

MAY TOWNSHIP MINUTES
APRIL 8 2019

Elected Members Present: Supervisors – Jason Barg, Dan Donahue, David Horn
Treasurer - Bridgette Brown, Clerk – Bianca Wyffels

Elected Members Absent: None

Employees Present: Dave Hildahl, Conrad Alexander, Jim Ackerson

Employees Absent: Dale Fleischacker

Others Present: Mark Brenneman, Chad Converse, Harold Tholl, Steve Lorber, Doug Barnett, Tom Michealson, Rod Enberg

CALL TO ORDER: D Horn called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVE THE AGENDA: A motion by J Barg, seconded by D Donahue to approve the agenda as presented with the addition: May 2 Treasurers meeting, carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT: April Treasurer's report – March receipts \$40.17 March disbursements of \$11107.46, checking balance \$20670.84, savings \$66952.86, grader savings \$18825.26. Total checking, savings and investments, March 2019 \$106448.96. A motion by J Barg, seconded by D Donahue to approve the March 2019 treasurer's report, subject to audit, carried unanimously.

PAY BILLS: The treasurer and clerk presented payroll and disbursement claims. The board reviewed. A motion by J Barg, seconded by D Donahue to approve check/claims/payroll 9622-9700 PR Liabilities, and wire transfers, carried unanimously.

MINUTES: A motion by J Barg, seconded by D Donahue to approve the March 11 2019 regular meeting minutes as read with a correction listing paid checks, carried unanimously.

RECOGNIZE VISITORS:

Chad Converse – Cemetery and Snowplowing resolutions. C Converse made suggestions on changes to the preliminary Cemetery and Snowplowing resolutions. The board accepted these suggestions and will keep them in mind at the next reading of the resolutions. 120th Street (20W) – rocks in road, would like them removed – culverts are low. 124th Street (25W) – over hill water on west side running – culvert might have a hole – need ditches. The board will look at these roads during the spring road review.

Mark Brenneman – Donations – read the rules regarding a township paying donations. The board is aware of these rules. Monthly bills – he would like the clerk to include a list of bills paid when sending the minutes via mail or email. Chloride – road with most traffic should have chloride. Other items discussed: year-end report sent to the Secretary of State included in annual meeting booklet, creating a web page.

Doug Barnett – no concerns.

Jim Ackerson – no concerns.

Harold Tholl and Tom Michealson – 96th Street (1W) – a change made to the road above Tom Michealson’s land causing his field to flood. H Tholl read law 160.201 Subd 1 of the MN Township Law Book. There was discussion on the reasons for the direction of the water flow, cleaning ditches, and/or creating ditches, etc. D Hildahl will shoot the grade of the road before the next meeting. The board asked the Clerk to write a letter to the township lawyer regarding creating a new agreement with Meadow Brook Township and 96th Street

Rod Enberg – AED

Steve Lorber – Culverts

OTHER REPORTS:

Park Board – Use bathroom on site, repairs needed.

Motley Fire Department – No meeting.

Pillager Fire Department – Purchased uniforms, slow month.

ROAD MAINTENANCE: Snow plows have been taken off graders.

OLD BUSINESS: Resolutions – The clerk presented the Cemetery and Snow Plowing resolutions. No action taken the board would like to review one more time. Will bring to next meeting.

AED – D Donahue has been in contact with Ben Johnson. He will train May Township employees/board for free. He has spoken with R Enberg. AED will be purchased and kept at the town hall. Mr. Enberg asked if the AED could be made available to local EMT staff for emergencies. Discussion followed. It was agreed to change the lock at the township hall to a “security” entry with a code. The local EMT staff will be given a # to enter the township hall and the use of the AED. Conrad Alexander will bring back information on the purchase and replacement of the lock at the township hall.

NEW BUSINESS: Donation Request – A motion by J Barg, seconded by D Donahue to donate \$300 to the Cass County Historical Society, carried unanimously.

Beavers – A motion by J Barg, seconded by D Donahue to have D Horn call Vernell Bose to start beaver trapping in May Township, D Horn will review the areas needing trapping with trapper and not to pay more than \$50 per beaver caught, carried unanimously.

MN DOT – D Horn presented a letter from MN Dot regarding a car count on roads in or close to May Township. The board was asked if they are interested in having any roads in May Township included in this count. Discussion followed. It was agreed we need three roads counted: 61st Avenue, 124th Street and 132nd Street. J Barg will contact MN DOT.

Culverts - (1) Steve Lorber stated the culvert by his home had plugged and he had a difficult time finding the end of them. He presented a culvert marking mechanism he created. The board was interested this item. However, they felt it would not hold if it were to be hit by a snow plow wing. Other ideas were presented. A motion by J Barg, seconded by D Donahue to hire J Ackerson and S Lorber to: 1. inventory all culverts township wide, 2. mark the ends of the culverts, 3. mark one culvert using the agreed mechanism consisting of a 2 inch

PVC pipe and a fence post for spring thawing, 4. clean out the ends of any culvert that needs to be cleaned, 5. maximum cost of this project is \$10000, carried unanimously.

(2) 100th Street (5E), and 96th Street (1W/3W) – culverts have peeled off. Discussion followed on how to fix these. It was decided to add a flare to these culverts and to **make it a standard practice to flare all future culverts when installing.**

(3) a lot of culverts appear to be “sinking”. This is only because of the frost level. They should be okay when frost comes out for spring.

Sand Bags – D Horn stated Cass County requested using May Township Hall as a location for the Sheriff Office to drop off sand bags for township residents in need of flood assistance. Hengal Construction donated the sand. There have been 300+ bags filled. 300 went to one resident and 40 to another. The rest will remain at the town hall for next spring.

Conference/Forum - A motion by J Barg, seconded by D Donahue to send D Horn and J Barg Anderson Brothers 26th Annual Transportation Forum paying mileage, carried unanimously.

Spring Road Review – The Board will conduct the annual Spring Road Review on April 19 2019 starting at 8:00 a.m. at the township hall.

MAT Treasurer Meeting - A motion by J Barg, seconded by D Donahue to send Bridgette Brown to the MAT Treasurer meeting on May 2 2019 St Michael Minnesota paying her mileage, meals and registration fee, carried unanimously.

Contractors’ Hourly Rates for Their Equipment – The Clerk presented prices received from the following contractors for hourly rates: James Ackerson, Bob Anderson, and Dave Hildahl. These were reviewed. No action needed at this time.

124th Street Turn-A-Round – D Horn stated he has been in contact with Jim Kramer regarding the turn-a-round needed at the end of 124th Street. No action was taken. More information will be brought to next meeting.

Electrical - A motion by J Barg, seconded by D Donahue to have D Horn call Kevin’s Electric to check out the lighting that has not been working, carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion by D Donahue, seconded by J Barg to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m. carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

David Horn, Chairman

Bianca Wyffels, Clerk (checked)