

Vermillion Township
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 3, 2025

Attendance:

Supervisor Chairman Jeramy Ladzun
Supervisor Jason Anderson
Supervisor Lyle Fritz
Treasurer Janine McNamara
Deputy Treasurer Nick Rueger
Clerk Cynthia Ladzun
Attorney James J. Mongé III

New Board members: Lyle Fritz, Janine McNamara and Nick Rueger took their Oath of Office prior to the meeting.

Chairman Ladzun opened the meeting at 7:00 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Board reviewed the March 6, 2025 meeting minutes and Anderson motioned to accept them as written. Ladzun seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

The Board reviewed the March 20, 2025 Board of Canvass meeting minutes and Anderson motioned to accept them as written. Ladzun seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

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

Road and Bridge Update - Otte noted that the non-detour/detour route surrounding the roundabout that was constructed last year will need to be graveled and re-graded again this spring. He also noted that spot blading will be completed on all township roads over the next week or two. Ladzun mentioned that the Hogan Avenue bridge needs repairs to the deck and guardrails and the county said they would assist the township with the deck repair. Ladzun also mentioned that 165th Street East will receive a lift of gravel this year.

Deputy Visit - Mail theft as well as theft of personal property within storage units remains an issue in the rural areas of the county. It was noted that speed trailers will be strategically placed around the county in the next couple weeks. Road restrictions are in place and if the township has any issues, the county's commercial vehicle inspector is available for assistance. It was also noted that a brand-new mental health unit has recently opened right next to the jail. On a side note, Ladzun inquired if the sheriff's department was looking for residents with personal cameras on their property to be added to some type of availability list for the sheriff's office. The deputy will look into this and follow up.

Reorganization of the Township for 2025:

Monthly Meeting & Official Newspapers are as follows:

Motion by Ladzun to have the monthly meetings held at the USW 662 Union Hall on the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm. Seconded by Anderson. Motion carried.

Motion by Anderson to use Dakota County Tribune and Hastings Journal as the official newspapers for public notices as well as the Town Hall and Website. Seconded by Ladzun. Motion carried.

Board Structure is as follows:

Motion by Anderson to nominate Ladzun as Chairman. Seconded by Fritz. Motion carried.

Motion by Ladzun to nominate Anderson as Vice-Chairman. Seconded by Fritz. Motion carried.

Motion by Anderson to nominate Ladzun as Road & Bridge Representative. Seconded by Fritz. Motion carried.

Motion by Ladzun to nominate Fritz as Weed Inspector. Seconded by Anderson. Motion carried.

Motion by Anderson to nominate Fritz as Fire Representative. Seconded by Ladzun. Motion carried.

Motion by Ladzun to nominate Anderson as Watershed Representative. Seconded by Fritz. Motion carried.

Motion by Anderson to nominate Bruce Lohmann as Fire Permit Representative. Seconded by Ladzun. Motion carried.

Motion by Ladzun to nominate Anderson as Fire Permit Representative (Alternate). Seconded by Fritz. Motion carried.

Board Compensation is as follows:

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

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

Motion by Ladzun to set Treasurer compensation at \$115.00 per meeting and \$20.00 per hour for work outside. Seconded by Anderson. Motion carried.

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

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

Motion by Anderson to set Deputy-Clerk compensation at \$150.00 per meeting and \$35.00 per hour for work outside. Seconded by Ladzun. Motion carried.

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

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

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

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

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

The board discussed the regularly scheduled July monthly meeting due to the 4th of July holiday landing on the following day. Ladzun motioned to have the date of this meeting changed to July 10th at 7:00 pm at the USW 662 Union Hall. If the Union Hall is unavailable, the Town Hall would serve as the alternate location for the July 10th meeting. Anderson seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Permits:

Xcel Energy - ROW application for work associated with the installation of the second circuit was presented to the Board for approval. Anderson motioned to approve it as presented. Ladzun seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

New Business:

