

MAY TOWNSHIP MINUTES
5834 112th Street
Pillager, MN 56473
January 11 2021

Elected Members Present: Supervisors – Jason Barg, Mark Breneman, Chad Converse
Clerk – Bianca Wyffels
Treasurer – Tom Bisek
Employees Present: Dave Hildahl, Bill Wyffels
Employees Absent: None
Others Present: Dean and Jill Johnson, Jim Ackerson, Bridgette Brown

Note: The board met at 6:00 p.m. for training on Zoom meetings. Trainers were present from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Note: No more than 10 persons were in the township hall at the board meeting at one time, all residents and elected officials were posted 6 feet apart as per the Governor’s Stay-at-Home orders.

CALL TO ORDER: J Barg called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVE AGENDA: A motion by C Converse, seconded by M Breneman to approve the agenda as presented, carried unanimously.

CLERKS REPORT: A motion by C Converse, seconded by M Breneman to approve the December 14 2020 Minutes as presented, carried unanimously.

A motion by C Converse, seconded by M Breneman to approve the January 4 2021 minutes as presented, carried unanimously.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Treasurer’s report – Discussion was held on the presentation of the treasure’s report. The board asked to have the building project broken out from all other funds. The treasurer will make this change and present the treasurer’s report at the end of the meeting

PAY BILLS: The clerk and treasurer presented payroll and disbursement claims. The board reviewed. A motion by M Breneman, seconded by C Converse to approve check/claims/payroll 10098--10101 PR Liabilities, and wire transfers, carried unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS:

Bridgette Brown – was present to help the new treasurer.

Jill and Dean Johnson – 124th (22W) – Jill and Dean asked the board what their plans were for 124th Street SW (22W). The board discussed possible cutting trees or at least branches along this road. The branches are hanging over the road and obstructing the grader operator’s ability to appropriate grade the road and remove snow. Jill and Dean do not want the adult trees removed, they were in agreement to take branches and

smaller trees out. Dave Hildahl, Jason Barg and Dean Johnson will meet at the road and make a decision on the amount of trees/branches to remove. A time was chosen to meet.

Jim Ackerson – discussed taring roads, he asked the board to talk to East Gull Lake and Fairview townships regarding the maintenance of tared roads before any decisions are made.

OTHER REPORTS:

Motley Fire Department – Four runs in May Township – one vehicle and three medical.

Pillager Fire Department – No meeting.

Pillager Park Board – No meeting.

ROAD MAINTENANCE: Grader – Brush saw is 25 years old, can't get it started. Discussion followed. A motion by C Converse, seconded by J Barg, to give D Hildahl permission to purchase a new brush saw (extended pruning saw of up to 25 feet) for May Township at a cost of \$600 or less, carried unanimously.

Brushing – The following roads are brushed or being brushed and brush burning has started.

9E	37S
8E	26S
52N	26W
27W	

Cleaning – No cleaning service has been found. The board will continue to look for someone to clean the township hall once a month.

Garbage Disposal – Discussion was held on township hall garbage disposal. No action taken.

Resolution Review –

May Township Purchasing Policy - The board reviewed the May Township Purchasing Policy and made two changes. The revised purchasing policy will be presented at the next meeting.

Bridgeman Cemetery Policy – The board reviewed the Bridgeman Cemetery Policy making one change. The revised Bridgeman Cemetery Policy will be presented at the next meeting.

Snow and Ice Control Policy – The board reviewed and made one change to the Snow and Ice Control Policy. The revised Snow and Ice Control Policy will be presented at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

10% to Grader fund: A motion by M Breneman, seconded by J Barg to move \$11,000.00 from the general fund to the grader savings account, carried unanimously.

Credit Card – The Clerk asked the board to consider a credit card for the township. There are more and more times where we need to make a purchase and are unable to set up a township account. The board discussed. The board asked the clerk to do this.

45th Avenue SW – The clerk reminded the board of the shared road 45th Avenue SW. It is our year to grade.

Assessment – The Clerk reminded board members to take the assessment training on line as soon as possible. The assessment meeting will be in April 2021.

Collateral Pine River State Bank – The Clerk presented collateral papers from Pine River State Bank. The purpose was to assure the board the townships money was collateralized above the FIDC insurance.

Proposed Budget – The Clerk stated we will need a proposed budget for the annual meeting. C Converse will work with T Bisek to prepare a budget.

Proposed Levy – The Clerk asked the board to set a proposed levy for the annual meeting. Discussion followed. A motion by C Converse, seconded by M Breneman to propose a levy of \$225,000 (\$25,000 for payment of Maintenance Building loan and \$200,000 general/fire/road/cemetery fund) for 2022 levy year, carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion by C Converse, seconded by M Breneman to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason Barg
Jason Barg, Chairman

Bianca Wyffels
Bianca Wyffels, Clerk