

Vermillion Township
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 4, 2023

Attendance:

Supervisor Chairman Larry Ring
Supervisor Audrey Felty
Supervisor Jeramy Ladzun
Treasurer Nick Rueger
Clerk Cynthia Ladzun
Attorney Leah Koch

Chairman Ring opened the meeting at 7:00 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The Board reviewed the April 6, 2023 meeting minutes and Felty motioned to accept them as written. Ladzun seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

The Board reviewed the April 22, 2023 Spring Road Tour meeting minutes and Ladzun motioned to accept them as written. Felty seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Treasurer Nick Rueger presented the claims to the Board. Felty motioned to accept the claims as presented. Ladzun seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried. **Treasurer Nick Rueger** provided a verbal summary of the treasurer's report. Ladzun motioned to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Felty seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Road and Bridge Update - Otte noted that they plan on working some of the shoulders after we get some rain. He also noted that he will be sending over a recap from the Spring Road Tour as soon as it's complete.

Deputy Visit - With the construction happening in the area, driving around barricades and the detours has been an issue.

Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) with Dakota County regarding 205th Street East - Koch explained that final edits were made to the JPA regarding the dollar amount that the county will reimburse the township for costs incurred to vacate the road. The reimbursement would happen, so long as the road ends up actually being vacated. In addition, if the vacation of the road is approved by the township, the county would then incur the costs to remove the road itself. Felty motioned to approve the JPA that was presented. Ladzun seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Open Public Hearing - 205th Street East

Todd Howard, Assistant Dakota County Engineer explained that the intersection of CSAH 85 & CSAH 47 will be re-aligned for improved site lines and explained that removing the small section of 205th Street would be a safety improvement. **Clerk Cynthia Ladzun** provided the Board members with the public comments that were made prior to the public hearing. In addition, residents in attendance expressed

their concerns about the removal to the Board. Ladzun further explained that the decision to remove access from 205th Street East to CSAH 47 was made at the county level due to safety concerns, and if the township decided to keep the remaining section, the township would then be responsible to construct a cul-de-sac so a fire truck could turn around. Koch explained that the Board is obligated to conduct an onsite public road hearing at the road itself, and during that hearing the Board would vote on whether to approve or deny the electors petition from the annual meeting.

Close Public Hearing - 205th Street East

Discussion is now open for the Town Board:

Ladzun motioned to order the onsite public hearing on the road vacation for May 25, 2023 at 7:00pm. Felty seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Open Public Hearing - AT & T Antenna

Auggie Ward of Ward Development and also a representative for AT & T Mobility would like to put an AT & T antenna on the current monopole tower located at 19948 Fischer Avenue.

No public comments were made.

Close Public Hearing - AT & T Antenna

Discussion is now open for the Town Board:

Felty inquired if damage to the road or land was made during construction, would they incur the costs. Ward explained that they would be liable for any damage within the leased area. Ladzun inquired about the generator and Ward explained that the generator is what would be powering the antennas if backup power is needed. Ward clarified that the installation of the antenna would happen around May of 2024. Felty motioned to approve the amendment to the current conditional use permit as presented. Ladzun seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Planning Consideration Request:

- Sal Bagley from Wold Architects & Engineers along with Cam Peterson and Jen Seubert from ISD #200 attended the meeting to discuss the installation of signs at the district owned land within the township. The first sign would be a monument sign which would indicate that the land is owned by ISD #200 and is considered a Nature Preserve. The additional sign would be an interpretive sign that would explain the history of the land along with the type of wildlife that could be found there. It was mentioned that a gravel parking lot is also in the plans, however, that is not included in the current planning request. A public hearing will be held at the next regular meeting in June.