- James Mongé explained that the State of Minnesota's Office of Cannabis Management issues state licenses to retail business to sell cannabis products. In addition, a retail business would also need to go through a local registration process. This registration can be processed by the township, or it can be delegated to the county. After further discussion, the Board would like Mongé to draft a resolution to delegate the responsibilities of the retail registration to the county.
- Community Development Agency (CDA) - **Clerk Cynthia Ladzun** explained that every three years HUD requires urban counties to requalify their participation status for various programs and grants that may be available and are administered by the CDA for the county. The Board would like to continue to be a participant in the CDA's programs, so no further action is needed at this time.
- Dakota County Physical Development Division - The quarterly memorandum mentions that the Goodwin Avenue bridge repairs are expected to start sometime this summer.
- Dakota County Elections - **Clerk Cynthia Ladzun** explained the election office is notifying townships of a legislative change that now allows townships in the metropolitan area to opt into a 'balloting by mail only' election process. The Board prefers the idea of in-person voting but would like this topic to be brought to the township residents at the next Annual Meeting for further discussion.
- Ag Preserve Re-Enrollment Applications - Anderson motioned to accept both re-enrollment applications for Rooney. Ladzun seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.
- Dakota County Emergency Management Training Series - The training series will be broken out into four separate sessions and the clerk plans to attend these sessions on behalf of the township.
- Concerned Resident Letter - The township was copied on a letter that was sent directly to Mike Slavik at the Dakota County Commissioner's Office. The concern was accidents at the Goodwin & 190th intersection. Ladzun will reach out to Mike Slavik and find out more information on what the Dakota County Commissioners discussed regarding this.
- USW 662 Union Hall Consumption & Display Application - Anderson motioned to approve the renewal application. Ladzun seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.
- The Spring Road Tour Meeting will take place on April 26, 2025 at 7:00 am.

Other Business:

Landowner, Matt Bester inquired if he has a buildable on the property he purchased and if he could update the driveway off a township road. Ladzun explained there is no driveway permit application at this time. The clerk will work directly with the landowner regarding the buildable question.

Pine Bend Representative, Richie Jacoby inquired what the next steps are for the first phase of the expansion of the gravel pit to the north. The clerk will provide the permit application to Jacoby.

Anderson noted that he has received complaints against the building inspector from residents. It was suggested that he address the complaints directly with the building inspector.

Clerk Cynthia Ladzun wanted to officially thank Larry Ring for all he has done for the township and did this by reading a prepared letter that mentioned his years of service, his wealth of knowledge and his various titles. His calm demeanor though, was the distinguishing trait that led the township through a very stressful period, and we are very grateful to him for that.

Adjourn:

Anderson motioned to adjourn at 8:25 pm. Ladzun seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Cynthia Ladzun
Vermillion Township Clerk

Vermillion Township Treasurer Report:

3/1/2025 thru 3/31/2025

Checking

Beginning Balance	\$101,939.62
Interest	\$357.78
Receipts	\$44,546.21
Disbursements	(\$7,629.01)
Ending Balance	\$139,214.60

ARPA/Gopher

Beginning Balance	\$142,705.52
Interest	\$392.69
Ending Balance	\$143,098.21

Money Market

Beginning Balance	\$90,739.99
Interest	\$249.70
Ending Balance	\$90,989.69

CD - 6 Month

Beginning Balance	\$427,722.87
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Additional information can be provided, as necessary.

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Receipts Register

4/1/2025

Fund Name: All Funds

Date Range: 03/01/2025 To 03/31/2025

Date	Remitter	Receipt #	Description	Deposit ID	Void	Account Name	F-A-P	Total
03/03/2025	BEAVERCREEK	167331	PERMITS-LINDAHL, BEISSEL, MATTICK	(03/03/2025) -	N	BUILDING PERMIT WITH SURCHARGE	100-34130-	\$ 1,674.35
								<u>\$ 1,674.35</u>
03/03/2025	DAKOTA COUNTY	167332	2024 TOWN ROAD ALLOTMENT	(03/03/2025) -	N	Municipal State Aid for Streets - Maintenance (Gas Tax, Road Allotment)	100-33418-	\$ 33,200.36
								<u>\$ 33,200.36</u>
03/03/2025	MCNAMARA	167333	ORDINANCE BOOK	(03/03/2025) -	N	Sale of Maps and Publications	100-34105-	\$ 30.00
								<u>\$ 30.00</u>
03/14/2025	PINE BEND PAVING	167334	PLANNING CONSIDERATION EXISTING SHED ADDITION	(03/14/2025) -	N	Plan Checking Fees	100-34104-	\$ 1,088.50
								<u>\$ 1,088.50</u>
03/26/2025	ISD 200, NSP	167335	ISD 200 PUBLIC HEARING, NSP PERMITS	(03/26/2025) -	N	Plan Checking Fees	100-34104-	\$ 2,911.00
								<u>\$ 2,911.00</u>
03/26/2025	BEAVERCREEK	167336	PERMITS- BOBSTON, GINTHER, KOPISCHKE, STEINMETZ, SIEBEN, YANG.	(03/26/2025) -	N	BUILDING PERMIT WITH SURCHARGE	100-34130-	\$ 4,137.12
								<u>\$ 4,137.12</u>
03/31/2025	HAFA, APPLE IRR.	140213,140	COMP PLAN BOOK, ORDINANCE BOOK	(03/31/2025) -	N	Sale of Maps and Publications	100-34105-	\$ 105.00
								<u>\$ 105.00</u>
03/31/2025	U S TREASURY	167337	STOFFEL RESTITUTION	(03/31/2025) -	N	US TREASURY VS MARYANN HELEN STOFFEL	100-35105-	\$ 1,399.88
								<u>\$ 1,399.88</u>
03/31/2025	VERMILLION BANK	167338	INTEREST CHECKING	(03/31/2025) -	N	Interest Earning	100-36210-	\$ 357.78
								<u>\$ 357.78</u>

