to the river for improved pedestrian safety. They will be discussing improvements to the bike trail. This is mostly adjacent to Nininger Township. The Open House will be held, Tuesday, January 23, 2024, from 5-7 pm.
2. There will be another open house on Wednesday, January 24, 2024, at 5-7 pm to discuss the Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization (VRWJPO). It is in the early

stages of its Watershed Plan update process. The Watershed Plan must be updated every 10 years, and the existing plan will expire at the end 2025. Mike encouraged everyone to go so that the plan is agreeable to all townships.

3. There will be a meeting sometime soon about the grant that the county and Nininger Township will be applying for to upgrade the Pine Bend Trail and Furlong Trail. These roads need updating due to the increase in traffic due to the buffalo and the increased use of the park. Mike will let the township know when this will happen.

4. **Global Greens** (similar to a world fair but main focus is horticulture and agriculture) Mark Ritchie started a non-profit to bring Global Greens to MN. The two sites that are being considered are a piece of land in Nininger Township and the UMORE property in Rosemont. Nininger Township has not been contacted regarding this expo. This expo is expected to attract approximately 6 million visitors and will be held in 2031. They will need about 175 acres including parking. They will start to choose the sites in April and will then start their site visits. Only 5 sites have been selected in the world and 2 sites are in MN. The 2023 expo was held in Dubai and the MN site was the second site chosen. There have been 50 Global Greens Expo's held since 1960.

Dakota County Deputy Sheriff-Don Chandler –We need to be cautious of the cold temps and be very careful with space heaters. The deer are feeding more up and out of woods due to cold weather. There have been several deer accidents. More than usual. Be sure to lock the car if you leave running to warm up.

8. **Planning Commission Report**-Bob Rotty—Alfred Bauer and Gordy Bauer will be giving some of their property to Jess Bauer to build a shed. Permits and instructions were given to Alfred Bauer. Julie Cardin wants to lot split and wants to make 2 parcels out of her land. She will have to put her property in one parcel and split it from there. She would like to sell 1 parcel to her son.

9. **Road & Bridges Report**---Bob Rotty –New stop sign on Ivanhoe Way and 123rd Street. Mr. Marthaler put up several stop signs that he had in Nininger. He does not have any more. He put the signs where were needed. Luhman's trimmed some trees on Pine Bend Trail and did some blading in township. They looked at Hiliary Path where problems exist with the residents as to the road. Luhman's said they could move the road over slightly. This would not be a problem. It would move onto some of the Sorg property. This will be discussed later.

10. **Fire Report**----Dave-2 burn permits issued. There was a house fire on Jan 2. at the home of Mary and Larry Yaswo at 12420 Jerry Path. Not known the extent of damage at this time. It was a 411 fire. With fire Departments from Prescott, Inver Grove Heights and Rosemount responding.

11. **Town Hall Maintenance/Correspondence**--Karen Bremer— Karen issued 1 burning permit. Karen will send a thank you to Richard Marthaler for the stop signs.

12. Old Business

a. **PFAS update**-Dave-there is nothing to report currently.

b. **2024 Elections—Resolution for Election judges for March elections—Bob made the motion to approve the resolution** appointing election judges for the March 5 and March 12, 2023, election and seconded by Dave.

c. **Filing period for Township election**—Filing period for the township elections closed today. Karen Bremer filed for Supervisor and Margaret filed for clerk. There were no other residents to file for the office.

d. **SLFRF funds**-For all eligible uses, recipients must obligate funds by December 31, 2024. Recipients must expend funds by September 30, 2026, for Surface Transportation projects and Title I projects, and by December 31, 2026, for all other eligible uses. Margaret needs to file the report by April 31, 2024. The advantages of

spending the SLFRF funds in the lost revenue category were explained. MAT explains the reasoning behind this filing.

- e. **Motion to sign resolution for revenue** Karen moved to approve the “Resolution to Spend ARPA (America Rescue Funds) on Lost Revenue Replacement Category” seconded by Dave. All ayes. Margaret will file the report by April 30, 2024.
- f. We will need to have Lodermeier’s finalize their estimate for the overhand at entrance area to Township Jall Building. We would like to get on schedule so the project can be completed in 2024. John Bremer will call Lodermeier to get the final bid.

13. New Business

- a. **Rural Land Use and Agriculture Preservation Survey**-assist with completion. Margaret will email the survey to all board members to complete on their own. Bob will complete his and Margaret will enter the computer.

14. Approve bills and sign checks.

Vender	Check Number	Amount
CenterPoint Energy	9368	\$118.75
Dakota County Financial Services	9369	\$548.60
Dakota Electric	9370	\$56.15
Hiawatha Broadband	9371	\$95.62
Inspectron	9372	\$300.00
Luhman’s Construction	9373	\$1,232.00
Tanner & Hamilton	9374	\$648.75
Xcel Energy	9375	\$13.51
Mn Association of Township	9376	
Dakota County Property Taxation &R	9377	\$104.00
	Total	\$3,730.66

Bob moved to sign and pay the bills as presented and seconded by Dave. All ayes.

- 15. **Next meeting:** -**Board of Audit** Tuesday, February 20, 2024, 7 pm
Town Board Meeting immediately following the Board of Audit
Planning Commission-Monday, February 5, 2024, 8pm

- 16. **Motion to adjourn.** –A motion was made to adjourn at 8:45 pm and seconded by Dave. All ayes.
The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Flower
Clerk, Nininger Township