

# Vermillion Township Regular Meeting Minutes February 2, 2023

## Attendance:

Supervisor Chairman Larry Ring  
Supervisor Bruce Lohmann  
Supervisor Audrey Felty  
Clerk Cindy Ladzun  
Treasurer Nick Rueger  
Attorney Jack Brooksbank

Chairman Ring opened the meeting at 6:59 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The supervisors reviewed the January 5, 2023 meeting minutes and Felty motioned to accept them as written. Ring seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Rueger presented the claims to the Board. Felty motioned to accept the claims as presented. Ring seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried. Rueger provided a verbal summary of the treasurer's report. He also noted that \$390,000.00 was put into a six-month CD at 3.48% and the interest earned all other township accounts went up to 3.08%. Felty motioned to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Ring seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Deputy Visit – It was mentioned that a fire in an outbuilding had occurred recently off of Emery Avenue. Also mentioned was the concern of an individual with a pickup truck that had been seen on two separate residential property cameras. And finally, even though it occurred just north and outside of the township; quite a few landscaping trucks that had been reported as stolen have since been recovered.

Road and Bridge Update - Ring provided the update this month in absence of Otte Excavating. He mentioned that crushed rock and fines were put in all intersections and on the steep hills. It was also mentioned that a few of the larger snow drifts were pushed back. Postcards notifying residents of the MN State Statute regarding depositing of snow on township roads will be mailed within the next few weeks.

## Old Business:

- 205<sup>th</sup> Street Discussion - Jenna Fabish, Dakota County Design Engineer and Mike Slavik, Dakota County Commissioner for District 1 attended the meeting to further discuss the potential removal of 205<sup>th</sup> Street between County Road 47 & Goodwin Avenue. Slavik explained, regardless of what the township would like to do with this section of road, the county will remove access from 205<sup>th</sup> Street to County Road 47. This decision was made at the county level due to unsafe road conditions. He further explained that it's now at the point whether the township would like to have the county create a turn-a-round at the east end of 205<sup>th</sup> Street or have the county create a 100-foot access to allow the two property owners to access their land or vacate the road completely. Fabish suggested the possibility of discussing the vacation of this stretch of road at

the township Annual Meeting in March. Brooksbank will look into the possibility of this and notify the clerk of his findings.

#### New Business:

- Resolution No. 23-01 approving the application for the Fiscal Year 2023 Dakota County Community Development Block Grant was presented to the Board for approval. Lohmann motioned to adopt the resolution as presented. Felty seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.
- A list of election judges for 2023 was presented to the Board for approval. Lohmann motioned to accept the list of election judges for 2023 as presented. Felty seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.
- A letter of support for Dakota County to include with their application for the 2023 RAISE Planning Grant was presented to the Board for approval. Felty motioned to send the letter of support to Dakota County. Lohmann seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

#### Other Business:

- Resident, James Sathra has concerns with the 2021 Vermillion Township Financial Recap. Rueger explained that check and balances are now in place that had not been previously and a more detailed Financial Recap will be presented at this year's Annual Meeting. Felty reminded Sathra that an audit was just completed and the township passed with flying colors. She also mentioned that the meeting minutes and treasurer's report from previous months would not be available to the residents prior to approval by the Board. Sathra also expressed concerns of how the road and bridge money is being spent. Ring explained that each year an eight mile stretch of road will have fresh gravel placed on it. This will be completed in a five-year rotation or four-year if the road is considered to be a high traffic road. This rotation schedule is only in its second year and will continue as long as the budget allows. He further explained that with two big snowfall years, costs for snow removal have been substantially larger than in previous years and the cost for dust control has seen significant price increases over the past few years. Ring also mentioned that one bridge within the township was repaired last year and another bridge is scheduled for repair this year. And finally, Doffing Avenue is on the docket for some type of repair in the very near future.
- Dakota County Sheriff Meeting – The Clerk will RSVP that Ring and Felty plan to attend this meeting.
- Hastings Rural Fire Association – Lohmann mentioned that the contract should be negotiated within the next week.

#### Adjourn

Felty motioned to adjourn at 8:53 pm. Lohmann seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Cynthia Ladzun  
Vermillion Township Clerk

VERMILLION TOWNSHIP RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

TREASURERS REPORT

2/2/2023

VERMILLION BANK ACCOUNT R&B NOW ACCOUNTS (PUBLIC)

PREVIOUS BALANCE ON

1/31/2023

\$ 763,517.31

RECEIPTS (INCOME)

DEPOSIT DATE	NAME	DESCRIPTION/TYPE	CHECK #	CK. DATE	
1/3/2023	BEAVER CREEK	S. WAGNER PERMIT	33753	11/28/2022	\$ 86.00
1/7/2023	NICK RUEGER	FILING FEE			\$ 2.00
1/23/2023	JERAMY LADZUN	FILING FEE			\$ 2.00
1/25/2023	U S TREASURY	STOFFEL RESTITUTION	4039-43746607	1/19/2023	\$ 704.40
1/25/2023	DAKOTA COUNTY	TAX MONEY	EFT 60001423	1/24/2023	\$ 14,350.12
		INTEREST PAID 31 DAYS			\$ 1,177.45

DISBURSEMENTS (EXPENSES)

