

How Hans Hovind Caught His Rat

Hans Hovind, office deputy at the sheriff's office, will soon be able to qualify as a nature-fakir or something of that sort.

Our readers will recall an item which the Independent published recently, about Hans and a rat which the deputy found dancing a jig on his dresser, with Hans' collar in its mouth.

The rat persisted in interfering with Hans' sleep. Hans determined he would catch the rat and he did, after putting in a sleepless night. The rat was cunning, but Hans matched his wits against those of the rat and won.

He placed a loaf of bread on top of his dresser, after wrapping several thicknesses of paper about it. The rat came out of its hole and after looking around the room cautiously, jumped up onto the table.

The rat returned and this time snapped the trap but wasn't caught. Hans then placed books, an ash tray, a bottle of rheumatism medicine, several empty bottles of one description or another, all about the bread, leaving space just large enough for the rat to crawl thru to get to the loaf.

At exactly 5:20 o'clock in the morning after both Hans and the rat had about decided to call the affair a draw, the rat re-appeared for his breakfast and entering the fatal pathway, walked into the trap and was caught.

Rats are becoming more and more a pest in Minot and eradicating them will soon be one of the big problems of our city, just as it already is with Fargo.

Defunct Nonpartisan Paper to Be Sold The plant of the Grand Forks American, defunct since Jan. 7, 1921, is to be sold by the receiver under the hammer, Aug. 15.

ADJOURNED MEETING BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WARD COUNTY, N. D. July 28th, 1922. The Board of County Commissioners of Ward County, North Dakota, adjourned at 9 A. M. on July 28th, 1922, with the following members present: Commissioners Vandevover, Krantz, Hald and Toftner. Com. Spicher absent and Com. Krantz in the chair.

present and Com. Krantz in the chair. Moved by Com. Vandevover, seconded by Com. Hald, that we adjourn until 2 o'clock P. M. for the purpose of appraising some lots in Summit Park Addition for F. A. P. No. 85. Motion carried.

The Board met at 3 P. M. as per adjournment, with all members present and Com. Krantz in the chair. This being the time and date set for hearing of the petition for laying out road over those certain lots in the City of Minot, a petition by the State Highway Commission, read by the Chairman, also the petition of the hearing of same, also affidavit of A. P. Scofield, sheriff of Ward County, on posting the notices, etc. Attorney Wash appeared before the board in behalf of Metta McKoane, stating objections on certain grounds, and asking that the petition be denied.

In The Matter of Notice of Petition to Lay Out Highway and of Hearing on Said Petition Pursuant to the Printed Order of the Board of County Commissioners. Now comes the undersigned who is the owner of a portion of the real property above described, to-wit: Lot four (4) of Block 15, in Block 15, Ramstad's Riverview Sub Division in the City of Minot, North Dakota, and objects to and hereby protests against the laying out of a public highway over the property pursuant to said notice upon the following grounds:

I. That your Honorable Board has no jurisdiction or authority to purchase, acquire or condemn property within the limits of the city for the purpose of establishing, laying out and maintaining a public highway or street within such municipality.

II. The statute under which it is sought in the above entitled proceedings to acquire, lay out and maintain such public highway has no application whatever to property lying and being within a municipality.

III. The Statute under which such proceedings is sought to be maintained is unconstitutional and void in that it illegally attempts to vest in the County Commissioners the power and authority to ascertain and determine the damage to be paid to the property owners by reason of such taking.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned prays that such proceedings be quashed, set aside and dismissed. METTA MCKOANE. (Mrs. J. E. McKoane). By Washburn & Nash, Her Attorneys, Minot, N. D.

It was moved by Com. Spicher, seconded by Com. Hald, that the hearing of the petition be continued until 2 o'clock P. M., August 2, 1922. Motion carried.

August 2nd, 1922. The Board met at 9 A. M. as per adjournment, with all members present and Com. Krantz in the chair. Moved by Com. Hald, seconded by Com. Spicher, that we adjourn until 9 o'clock A. M., August 2nd, 1922. Motion carried.

in connection with this part of race track. Minot Construction Company (by John J. McDougall)— \$100 per lineal foot. George W. Kemper— \$100 per lineal foot. A certified check for \$123.75 accompanied the bid.

Excavation for the gutter, the net sum of \$1,926 or \$1.75 per yard. The tile will cost complete \$569 and the gravel finished complete, \$540.—D. A. Dinnel.

