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NININGER TOWNSHIP DAKOTA COUNTY, MINNESOTA

BOARD OF AUDIT MINUTES

Tuesday, February 20, 2024 7:00 pm

12390 Ivanhoe Way

Hastings, MN 55033

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

Guests Bea Westerberg, Ann Mershon, John Bremer, Terry Crisp, Fred Litscke, Deputy Chandler, Julie Cardin, Howard Bauer

1. **The meeting was called to order** at 7 pm by Bob Rotty, prior to supervisors monthly meeting.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited by all.
3. **Discussion of any anticipated expenses for next year.** —The one anticipated expense for 2025 is the upgrade of Furlong Trail and Pine Bend Trail. The Board has been in discussions with Dakota County regarding a possible grant that would help fund this project. The upgrade is necessary due to the increase in traffic with the bison in the park. It is felt that the county should financially assist with this project since the bison are in the county park. If the grant is received, then that would provide financial assistance. The residents of Furlong Trail would receive and assessment for the road upgrade. This is all unknown at this time.
4. **Review Treasurer’s books**
 - a. Each supervisor reviewed 1 receipt and checked that the identification was the same and amount matched the receipt. All were deemed to be in order.
 - b. Each supervisor selected a disbursement to review and check that the identification is correct and that the checks went through for the approved amount. All were deemed to be in order.

It is only necessary to review limited receipts and disbursements since everything is reviewed by the State of MN in the audit through the CTAS program. Also, supervisors receive a thorough accounting of all funds on a monthly basis. This has been submitted to the state for 2023.

5. **Board members verified that the treasurer and the clerk** had been balancing the bank statements and had the correct balance for each fund. Both the treasurer and clerk complete the CTAS program monthly.
6. **Board members recommend levy** . A motion was made by Bob to recommend an increase in the levy of \$50,000 for 2025 at the annual meeting, seconded by Dave. All ayes. The recommendation of the planning commission was not increasing the levy. Dakota County is recommending an increase. The increase was deemed necessary due to inflationary costs and the rising costs for fire protection. Hastings is doing a study to determine if a new fire house is necessary. It is felt that a new

firehouse is necessary and will be built in the near future. This will increase our fire protection costs. Also, in the last few years we have received funding from the Federal Government due to the pandemic. This will no longer be available. The funds will be divided between the general fund, roads and bridges, and fire fund with an increase in the percentage going to the fire fund.

7. Dave moved that the meeting adjourn and seconded by Karen. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Flower
Clerk, Nininger Township