

NININGER PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
March 3, 2025

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: John Bremer, chair; Steve Boetcher; Mary Dalaska, secretary; Gary Rotty

COMMISSION MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Ted Wagner

TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Karen Bremer

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by Chair Bremer at 8:10 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS RECITED

MINUTES REVIEWED/APPROVED: Chair Bremer called for a review of the minutes from the Feb. 3, 2025, regular meeting. **Motion:** Chair Bremer made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Motion seconded by Steve Boetcher. **Member vote:** 3 Ayes; 0 Opposed. (Gary Rotty was not present for this vote.) **Motion carried.**

OLD BUSINESS:

- **FURLONG TRAIL PROJECT UPDATE:** Chair Bremer provided an update on the Furlong Trail project. The Township Board scaled down the project scope to include a complete road reconstruction of Furlong Trail and Fischer Avenue north of Highway 55 and continuing east on Furlong Trail towards the top of the hill only. The east end of Furlong Trail approaching Pine Bend Trail is not included in the project. The proposed cost of the scaled-back project is \$284,064.38. The township sought competitive bids for the project. Bids will be opened March 20 at 1 p.m. at the township hall. Final cost of the project will be shared with the township paying approximately 72 percent and the eight properties along Furlong Trail within the reconstruction area sharing approximately 28 percent of the project (each property will be assessed \$10,000 with the remainder paid by Nininger Township). A public hearing to finalize the project and to consider proposed property assessment will be held March 25, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at the Nininger Township Hall. The township attorney, Mike Hamilton, sent meeting notices to all affected property owners.
The township will move to have the shoulders of the hillside reinforced and remainder of Furlong Trail up to Pine Bend Trail sealcoated under a separate project bid.

OPEN ITEMS

- **LEVI RECOMMENDATION FOR THE COMING YEAR:** Chair Bremer called for discussion and a recommendation for the upcoming township budget levi. The single \$50,000 levi increase approved in 2024 (payable to the township in 2026) is unable to sustain the future costs facing the township. Future anticipated outlays include: complete reconstruction and repairs to Furlong Trail, upgrades to Pine Bend Trail/Highway 55 intersection, sealcoating of Locke Boulevard and other, annual increases in fire support costs, increases in law enforcement support costs, rise in road maintenance costs, and an increase in general fund expenses. With these considerations, the Planning Commission is recommending a \$25,000 increase to the

township levi in the 2025 budget cycle (payable in 2027). **Motion:** Chair Bremer made a motion to recommend the Township Board approve the \$25,000 increase in the township levi for the next budget cycle. The motion was seconded by Steve Boetcher. **Member vote:** 4 ayes; 0 Opposed. **Motion carried.**

- REAPPOINTMENT OF PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER: The term of office for Planning Commission member, Gary Rotty, will be completed in March 2025. Mr. Rotty expressed interest in continuing on the commission for an additional 5-year term if reappointed. **Motion:** Steve Boetcher made a motion to recommend the Township Board reappoint Gary Rotty to the Planning Commission for an additional 5-year term ending in March 2030. The motion was seconded by Chair Bremer. **Member vote:** 3 ayes; 0 Opposed. **Motion carried.** Mr. Rotty abstained from voting.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS OF DISCUSSION/INFORMATION:

- RURAL FIRE: The City of Hastings Fire Department responds to fire calls in Nininger Township. The cost of providing the service has increased over the past couple years and it is anticipated the cost will be increasing by approximately \$500 year-over-year going forward until the end of the contract. The cost is based on the total taxable market value of properties in the township. In 2025, the cost is \$73,859.08 (an increase of 9.8885% over the previous year).
- SKB ROSEMOUNT INDUSTRIAL WASTE FACILITY: The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency sent Nininger Township a *Public Notice of Intent to Reissue* to notify the township of its intent to reissue a 10-year permit to SKB Environmental Inc. to operate the waste facility on Courthouse Boulevard in Rosemount. The permit application proposes to expand the facility's industrial waste disposal area by 73 acres and increase the permitted waste capacity from 27,041,881 cubic yards to 48,251,781 cubic yards. The public comment period regarding the permit is February 7-March 10, 2025.

NEXT TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING is scheduled for Tuesday, Mar. 18, 2025, at 7 p.m.

NEXT PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING is scheduled for Monday, Apr. 7, 2025, at 8 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: **Motion:** Steve Boetcher made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Chair Bremer. **Member vote:** 4 ayes; 0 opposed. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted by:

Mary Dalaska, Planning Commission Secretary