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03/31/2025	VERMILLION BANK	167339	INTEREST ARPA/GOPHER	(03/31/2025) -	N	Interest Earning	226-36210-	\$ 392.69
								\$ 392.69
03/31/2025	VERMILLION BANK	167340	INTEREST M/M	(03/31/2025) -	N	Interest Earning	100-36210-	\$ 249.70
								\$ 249.70
Total for Selected Receipts								\$ 45,546.38

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Disbursements Register

4/1/2025

Fund Name: All Funds

Date Range: 03/01/2025 To 03/31/2025

<u>Date</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Check #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Void</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>F-A-O-P</u>	<u>Total</u>
03/06/2025	Beaver Creek Companies, Inc.	2569	PERMITS- LINDAHL, BEISSEL, MATTICK	N	Building Inspections Administration	100-42401-310-	\$ 1,385.68
	Total For Check	2569					<u>\$ 1,385.68</u>
03/06/2025	CENTER POINT ENERGY	2570	GAS BILL ACCT.#11815484-8	N	GAS USAGE CENTER POINT ENERGY	100-42409-383-	\$ 33.92
	Total For Check	2570					<u>\$ 33.92</u>
03/06/2025	THE JOURNAL	2571	ADS - I/N 96A5AOB9-0010 THESE ARE COLUMN INVOICE NUMBERS. THANKS	N	PUBLISHING ADS	100-49021-325-	\$ 115.39
	Total For Check	2571					<u>\$ 115.39</u>
03/06/2025	ECM PUBLISHERS	2572	AD'S - I/N 1037999	N	PUBLISHING ADS	100-49021-325-	\$ 108.90
	Total For Check	2572					<u>\$ 108.90</u>
03/06/2025	DAKOTA COUNTY P T & R	2573	DOCUMENT RECORDING #3659613, 3659615	N	TRUTH IN TAXATION DAKOTA COUNTY	100-41950-314-	\$ 92.00
	Total For Check	2573					<u>\$ 92.00</u>
03/06/2025	DAKOTA CTY FINANCIAL SERVICES	2574	I/N 5502972 JANUARY 2025 SALT	N	Ice and Snow Removal	100-43125-224-	\$ 220.47
	Total For Check	2574					<u>\$ 220.47</u>
03/06/2025	OTTE EXCAVATING INC	2575	VT ROAD MAINT. FOR FEBRUARY 2025	N	Ice and Snow Removal	100-43125-224-	\$ 5,055.00
	Total For Check	2575					<u>\$ 5,055.00</u>
03/06/2025	RWC TECH SOLUTIONS	2576	TOWNSHIP IT SERVICES I/N 25125675	N	Data Processing	100-41920-309-	\$ 260.00
	Total For Check	2576					<u>\$ 260.00</u>
03/06/2025	VERIZON WIRELESS	2577	VT CELL PHONE I/N 6105027654	N	Budgeting and Planning	100-41560-321-	\$ 50.07
	Total For Check	2577					<u>\$ 50.07</u>
03/06/2025	WSB & ASSOCIATES, INC	2578	PUBLIC PLANNING PROJECTS FOR THE TOWNSHIP FOR JAN 2025 I/N R-023296-000-17	N	Planning and Zoning	100-41910-302-	\$ 35.00
	Total For Check	2578					<u>\$ 35.00</u>

Fund Name: All Funds

Date Range: 03/01/2025 To 03/31/2025

Date	Vendor	Check #
03/06/2025	XCEL ENERGY	2579

Description	Void	Account Name
ELECT. SERVICE S/N 915883912.	N	EXCEL ENERGY
ACCT. 51-4765961-6		

F-A-O-P
100-49033-381-

Total
\$ 12.58

Total For Check 2579

\$ 12.58
\$ 7,369.01

Total For Selected Checks