

Vermillion Township
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 1, 2024

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 January 4, 2024 meeting minutes and Felty motioned to accept them as written. Ladzun seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Treasurer Nick Rueger presented the claims to the Board. Ladzun motioned to accept the claims as presented. Felty seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried. **Treasurer Nick Rueger** presented the disbursement and receipt registers from CTAS and provided a verbal summary of the treasurer's report. He also notified the Board that \$408,256.69 was renewed into another 6-month CD. Felty mentioned that the receipt register this month shows that a restitution payment was received. 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 – There was nothing to report this month in the absence of Otte Excavating.

Deputy Visit - Speed continues to be an issue, but accidents have gone down.

Open Public Hearing - Hogan Avenue

John Anderson of Eternity Homes attended the public hearing on behalf of the property owner that would like to build a home within the conservation district, and he explained where the home would be located on the property as well as the septic and an outbuilding location. **Clerk Cynthia Ladzun** provided the Board members with the public comments that were made prior to the public hearing. Resident Sarah Kuhns inquired on when the property gained the buildable status and Koch stated that a legal settlement was made in 2018 to allow a buildable on this parcel. Resident Jason Anderson inquired if the current owner knew that the property was in a conservation district before they purchased it. Koch explained that the knowledge of who knew what and when is unavailable, but as the town code states today, a single-family home can be built within the conservation district upon the approval of a conditional use permit. Ring explained that a driveway was installed on the property and a larger culvert should be placed under the driveway to prevent any further erosion problems.

Close Public Hearing - Hogan Avenue

Discussion is now open for the Town Board:

Felty motioned to adopt Resolution No. 24-02 approving a conditional use permit for a single-family home to be built within the conservation district. Ladzun seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Permits:

- Tricia Bayer from Belle Kitchen attended the meeting on behalf of the property owner to inquire about a buildout on an existing shed located on a property off Donnelly. Koch explained that a CUP exists for this property, and it states that commercial activities aside from the storage of equipment are prohibited. Bayer explained that the building would be used as an additional conference space for Vermillion Bank as they are short on space. It was noted that the owner would like to clean up the property, which includes making improvements to other buildings on the property as well. The property is currently located in an agricultural district but could possibly be re-zoned to general business to allow the proposed use. Clarification on this topic would need to be made by the town planner. The attorney will discuss this with the planner and will present the findings at the next meeting.

Old Business:

- 19731 Coates Blvd - Resident Craig Ohern attended the meeting to discuss the progress happening at his property. He stated that he got shed one all nailed down, tin removed from another shed, trucks unloaded, and a car and a half hauled away.
- ISD 200 Hastings Nature Preserve - **Clerk Cynthia Ladzun** explained the Type & Boundary Application process to the Board as per a phone conversation she had with David Holmen of Dakota County Soil & Water.

New Business:

- Department of Agricultural - Ring explained that a letter was sent out to local farmers asking that they report the amount of nitrogen they are using on an annual basis.
- Board of Canvass - Ladzun motioned to hold the Board of Canvass on Wednesday, March 13, 2024 at 6:00 pm at the Vermillion Township Hall. Felty seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.
- CenterPoint Energy / Minnesota Public Utilities Commission – A letter was sent out to municipalities stating that rates increases are going to happen.
- Interim Ordinance for Mining - The Board discussed this topic in detail and Koch presented Ordinance No. 24-001 that would put an interim ordinance regarding a moratorium on the establishment of new and expanded mining operations in the township. Felty motioned to adopt Ordinance No. 24-001. Ladzun seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Other Business:

Board of Audit Reminder: February 15, 2024 at USW 662 Union Hall at 6:00 pm

Election and Annual Meeting: March 12, 2024 at USW 662 Union Hall

Election will be held from 10:00 am - 8:00 pm and the Annual Meeting will be held at 8:45 pm

The Treasurer's Report will be discussed at Annual Meeting

Ladzun brought up the possibility of the township eventually having their own space and not having to use USW 662 Union's Hall anymore. The Board would like this to be added to the Annual Meeting Agenda.

Adjourn:

Felty motioned to adjourn at 8:50 pm. Ladzun seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Cynthia Ladzun
Vermillion Township Clerk

Vermillion Township Treasurer Report:

1/1/2024 thru 1/31/2024

Checking

Beginning Balance	\$254,676.79
Interest	\$776.36
Receipts	\$13,214.81
Disbursements	(\$13,994.53)
Ending Balance	\$254,673.43

ARPA/Gopher

Beginning Balance	\$137,036.17
Interest	\$423.65
Ending Balance	\$137,459.82

Money Market

Beginning Balance	\$87,204.75
Interest	\$269.60
Ending Balance	\$87,474.35

CD - 6 Month

Beginning Balance	\$408,256.69
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Additional information can be provided, as necessary.