



Nininger Town Board
Dakota County, Minnesota
Minutes
January 21, 2020

Members Present: Robert Rotty, Chairman, Karen Bremer, Supervisor, Larry Neuman, Supervisor, Margaret Flower, Deputy Clerk, Janet Bremer, Treasurer

Others Present: Mike Hamilton, Township attorney John Bremer, planning commission chair, Alex Conzemius, Boltern & Menck, Collin Regenscheid, Dakota County Deputy Sheriff, Darwin Fox, Luhman Construction Co.

The meeting was called to order at 6:59 pm by Robert Rotty, chairman on January 21, 2020 at Nininger Town Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Secretary Report:

The minutes from the December 10, 2019 meeting were reviewed.

Larry Neuman made a motion to accept the minutes as written and Karen Bremer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Janet Bremer, Treasurer, presented the treasurer's report to the Board of Supervisors.

Karen Bremer made the motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented and subject to audit.

Larry Neuman seconded the motion.

All ayes, motion passed. Treasurer's report will be filed for audit.

Financial Report: Payroll sheets for 2020 were given to the Supervisors and Deputy Clerk.

Will need to transfer money from the General Fund to the Roads/Bridges and Fire Fund as we do not have enough money in those accounts to cover our obligations.

Bob Rotty made the motion to transfer \$40,000 from General Fund to Roads/bridges Fund to cover snow plowing and other bills. All ayes. Motion passed. We will transfer money to Fire Fund later as bill is not due till June.

Planning Commission:

No building permit application for approval and no other business

Deputy Sheriff Collin Regenscheid was told of a couple of incidents where Terry Crisp was standing in the middle of the road when the snowplow was plowing with blade down. Deputy was asked to speak with resident. The deputy spoke with resident and told him that this was a safety issue and he needed to stop this extremely unsafe practice. If he has a problem with the snowplow driver, he is to contact Robert Rotty, Chairmen or other supervisor to help resolve the problem. He is not to flag down driver and/or stand in front of snowplow. No other problems for the sheriff in the township.

Old Business

- **Darwin Fox**, Luhman Construction came to discuss snow plowing. Plow drivers start plowing when snow stops falling even if it is the middle of the night. They try to address problem areas. With some of the ice storms plowing has been difficult. A salt/sand mixture is spread on most roads. Steep roads have a salt/rock mixture used. The drivers use their best judgement for the appropriate mixture. There have been many positive comments on the plowing this season. The only problem was mentioned above with the Deputy Sheriff.
- **Karen Bremer** has been discussing a dog barking problem on Jacob Ave. Bea Westerberg has continued to attempt to contact dog owner but has not been able to speak with her. She was instructed to contact the sheriff when the dog was barking. The dog barking has been very disruptive to several of the neighbors in the vicinity.
- Wagner family has been told to speak with the planning commission regarding the property split.
- Laura Baldwin will research the purchase of new computer for clerk.

New Business

- The township has been notified of a possible annexation of 39.97 acres of land for development at the corner of General Sieben Drive and Northridge Drive. Approximately 120 units will be developed on property by owners, Walter and Roselia Bauer. A public hearing will be held at Hastings City Hall on Tuesday, February 18, 2020. Mike Hamilton and John Bremer, planning commission will attend.
- **Robert Rotty** has received a map for the census, Government Unit Reference Map. It was reviewed for accuracy of the boundaries. He will complete the necessary information for the map.
- **Alex Conzemius, Bolten&Menk** stated that the 2040 Comprehensive plan had been approved. The township should receive the final copy next week.
We have received a \$10,000 grant from Dakota County to review the township zoning ordinances. The ordinances need meet the requirements of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan. The following is a list of ordinances that possible might need to be reviewed and are of concern:
 1. Clarification of the ordinance of one building site per 40 acres. Cannot transfer across section lines. Areas of concern are transfer of building rites and whether it is first come first serve in purchase of property.
 2. Quantify ordinances into a specific area. Currently they are separate but filed in one area. This does not seem to be a problem.

3. Enforcement of firearms ordinance. Need to review to see if it is appropriate. There are currently no problems with ordinance.
4. Alex was given a list of ordinances that the supervisors felt needed to be reviewed.
5. Driveway placement
6. Solar ordinance
7. Home Occupational permits with people having businesses with Amazon and Ebay
8. Property not being kept up.
9. Dog Ordinance is a Dakota County Ordinance.
10. Dead animals must be removed within 24 hours and this is unreasonable.
11. Mike Hamilton will forward ordinances with amendments to Alex.
12. We will discuss other issues at future meetings.

Areas Alex stated had been problems in some townships but with discussion did not appear to be a problem in Nininger:

1. Adult uses or medical marijuana facilities.
 2. Granny pad-slab on grade or second residence on property
 3. R-V and camper limited time on property
 4. Home occupation permits
- **Mississippi River Coordination Critical Area-MRCCA-DNR-Shoreline Ordinances.**
The township is supposed to adopt this plan. It was felt this was very restrictive and not appropriate for our township. Alex will speak with MRCCA and attempt to be less restrictive. Existing structures will be grandfathered in.
Time Frame: The project should be complete in 6 months. The town board will be kept up to date on the cost of the project and when/if the \$10,000 have been used.
Alex will attend the March 17, 2020 meeting with his recommendations and review other concerns of the supervisors.
 - Bills were reviewed. Karen moved to pay the bills as presented. Seconded by Larry.
All ayes, motion passed. Checks were signed.
Motion to adjourn. Meeting Adjourned at 10:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret Flower, Deputy Clerk

