

NININGER TOWNSHIP
DAKOTA COUNTY, MINNESOTA
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

8:30 pm (Following the closing of Polls)

12390 Ivanhoe Way

Hastings, MN 55033

Present: Margaret Flower, Clerk, Terry Flower, Karen Bremer, Janet & John Bremer, Bernie & Eileen Jahnke, Fred Litschke, Bob Rotty, Harrison & Patti Benjamin

MINUTES

1. **Meeting Called to Order** by Margaret Flower, Clerk at 8:53 pm
2. **Nominations for Moderator:** Karen Bremer nominated Robert (Bob) Rotty for moderator. The motion was seconded by Janet Bremer. No discussion on motion.
3. **Election of Moderator:** Voice vote was taken. All ayes. Motion passed. Bob took seat as moderator.
4. **Pledge of Allegiance** was said by all.
5. **Report of Election:** Margaret Flower gave the election results.

Karen Bremer, Supervisor 37

Margaret Flower, Clerk 38

Total in person votes 38, no writes in. This does not include absentee ballots.

6. **Official Proof of notice of annual meeting** Margaret Flower read the notice of annual meeting and stated it was printed in the Hastings Journal and posted on the Township Bulletin Board
7. **Announce the Agenda:** Karen Bremer moved to accept the agenda as written. The motion was seconded by Janet Bremer. No discussion on motion. All ayes. Motion passed.
8. **Review and approve the minutes of the 2023 annual meeting:** Terry Flower moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes. John Bremer seconded the motion. No discussion. All ayes. Motion carried. Janet Bremer moved to accept the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Karen Bremer. All ayes. Motion carried.
9. **Board of Audit Report** Margaret Flower reviewed the findings of the Board of Audit. The Board found the treasurer's books to be in order as presented and will be filed for audit. Janet Bremer moved to approve the Board of Audit report as presented. The motion was seconded by Harrison Benjamin. All ayes. Motion passed.
10. **Treasurer's Report** Janet Bremer, Treasurer presented the following report:

Beginning Balance	\$402,572.40
Receipts	\$357,357.44
Disbursements	\$291,466.85
Ending Balance	\$468,462.99

There were no Sale of Investments, Transfers in, Purchase of Investments, Transfers Out for the year. We will have less expenses this year due to limited snowfall and minimal plowing. Karen Bremer moved to accept the treasurer's report as presented and file for audit. The motion was seconded by Harrison Benjamin. All ayes. Motion passed.

11. **Town Board Report:** Bob Rotty reported that a new covered entryway was going to be constructed this spring. This will prevent falls and make the town hall safer. It will have electricity, and a motion sensor for lighting. The cost is approximately \$30,000. Some of the money will come from the Covid funds. It will hopefully be completed late March or April.

12. Old Business

- a. **Set the Polling Place:** The polling place will remain at 12390 Ivanhoe Way, Hastings, MN 55033. The same as previous years.

- b. **Set the business meeting hours:** The business meetings of the town board will continue to be on the third Tuesday at 7 pm at the town hall. The planning commission will meet on the first Monday of the month at 8 pm. Notice will be given for any rescheduled meetings.
- c. **Gopher bounty pay:** The gopher bounty will remain at \$2.50 as in previous years.
- d. **Designate official newspaper.** —The Hastings Journal will continue to be the official township newspaper
- e. **Designate road maintenance**—Nininger will continue with a contract for road maintenance with Luhman’s Construction. Luhman’s will remain the designated road maintenance company. Terry Flower moved to accept the above business items. Motion seconded by Harrison Benjamin. All ayes.

13. New Business

- a. **Rural Fire Association costs**—The costs are increasing. Further discussion will be held during the levy discussion.
- b. **Report on Vermillion Watershed**—There have been no changes to the Vermillion Watershed District currently.
- c. **Report on Roads and Bridges** –Bob Rotty and Karen Bremer did a road inspection last week. Ther roads are in good condition due to the limited snow plowing this year. We will have a better idea of any problems later in the year. We are working with Dakota County to improve Pine Bend Trail and Furlong Trail. The county has applied for a grant from the DNR to assist financially with this project. We will know more about the specifics of this project later in the year. The residents of Furlong Trail will receive an assessment for the Furlong Trail portion of this project. The telephone company has cleaned up the poles from the recent thefts of copper wire from their poles.
- d. **Planning commission report**—Nothing to report but will discuss levy.
- e. **Set conditional use permit fees.** Janet Bremer moved to raise the fees for conditional use and variance permits from \$500-\$750. Motion seconded by Karen Bremer. All ayes.
- f. **Set chloride costs.** -Cost will be raised from-\$1.25 to \$1.33 for2024. We will do 2 applications this year. The same as in 2023.

14. Review levy for 2025. ---The Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission are recommending a \$50,000 raise for to the levy for 2025. The city of Hastings is anticipating building a new fire station and costs are rising without the new station. Also, our sheriff’s costs will be increasing. We have not been paying for protection from the Dakota County Sheriffs, but it is proposed that we be assessed a fee soon. We do not know what these costs will be but want to be prepared for them. Also, road maintenance and all other costs are rising due to inflation. Terry Flower brought up that we are they have gambling at Emerald Greens and maybe we should investigate obtaining a portion of those proceeds. We need to be proactive so we can stay ahead of the budget. We do not want to have any debt and want to keep it that way.

15. Motion to approve general levy for 2025. Janet Bremer moved that we raise the levy \$50,000 for 2025. Motion seconded by Fred Litschke. All ayes. Motion passed.

16. Motion to set time and location for 2025 annual meeting. Terry Flower moved the annual meeting be the second Tuesday of March 2025 following the counting of the ballots at the Town Hall at 12390 Ivanhoe Way, Hastings, MN. Motion seconded by Janet Bremer. All ayes. Motion passed.

17. Adjourn-Janet Bremer moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 pm. Motion seconded by Karen Bremer. All ayes. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

The Board of Canvas Meeting Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at 9 am. At Nininger Town Hall.