Permits:

- Hoffacker attended the meeting to discuss construction of an accessory building on his property. It was noted that Building Inspector, Mark Ceminsky has concerns regarding the lot lines are on this property and has requested that the owner have the lot surveyed. The Board agreed with Mark's recommendations and also discussed the land disturbing activity that would take place during the construction. Due to the drainage easements on this property, the Board would like to research

this with Dakota County Soil and Water before allowing construction of the building,

- Wagner attended the meeting to discuss the possibility of installing ground mounted solar panels. It was explained that the current ordinance does not allow ground mounted solar panels.

Old Business:

- 205th Street Construction - Adam Kimball, Project Supervisor at Mathiowetz Construction attended the meeting to ask if approval would be needed to remove and replace materials within the construction site. The Board does not have concerns at this time.
- Highway 52 PPP - Bryant Ficek, South Area Engineer at MnDot attended the meeting to give an update on the detours and construction that go along with this project. Multiple residents that live near Emery Avenue attended the meeting and discussed their concerns of the increased traffic along Emery Avenue. After discussion, the township requested to have “no thru traffic” signs installed at Emery Avenue. Ficek stated that he would look into moving the detour signs to Goodwin Avenue in lieu of their current location off of Emery Avenue.
- Empire Comprehensive Plan - The Board has no comment on the changes that were made.
- Vermillion River Watershed Management Plan - The Board has no comment at this time.

New Business:

- Schedule of Fees - Koch will work on drafting an ordinance for the township’s Schedule of Fees.
- Fence Ordinance Review - Koch will clean up the previously drafted ordinance to allow fences in the Rural Residential District and have it ready for review at the next meeting.
- Road & Bridge Contract Reminder - The current contract expires on August 11, 2023.

Reorganization of the Township for 2023:

Board Structure is as follows:

Motion by Felty to nominate Ring as Chairman. Seconded by Ladzun. Motion carried.

Motion by Ring to nominate Felty as Vice-Chairman. Seconded by Ladzun. Motion carried.

Motion by Felty to nominate Ladzun as Weed Inspector. Seconded by Ladzun. Motion carried.

Motion by Felty to nominate Ladzun as Fire Representative. Seconded by Ring. Motion carried.

Motion by Ring to nominate Felty as Watershed Representative. Seconded by Ladzun. Motion carried.

Motion by Felty to nominate Bruce Lohmann as Fire Permit Representative. Seconded by Ring. Motion carried.

Motion by Felty to nominate Felty as Fire Permit Representative (Alternate). Seconded by Ring. Motion carried.

Board Compensation is as follows:

Motion by Felty to set Chairperson compensation at \$125.00 per meeting and \$15.00 per hour for work outside. Seconded by Ladzun. Motion carried.

Motion by Felty to set Supervisor compensation at \$100.00 per meeting and \$15.00 per hour for work outside. Seconded by Ladzun. Motion carried.

Motion by Felty to set Treasurer compensation at \$100.00 per meeting and \$15.00 per hour for work outside. Seconded by Ladzun. Motion carried.

Motion by Felty to set Deputy-Treasurer compensation at \$100.00 per meeting and \$15.00 per hour for work outside. Seconded by Ladzun. Motion carried.

Motion by Felty to set Clerk compensation at \$150.00 per meeting and \$35.00 per hour for work outside. Seconded by Ring. Motion carried.

Motion by Felty to set Deputy-Clerk compensation at \$100.00 per meeting and \$25.00 per hour for work outside. Seconded by Ring. Motion carried.

Motion by Felty to set Head Election Judge compensation at \$35.00 per hour. Seconded by Ladzun. Motion carried.

Motion by Felty to set Election Judges compensation at \$20.00 per hour. Seconded by Ladzun. Motion carried.

Motion by Felty to set Moderator compensation at \$20.00 per hour. Seconded by Ladzun. Motion carried.

Motion by Felty to set Fire Warden compensation at \$10.00 per permit. Seconded by Ladzun. Motion carried.

Motion by Felty to set the Gopher Bounty at \$3.00 per front feet. Seconded by Ladzun. Motion carried.

