

Vermillion Township  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
November 2, 2023

Attendance:

Supervisor Chairman Larry Ring  
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 October 5, 2023 meeting minutes and Ladzun motioned to accept them as written. Ring 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. Ring 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. Ladzun motioned to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Ring seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Road and Bridge Update - Otte noted that road repairs were done around 210<sup>th</sup> and Fischer and he plans to complete some tree work and fix a few potholes before winter sets in. He also noted that he has been working with Ladzun to wrap up some road sign issues.

Permits:

Richard Jacoby from Pine Bend Paving attended the meeting to discuss his planning consideration request to extend the existing shed on his residential property. Koch explained that when that existing shed was built, the Board at that time approved a Conditional Use Permit to allow the shed to be built to a certain size. To expand the shed it would need to go through the process of amending the CUP which would involve a public hearing. Jacoby will reach out to the building inspector to check on the setback requirements, as well as the alternate septic and well sites against the proposed shed extension prior to the Board scheduling the public hearing.

Old Business:

- The contract with WSB, LLC for engineering and planning services was presented to the Board for approval. Ladzun motioned to accept the agreement as presented. Ring seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.
- The contract for IT Support with RWC Tech Solutions was presented to the Board for approval. Ladzun motioned to accept the three-year contract as presented. Ring seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.
- 205<sup>th</sup> Street - The construction at CR 85/CR 47 has been completed, which includes the removal of a small section of 205<sup>th</sup> Street. Koch will prepare and present a road vacation order at the next meeting.

### New Business:

- Travis Thiel, Administrator for the Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization attended the meeting to remind the Board that the Watershed Plan is required to be updated every ten years and they are in the beginning stages of receiving input. More information about the Vermillion River Watershed is available on their website at: [www.vermillionriverwatershed.org](http://www.vermillionriverwatershed.org).
- Matt Belanger, Groundwater Protection Specialist with the Dakota County Groundwater Protection Unit attended the meeting to discuss two topics; the first being a program that offers free water sampling for common contaminants. This program is offered every five years for private well owners of the township and a detailed presentation of the 2021 water sampling results was given. The second topic was the Agricultural Chemical Reduction Effort, which is a plan to reduce groundwater contamination of nitrate, pesticides, chloride and herbicides in the rural areas. He mentioned that there may be technical and financial assistance to increase the adoption of practices made with the ACRE Plan. More information regarding both topics can be found at [www.co.dakota.mn.us](http://www.co.dakota.mn.us)
- Building & Septic Inspector Contract - Septic Inspector, Darrel Gilmer is retiring and has recommended that our current Building Inspector, Mark Ceminsky take over as Septic Inspector. Per the Board's request, Koch will combine the building and septic contracts together and will present the new contract at the next meeting.
- Tracking for Sign and Road Maintenance - Ladzun noted that the township has a sign policy, and he would like to look into a mapping system that would line up with that policy. The tracking of road maintenance, which includes gravel purchased and spread on the roads each year is also an area of concern. Otte mentioned that his office staff is currently working to create a spreadsheet and will share that information when it becomes available.
- Hastings Rural Fire Association - Ladzun met with other members of the HRFA last month to discuss where additional money that was requested of the townships this spring was spent. Ladzun gave a recap of what was discussed during that meeting.
- Dakota County Transportation - **Clerk Cynthia Ladzun** will notify the county that the mileage for the township roads will stay the same at 39 miles.
- Minnesota Association of Townships will hold their Education Conference and Annual Meeting in St. Cloud on December 7-9, 2023.

### Other Business:

Resident, Debra Donahoe inquired if the township could place the meeting minutes on a Facebook page called: Vermillion Township Neighborhood Watch. The Board believes the posting of the minutes on the town's website [www.vermilliontownshipmn.com](http://www.vermilliontownshipmn.com) is sufficient for now.

**Treasurer, Nick Rueger** inquired about a township credit card. Ring suggested seeing what the surrounding townships do and Koch stated that a credit card policy would need to be in place.

### Adjourn:

Ladzun motioned to adjourn at 8:40 pm. Ring seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Cynthia Ladzun  
Vermillion Township Clerk

**Vermillion Township Treasurer Report:**

**10/1/2023 thru 10/31/2023**

**Checking**

Beginning Balance	\$164,494.47
Interest	\$451.79
Receipts	\$7,414.49
Disbursements	(\$42,617.28)
Ending Balance	\$129,743.47

**ARPA/Gopher**

Beginning Balance	\$135,786.55
Interest	\$419.78
Ending Balance	\$136,206.33

**Money Market**

Beginning Balance	\$86,409.54
Interest	\$267.13
Ending Balance	\$86,676.67

**CD - 6 Month**

Beginning Balance	\$398,219.38
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Additional information can be provided, as necessary.