Moved by Kamrud, seconded by Harms, that the race track be built without drains and that the bid of Minot Construction Co., be accepted. Carried.

Bids for plumbing work were as follows: Minot Plumbing & Heating Co. We agree to furnish the labor and material necessary to install the plumbing for the standard and fair grounds as shown and described on plans by Ira Rush, architect, including the following fixtures: 2 drinking fountains, one 500-gallon pneumatic tank, 1 automatic electric pump and motor (capacity 100 gallons per hour), concrete septic tank, 1 brick and concrete cesspool located 60 feet from the building, and all pipe work of every description for the installation—\$2,190.

We propose and agree to furnish the following for the barn: 2 automatic float valves controlling water in troughs, all pipe work, etc. to supply troughs and water faucets located in building per instructions we have received from the architect—\$284. Certified check for \$125.00 accompanied the bid.

Lewin & Mowbray.— We herewith submit to you our price of \$1,017 for all material and supplying all labor and material for the plumbing work for the new fair buildings, according to plans and specifications prepared by Ira Rush, Minot, N. D.

The above price includes electric pump, pressure tank, septic tank, sump and all fixtures to be chosen. Offered check for \$100 accompanied the bid.

Moved by Spicher, seconded by Wolfe, that the bid of Lewin & Mowbray covering the grand stand and barn plumbing work be accepted. Carried. On roll call all voted as follows: Com. Vandevover, yes; Com. Hald, yes; Com. Krantz, yes; Com. Toftner, yes; Com. Spicher, yes.

Motion carried. Moved by Com. Hald, seconded by Com. Spicher, that the following application for tree bounty be rejected: Application of W. E. Whorley, Sec. 17, Twp. 153, Range 83, for the reason that the time has expired.

Application of Alvin Larson for property taken out of Lot 29, in Block 52, Brooklyn Addition to the City of Minot, Ward County, North Dakota, the sum of \$10.00. Also application of Geo. Bowman as to Lot 3, in Block 15, Ramstad's Riverview Addition to the City of Minot, Ward County, North Dakota, the sum of \$120.00.

Also application of Hans Kjos on Sec. 20, Twp. 156, Range 81, amount allowed \$4.00. Also application of L. J. Thingstad on Sec. 14, Twp. 153, Range 83, amounting to \$21.10.

Application of S. G. Tittle on Sec. 12, Twp. 156, Range 82, amount allowed \$3.00. Motion carried. Moved by Com. Hald, seconded by Com. Spicher, that the following applications for tree bounty be rejected: Application of Henry A. Marse, Sec. 20, Twp. 157, Range 83, for the reason that the time has also expired.

Also application of H. J. Herzog, Sec. 20, Twp. 157, Range 83, as time has expired. Also application of J. P. Moyer, Sec. 6, Twp. 153, Range 84, as time has expired. Any action by the Board on Sec. 27, Twp. 154, Range 84, as time has expired.

Application of Mike Kezema, Sec. 32, Twp. 152, Range 82, as time has expired. Also application of W. A. Hunt, Sec. 26, Twp. 151, Range 84, as time has expired. Motion carried.

Moved by Com. Spicher, seconded by Com. Hald, that the report of R. W. Kennard, County Auditor, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1922, showing expenditures of \$283,851.82 and balance on hand July 1st, 1922, to the amount of \$478,323.35, be accepted, approved and placed on file.

Moved by Com. Hald, seconded by Com. Vandevover, that the following County General Fund for the year 1922: County Poor \$105,000 County Road \$40,000 County Jail \$10,000 County Sinking \$5,000 County Interest \$5,000 Hospital for Insane \$10,000 Better Farming \$4,500 State Road \$71,000

County Jail \$10,000 Township 151, Range 82 \$3,000 On roll call the members voted as follows: Com. Vandevover, yes; Com. Hald, yes; Com. Krantz, yes; Com. Toftner, yes; Com. Spicher, yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Com. Vandevover, seconded by Com. Hald, that the following application for abatement of taxes in general form be accepted and the auditor instructed to forward same to the State Tax Commissioner at Bismarck, for his approval.

Application of D. S. Wolf as to Lots 1 and 2, Block 1, Dierdorff's First Addition to the City of Minot, Ward County, North Dakota, the sum of \$265.00 in payment of said contract.