Other Business:

Resident, Mark Deters would like a “no jumping” sign to be placed off the bridge on 170th. The Board will have it added to the next month’s agenda.

Resident, Ryan McNamara inquired about the abundance of development happening west of Highway 52. It was noted that the township has applied for a grant through the Community Development Agency to develop a subdivision ordinance.

Adjourn:

Felty motioned to adjourn at 10:11 pm. Ring seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Cynthia Ladzun
Vermillion Township Clerk

VERMILLION TOWNSHIP RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

TREASURERS REPORT

5/4/2023

VERMILLION BANK ACCOUNT R&B NOW ACCOUNTS (PUBLIC)

PREVIOUS BALANCE ON

4/30/2023

\$ 335,871.25

RECEIPTS (INCOME)

DEPOSIT DATE	NAME	DESCRIPTION/TYPE	CHECK #	CK. DATE	
4/7/2023	DAKOTA COUNTY	CONSERVATION 2022	EFT 60004220	4/6/2023	\$ 4,190.41
4/7/2023	U S TREASURY	RESTITUTION/STOFFEL	4039-46004267	3/30/2023	\$ 704.40
4/12/2023	DAKOTA COUNTY	GRAVEL TAX	60,004,438	4/11/2023	\$ 5,241.18
4/28/2023	ISD 200	ESCROW/PUBLIC HEARING	1191	4/24/2023	\$ 2,000.00
4/28/2023	BEAVER CREEK	PERMITS- TANEM, GIRGEN, KELLY, WETZEL, SMITH			\$ 5,994.88
	INTEREST PAID 30 DAYS				\$ 724.14

DISBURSEMENTS (EXPENSES)

DATE	CHECK NUMBER	NAME	DESCRIPTION/TYPE	
4/13/2023	2149	BEAVER CREEK CO.	PERMITS	(\$3,455.16)
4/13/2023	2150	CAMPBELL KNUITSON	VT GENERAL LAW	(\$2,095.50)
4/21/2023	2151	CENTER POINT ENERGY	VT UTILITY	(\$22,141)
4/27/2023	2152	DAKOTA COUNTY	2023 ELECTION EQUIP. MAINT.	(\$185,661)
4/27/2023	2153	DAKOTA COUNTY	1.88 TON SALT	(\$160,431)
4/12/2023	2154	ECM PUBLISHING	ADS	(\$247,051)
4/19/2023	2155	THE JOURNAL	ADS	(\$67,581)
4/11/2023	2156	LEWIS KISCH	CORRECT W2 & AMEND 941	(\$75,001)
4/17/2023	2157	NORTHWEST CONSULT.	MARCH TECH. ASSISTANCE	(\$323,401)
4/13/2023	2158 & 2159	OTTE EXCAVATING	VT ROAD MAINT. FOR MARCH	(\$30,478,431)
4/12/2023	2168	PERA	EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT	(\$1,044,741)
4/18/2023	2160	PEINE PLUMBING & HEAT	SERVICE ON TOWN HALL FURNACE	(\$841,531)
4/12/2023	2161	PINE BEND PAVING	VARIOUS SIZE AG PRODUCTS	(\$43,730,641)
4/13/2023	2162	VERIZON WIRELESS	VT CELL	(\$49,951)
4/12/2023	2163	XCEL ENERGY	VT UTILITY	(\$13,661)
4/25/2023	2141	CYNTHIA LADZUN	PAYROLL	(\$7,646,541)
4/25/2023	2164	CYNTHIA LADZUN	MILEAGE & REIMBURSEMENTS	(\$2,328,511)
4/25/2023	2142	JERAMY LADZUN	PAYROLL	(\$93,551)
4/25/2023	2165	JERAMY LADZUN	MILEAGE & REIMBURSEMENTS	(\$20,961)
4/28/2023	2143	BRUCE LOHMANN	PAYROLL	(\$935,501)
4/10/2023	2146	NICK RUEGER	PAYROLL	(\$1,097,801)
4/28/2023	2140	CHRISTINA HAAN	PAYROLL ELECTION JUDGE	(\$735,001)
4/28/2023	2170	CHRISTINA HAAN	MILEAGE & REIMBURSEMENTS	(\$17,031)
4/18/2023	2139	JASON ANDERSON	PAYROLL ELECTION JUDGE	(\$115,001)
4/12/2023	2145	JOAN MOES	PAYROLL ELECTION JUDGE	(\$215,001)
4/12/2023	2171	JOAN MOES	MILEAGE & REIMBURSEMENTS	(\$27,511)

