



**NININGER TOWNSHIP**  
**DAKOTA COUNTY, MINNESOTA**  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**REORGANIZATION MEETING**  
**MINUTES**  
**MARCH 18, 2025, 7 PM**

12390 Ivanhoe Way  
Hastings, MN 55033

## Minutes

**Members Present** David (Dave) Bauer, Karen Bremer, Margaret Flower, Robert (Bob)Rotty,

**Absent** Janet Bremer

**Guests** Merrick Clapp-Smith, Metropolitan Council, Howard Bauer

1. **Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Bob Rotty**
2. **Motion to close the February 18, 2025 meeting--**Karen moved to close the February 18, 2025 meeting. The motion was seconded by Dave. All ayes. Motion carried.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.**
4. **Approve Agenda—**Margaret asked to eliminate 12i and replace with Joint Powers Agreement between Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation District and Nininger Township. Dave moved to approve the agends as amended. The motion was seconded by Karen. All ayes. Motion carried.
5. **Reorganization Meeting**
  - A. **Newly elected officers—**Dave was sworn in as supervisor by Margaret. Janet will be sworn in on Thursday, March 20, 2025 at the meeting for the opening of bids for the Furlong Trail project.
  - B. **Select a town board chair and vice chair.** Dave moved to nominate Bob for chair and Karen as vice chair. The motion was seconded by Karen. All ayes. Motion carried.
  - C. **Adopt a schedule of the board's regular meetings.** Karen moved that the board's regular meetings be kept on the third Tuesday of every month. The motion was seconded by Dave. All ayes. Motion carried.
  - D. **Designate an official newspaper.** Dave moved to continue with the Hasting Journal as the official newspaper. The motion was seconded by Karen. All ayes. Motion carried.
  - E. **Set compensation for town officers.** Bob moved to continue with the yearly cost of living raise as adopted last year. The motion was seconded by Karen. All ayes. Motion carried.
  - F. **Designate one or more posting places in town.** Dave moved to continue with the posting places on the outside board of the town hall and the inside standing bulletin board. The motion was seconded by Karen. All ayes. Motion carried.
6. **Approve Minutes of Board of Supervisors –**February 18, 2025—Karen moved to approve the February 18, 2025 minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Dave. All ayes. Motion carried.
7. **Approve minutes of Furlong Trail Informational meeting, February 25, 2025—**Dave asked to amend the minutes to move “Approximately one half of the road from the original plan. The other half (2<sup>nd</sup> phase) of the road is not in need of repair at this point and would be completed in a few years when necessary.” to the beginning of that paragraph. Dave moved to accept the minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Karen. All ayes. Motion carried.

8. **Treasurer's Report**---Janet Bremer- Margaret presented the treasurer's report in Janet's absence.

<b>Beginning Balance</b>	\$521,713.63
<b>Total Receipts</b>	\$20,601.09
<b>Total Disbursed</b>	\$29,566.81
<b>Ending Balance</b>	\$512,747.91

Karen moved to accept treasurer's report as presented and file for audit. The motion was seconded by Dave. All ayes. Motion carried.

9. **Building Permits**---Bob Rotty—No permits currently.

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

- a. **Randy Kimmes**, - Randy is requesting access to the gate on Pine Bend Trail. He needs access for planting and harvesting his fields as they are between the 2 gates. He was instructed to be sure that the gate is kept close when he is not using it. His name and address will be in the file as a key holder.
- b. **Merritt Clapp-Smith**-Senior planner and Sector Representative for District 12 communities, Planning representative for MET Council. The process for a new comprehensive plan will begin this fall and be completed in 2028. Merritt will be the contact with questions for MET Council. MET council is in the process of a new form of planning assistance for small communities. There will be a new grant program that 25 small communities will be eligible for. This program would have MET council update their plan at no charge to the township. The grants will be awarded at the end of 2025 or early 2026. The committee is reviewing the criteria currently. She will keep us informed of the process. She will come back and help us prepare for the process of updating the comprehensive plan. The focus of MET Council would be the orderly annexation and water quality. Nininger would like to remain rural unlike the communities on the borders. Merritt is trying to get to know the communities so will remain for the remainder of the meeting.
- c. **Howard Bauer**-He felt that the town board should be involved in the PFAS issue as suggested by Larry Neuman. We will need to check with our attorney before committing anything. Margaret suggested forming a community citizen's committee made up of residents. Howard will check about forming a citizens committee.
- d. **Dillion Ohlhauser-Dakota County Deputy Sheriff**- He suggested keeping an eye on bank account, as there had been lot of fraud in township. Scammers continue to call people, identifying them as sheriff's office and requesting money. The sheriff's office will never do this. You need to hang up and report it to the sheriff's office. Bus violation-passing a bus with arms out has been a problem lately. There is an extensive fine for this, and you can be charged with a gross misdemeanor or misdemeanor. Follow Facebook or other social media for information from Sheriff's office. Please utilize social media as much as possible to keep up to date on what is happening. No problems in Nininger Township

8. **Road & Bridges Report**---Bob Rotty –He will schedule a road meeting the 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> week in April. He will write the report then.