On roll call the members voted as follows: Com. Vandevover, yes; Com. Hald, yes; Com. Krantz, yes; Com. Toftner, yes; Com. Spicher, absent. Motion carried.

Moved by Com. Hald, seconded by Com. Vandevover, that the following bills be allowed and the auditor be instructed to draw warrants upon the proper funds in payment of same: A. P. Scofield, internal revenue \$25.00

Ira Stoddard, gravelling F. A. P. No. 83 28.00 E. J. Esser, gravelling F. A. P. No. 83 175.00 Louis Edlin, gravelling F. A. P. No. 83 15.00

C. J. Gordon, gravelling F. A. P. No. 83 138.60 E. A. Hussey, gravelling F. A. P. No. 83 65.70 Oscar Sumner, gravelling F. A. P. No. 83 55.10

Gust Vadnais, gravelling F. A. P. No. 83 56.10 Ed Wehmoeller, gravelling F. A. P. No. 83 54.70 Mark Warring, gravelling F. A. P. No. 83 52.85

Stanley Wagner, gravelling F. A. P. No. 83 18.45 R. W. Sorenson, gravelling F. A. P. No. 83 10.00 Herb Whitson, gravelling F. A. P. No. 83 55.10

J. E. Adams, gravelling F. A. P. No. 83 58.35 Ed Wehmoeller, gravelling F. A. P. No. 83 17.33 Ed Wehmoeller, gravelling F. A. P. No. 83 27.75

Sam Anderson, sharpening grading blades 21.75 Thom Earl-w, blacksmith work for county farm 11.80

Lilly Perlecheck, labor at county farm 15.00 farm 25.00 Ruth L. Sorenson, matron county farm 25.00

John F. Collins for property taken out of Lot 3, in Block 15, Ramstad's Riverview Addition to the City of Minot, Ward County, North Dakota, the sum of \$120.00.

William E. Miller for property taken out of Lot 3, in Block 15, Ramstad's Riverview Addition to the City of Minot, Ward County, North Dakota, the sum of \$120.00.

Stacy S. Lewis for property taken out of Lots 5, 6, 7 and 8, in Block 51, Brooklyn Addition to the City of Minot, Ward County, North Dakota, for the sum of \$80.00.

S. W. Semm, for property taken out of lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9, in Block 15, Ramstad's Riverview Addition to the City of Minot, Ward County, North Dakota, the sum of \$135.00.

Emil M. Kaiser, for property taken out of Lots 11 and 12, in Block 3, Glenwood Park Addition to the City of Minot, Ward County, North Dakota, the sum of \$55.00.

Peter Kaiser, for property taken out of Lots 11 and 12, in Block 3, Glenwood Park Addition to the City of Minot, Ward County, North Dakota, the sum of \$55.00.

E. V. Crokat, Ella M. Crokat, A. M. Marshall, Grace Marshall, Frank W. Marshall, for property taken out of Lots 12, 13 of Block 5, Glenwood Park Addition to the City of Minot, Ward County, North Dakota, the sum of \$60.00.

C. W. Semm, for property taken out of lots 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22, in Block 15, Ramstad's Riverview Addition to the City of Minot, Ward County, North Dakota, the sum of \$395.00.

C. P. Olson, for property taken out of lots 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24, of Block 4, Summit Park Addition to the City of Minot, Ward County, North Dakota, none.

Mabel S. Mack, Lillian C. Brewer and Evelyn E. Brewer, for property taken out of Lot 1, in Block 15, Ramstad's Riverview Addition to the City of Minot, Ward County, North Dakota, none.

Emil M. Kaiser, for property taken out of Lot 1, in Block 15, Ramstad's Riverview Addition to the City of Minot, Ward County, North Dakota, the sum of \$100.00.

William C. Hunter, for property taken out of Lots 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24, of Block 4, Summit Park Addition to the City of Minot, Ward County, North Dakota, the sum of \$500.00.

W. A. G. Galt, County Auditor of Ward County, North Dakota, is hereby instructed to draw warrants to the parties named herein for the amount of damages awarded.

On roll call the members voted as follows: Com. Vandevover, yes; Com. Hald, yes; Com. Krantz, yes; Com. Toftner, yes; Com. Spicher, absent. Motion carried.

Motion carried. Moved by Com. Hald, seconded by Com. Vandevover, that the following bills be allowed and the auditor be instructed to draw warrants upon the proper funds in payment of same:

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