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2144	DEBRA MARTHALER	PAYROLL ELECTION JUDGE		(\$110.00)
2173	DEBRA MARTHALER	MILEAGE & REIMBURSEMENTS		(\$7.86)
2148	JEAN WHIPKEY	PAYROLL ELECTION JUDGE		(\$110.00)
2174	JEAN WHIPKEY	MILEAGE & REIMBURSEMENTS		(\$6.16)
		ENDING BALANCE		\$ 258,221.11

CHECKS NOT CASHED

NAME	INVOICE DATE	ACCT. NUMBER	ITEM	CK. NUMBER	
BRUCE LOHMANN			MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	2167	\$30.13
JASON ANDERSON			MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	2169	\$0.66
MARGARET SEIBENALER			MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	2172	3.93
MARGARET SEIBENALER			PAYROLL	2147	\$ 110.00

VERMILLION BANK ACCOUNT GOPHER NOW ACCOUNTS (PUBLIC)

PREVIOUS BALANCE			NUMBER OF DAYS 30		\$ 133,625.41
INCOME			ENDING BALANCE		\$ 335.53
					\$ 133,960.94
VERMILLION BANK ACCOUNT GENERAL MONEY MARKET INVESTMENT					
PREVIOUS BALANCE			NUMBER OF DAYS 30		\$ 85,034.27
INCOME			ENDING BALANCE		\$ 213.52
					\$ 85,247.79

CLAIMS (BILLS TO PAY)

NAME	INVOICE DATE	ACCT. NUMBER	ITEM		
BEAVER CREEK	4/28/2023	VT-23-103	PERMITS-TANDEM, GIRGEN, KELLY, WETZEL, SMITH		(\$4,925.33)
CAMPBELL KNUTSON	3/31/2023	3525G	VT GENERAL LEGAL WORK		(\$3,168.00)
CENTER POINT ENERGY	4/24/2023	11815484-8	VT UTILITY		(\$25.15)
DAKOTA COUNTY	4/21/2023	I/N TNT2023-39	TRUTH IN TAXATION		(\$236.42)
ECM PUBLISHING	4/14 & 4/21/2023	494825	ADS		(\$105.23)
THE JOURNAL	4/26/2023	54872	ADS		(\$166.78)
OTTE EXCAVATING	4/28/2023		VT ROAD MAINT. APRIL		(\$8,074.74)
RING, LARRY	4/27/2023		MILEAGE/REIMBURSEMENT		(\$256.77)
USW 662 UNION HALL	4/28/2023		ANNUAL FEE FOR VT MEETINGS		(\$1,090.00)
PERA	5/4/2023		1ST QUARTER CONTRIB. L.RING		(\$120.50)
GREG LOFOQUIST	5/4/2023		REFUND FOR OVERPAY ON SHED		(\$15.00)
VERIZON WIRELESS	4/3/2023	980631378-00001	VT CELL PHONE		(\$49.92)
XCEL ENERGY	4/21/2023	51-4765961-6	VT UTILITY		(\$13.80)
			TOTAL		(\$18,157.64)
CONTRACTOR	AMOUNT				
2023	OTTE				
2023	BEAVER CREEK CO				
2023	PINE BEND PAVING				

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