DATE	CHECK NUMBER	NAME	DESCRIPTION/TYPE	
1/9/2023	TRANSFER	VERMILLION TOWNSHIP	PURCHASE CD 6 month @ 3.48%	(\$390,000.00)
1/24/2023	2076	MARGARET SIEBENALER	ELECTION JUDGE	(\$308.75)
1/12/2023	2091	BEAVER CREEK	permits- kilthbauch, wagner	(\$135.00)
1/24/2023	2092	CAMPBELL KNUTSON	VT GENERAL LAW	(\$1,419.00)
1/19/2023	2093	CENTER POINT ENERGY	PT UTILITY	(\$39.90)
1/11/2023	2096	ECM PUBLISHERS	ADS	(\$155.55)
1/12/2023	2097	THE JOURNAL	ADS	(\$60.14)
1/11/2023	2098	LADZUN, CYNTHIA	PAYROLL	(\$5,587.27)
1/11/2023	2099	LADZUN, CYNTHIA	MILEAGE & REIMBURSEMENTS	(\$227.57)
1/19/2023	2100	NORTHWEST ASSOC. CONSUL.	NOVEMBER TECH ASSISTANCE	(\$73.50)
1/11/2023	2101	OTTE EXCAVATING	ROAD MAINT. NOV-DEC	(\$21,436.00)
1/11/2023	2102	PERA	EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT	(\$798.84)
1/18/2023	2103	PINE BEND PAVING	3/8" CLEAR LIMESTONE	(\$174.76)
1/10/2023	2104	RING, LARRY	PAYROLL	(\$919.12)
1/10/2023	2105	RING, LARRY	MILEAGE & REIMBURSEMENTS	(\$167.51)
1/9/2023	2106	RUEGER, NICK	PAYROLL	(\$966.37)
1/9/2023	2107	RUEGER, NICK	MILEAGE & REIMBURSEMENTS	(\$337.96)
1/17/2023	2108	VERIZON WIRELESS	VT CELL	(\$49.97)
1/11/2023	2109	XCEL ENERGY	VT UTILITY	(\$16.21)
			ENDING BALANCE	\$ 356,965.86

CHECKS NOT CASHED

NAME	INVOICE DATE	ACCT. NUMBER	ITEM	
DAKOTA CTY FINANCE	12/7/2022	8964	2022 ELECTIONS EQUIP/BALLOTS	(\$292.24)
DAKOTA COUNTY TOWNSHIP OFFICERS ASSOCIATION	12/6/2022		JPA PUMP MAINT. INVOICE	(\$1,368.00)

VERMILLION BANK ACCOUNT GOPHER NOW ACCOUNTS (PUBLIC)

PREVIOUS BALANCE	INCOME	INTEREST PAID	NUMBER OF DAYS 31 DAYS	ENDING BALANCE
				\$ 132,628.76
				\$ 342.43
				\$ 132,971.19



VERMILLION BANK ACCOUNT GENERAL MONEY MARKET INVESTMENT				
PREVIOUS BALANCE				\$ 84,400.03
INCOME		INTEREST PAID		\$ 217.92
			NUMBER OF DAYS 31 DAYS	\$ 84,617.95
			ENDING BALANCE	

CLAIMS (BILLS TO PAY)							
YEAR	CONTRACTOR	AMOUNT	ACCT. NUMBER	ITEM			
2023	CAMPBELL KNUITSON	12/31/2022	35256	VT GENERAL BUSINESS			(\$1,221.00)
2023	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	1/25/2023	11815484-8	VT UTILITY			(\$18.00)
2023	DARREL GILMER	1/12/2023		MPCA ANNUAL REPORT			(\$200.00)
2023	HIGHLAND SANITATION	1/17/2023	13611	9 TIRES			(\$270.00)
2023	IRS	1/27/2023		TAXES OWED			(\$1,512.54)
2023	LEWIS, KISCH	1/20/2023	26284	PREPARE W2 AND FORM 944			(\$500.00)
2023	MN ASSOC. OF TOWNSHIPS	1/9/2023	111093, 111224, 111227	TREASURER TRAINING, CLERK CAPITOL			(\$210.00)
2023	NW ASSOC. CONSULTANTS	1/9/2023	26151	DEC. TECH ASSISTANCE			(\$308.70)
2023	OTTE EXCAVATING	1/26/2023		TOWNSHIP ROAD MAINT.			(\$25,926.00)
2023	PINE BEND PAVING	1/27/2023	22-3503,23-1004,23-1024,23-	3/8" CLEAR & 3/4" MINUS LIMESTONE			(\$1,029.98)
2023	VERIZON WIRELESS	1/3/2023	1046, 23-1085	VT CELL			(\$49.95)
2023	XCEL ENERGY	1/23/2023	980631378	TOWNSHIP UTILITY			(\$17.96)
2023			51-4765961-6	TOTAL			(\$31,264.13)
2022-2023							

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DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	BALANCE
12/31/2022	VERMILLION BANK ACCOUNT GENERAL MONEY MARKET INVESTMENT		\$ 84,400.03
1/25/2023	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	(\$18.00)	\$ 84,382.03
1/12/2023	DARREL GILMER	(\$200.00)	\$ 84,182.03
1/17/2023	HIGHLAND SANITATION	(\$270.00)	\$ 83,912.03
1/27/2023	IRS	(\$1,512.54)	\$ 82,399.49
1/20/2023	LEWIS, KISCH	(\$500.00)	\$ 81,899.49
1/9/2023	MN ASSOC. OF TOWNSHIPS	(\$210.00)	\$ 81,689.49
1/9/2023	NW ASSOC. CONSULTANTS	(\$308.70)	\$ 81,380.79
1/26/2023	OTTE EXCAVATING	(\$25,926.00)	\$ 55,454.79
1/27/2023	PINE BEND PAVING	(\$1,029.98)	\$ 54,424.81
1/3/2023	VERIZON WIRELESS	(\$49.95)	\$ 54,374.86
1/23/2023	XCEL ENERGY	(\$17.96)	\$ 54,356.90
	TOTAL	(\$31,264.13)	\$ 23,092.77