9. **Fire Report**---David Bauer—No new items.

10. **Town Hall Maintenance/Correspondence**--Karen Bremer Nothing to report

11. **Old Business**

- a. **PFAS update**-David. —Several citizens reached out to Dave regarding discussion at the annual meeting. There is a lot of concern among the citizens.
- b. **Furlong Trail Project**—We will be opening the bids on Thursday, March 20, 2025 at 1 pm. The Public Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, March 25, 2025. All the residents that are being accessed for Phase 1 have received notice of the assessment. No one in the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase will receive an assessment at this time.

John Bremer, planning commission Chair, recommended the assessment for Phase 2 of the project be one half of project not to exceed \$10,000, the same as Phase 1. That is not the recommendation of the township board. The amount of the assessment will be determined at the time Phase 2 is planned.

- c. **Pine Bend Trail** --Key given to Randy Kimmes for access to gate on Furlong Trail Bend.

- d. **Dakota County Township Officers Association Spring Meeting**-Saturday, March 22, 2025- Margaret, Bob, Karen and Janet, Dave will be attending.

**12. New Business**

- a. **PlanIt News Blast**-Met Council Update-Information only
- b. **2024 Safety Inspections of In-Service Bridges**—All bridges in good repair. No maintenance is necessary currently.
- c. **Nininger Township County Greenway Project (CP 56-14)** – Information regarding the bike path project for summer 2025
- d. **Motion to approve the Nininger Township and Dakota County JPA for Greenway project (CP-56-14)** Dave moved to accept the contract as presented. The motion was seconded by Karen. All ayes. Motion carried.
- e. **Dakota County Community Development Agency**-Renewal of existing contract. The contract will remain the same, so nothing needs to be done now.
- f. **Dakota County Spring 2025 Groundwater Collaborative**—Information only.
- g. **Cannabis Retail responsibilities in the townships of Dakota County**-- We will possibly have the county administer the program. We will find out more about is at the township meeting on Saturday, March 22. The decision will be made after more information is available.
- h. **Roadway Maintenance Documentation.** Christian Jones, Kimley-Horn is requesting a letter of who is responsible for maintenance of 150<sup>th</sup> Street and Fischer Ave. from Goodwin Ave to Hwy 55. Margaret will send a letter stating that 150<sup>th</sup> Street is maintained solely by Nininger Township. There is a verbal agreement between Nininger township and Rosemount for shared maintenance of Fischer Ave
- i. **Joint Powers Agreement between Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation District and Nininger Township**— This contract is renewed every 3 years and is the same as previous years. Dave moved to renew and sign the contract between Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation District and Nininger Township. The motion was seconded by Karen. All ayes. Motion carried.
- j. **Farm Safety Lunch and Learn Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10am – 2pm**—Information only

**13. Approve and sign bills.**

<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Check Number</b>	<b>Amount</b>
CenterPoint Energy	9593	\$264.81
Dakota Electric	9594	\$51.06
Hiawatha Broadband	9595	\$121.59
Luhman’s Construction	9596	\$8,779.50
Tanner & Hamilton, P.A.	9597	\$3,030.00
Xcel Energy	9598	\$14.96
Margaret Flower	9599	\$212.65
Karen Bremer	9600	\$16.32
David Bauer	9601	\$30.80
The Journal	9602	\$220.61
Mary Dalaska	9592	\$75.66
Mary Dalaska	9603	\$120.00
Margaret Flower	9604	\$325.00
Eileen Jahnke	9605	\$200.00
Janice Marthaler	9606	\$120.00
Nancy Traen	9607	\$120.00
Anita Traynor	9608	\$120.00
David Bauer	9609	\$892.10
Janet Bremer	9610	\$2338.07
Karen Bremer	9611	\$1860.05
Margaret Flower	9612	\$3739.02

Robert Rotty

9613

\$3076.41

**Total**

**\$25728.61**

Karen moved to move to pay bills as presented. The motion was seconded by Dave. All ayes. Motion carried. Five checks numbers 9587-9591 were misprinted. These were initialed by Dave, Karen and Bob to acknowledge the misprint.

14. **Next meetings:** **Dakota County Township Officers Spring Meeting-Saturday, March 22, 2025, 9 am**  
**Planning Commission Meeting**-Monday, April 7, 2025, 8 pm  
**Board of Supervisors Meeting** Tuesday, April 15, 2025, 7 pm
15. **Adjournment** Karen moved to recess meeting and keep the meeting open due to upcoming meetings. The motion was seconded by Dave. All ayes. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret Flower, Clerk  
Nininger Township  
March 26, 2025