

MAY TOWNSHIP MINUTES Annual Meeting - March 9 2021

Note: this meeting was held in person and via zoom. Bryan Tollefson was present to run the ZOOM.

PRESENT: Chad Converse, Dave Horn, Bianca Wyffels, Jason and Jen Barg, Mark Breneman, Jim Ackerson, Leonard and Donna Engman, Bob Kadus, Linda and Dan Salvang, Phil Ligneel, Darel Murphy, Jarrid Franzeen, Tad and Sarah Carlson, Sherry Holm, Julie Mertens, Bryan Tollefson

CALL TO ORDER: Bianca Wyffels, Clerk called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. She also stated because we are using the option of ZOOM, all motions will be roll call votes or hand raised votes, so persons on zoom have an opportunity to vote.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ELECTION OF MODERATOR: Clerk asked for nominations for moderator. Mark Breneman nominated Chad Converse. No other nominations were heard. A motion by Mark Breneman, seconded by Dave Horn to nominate Chad Converse moderator, carried by roll call vote.

INTRODUCTION: All present signed in and listed their address.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF AGENDA AND ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS: A motion by Jason Barg, seconded by Mark Breneman to approve the agenda as presented, carried unanimously.

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES: A motion by Dave Horn, seconded by Mark Breneman to approve the 2020 Annual meeting minutes as presented, all present have a copy and were given time to read the minutes, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

BOARD OF AUDIT REPORT: Bianca Wyffels, May Township Clerk, presented the: 2020 Board of Audit report, the Cash Basis of Accounting Year End 2020 report, and a list of checks written to vendors and a list of revenues received in 2020. Discussion followed. Chad Converse read the Audit Report to the residents.

REPORTS: Verbal reports were given for: Pillager Fire Department, Motley Fire Department, and Pillager Park. The reports were written this year and presented in the 2020 Annual Meeting Booklet.

CEMETARY REPORT: Chad Converse read the written report on Bridgeman Cemetery from Gordon Martin.

ROAD REPORT: Chad Converse reviewed the road report in the annual meeting booklet. Board members will be going out soon to look for winter damage to roads, culverts, etc.

GENERAL DISCUSSION: Dave Horn asked questions regarding the Motley Fire Department charges to residents and questions about the demolition of the Township's Quonset grader storage building. May Township's contract formula for fire protection with the Motley Fire Dept. will remain the same as in past years. Mark Breneman stated that the Quonset building was checked for asbestos and none was found. Also that a contract has been made with a contractor to demolish/remove the building and its concrete pad. The contractor plans on moving the building to other property in May Township.

Donna Engman shared that Anderson Brothers has applied for a permit from Cass County to open a gravel pit on land Anderson Brothers owns in May Township. In their application in addition to

extracting gravel they are proposing to set up an asphalt plant on that location. Ms. Engman is asking residents to voice their opinion regarding the creation of the proposed asphalt plant.

Several people expressed concerns about the conditions of some of the Township roads, namely 53rd Ave. and 61st Ave. as these roads are falling apart. Also there was a concern about the curve on Sarah Lane and not having adequate sight distance due to the trees being too close to the road plus some of the culverts are sinking. Sarah Carlson, Sarah Lane adjacent landowner, via Zoom said she would be okay to have some of the trees removed. The town board took this information under advisement and will be scheduling their spring road review at their April meeting.

Julie Mertens, via Zoom asked if the Town Board was still thinking about starting to asphalt some of the Township roads. She had a concern about asphalt roads and asked the Town Board to check with other townships regarding the longevity of tarred roads and any other issues they may have found arising from their tarred roads.

GOPHER BOUNTY: A motion by Darel Murphy, seconded by Bob Kadus to set the 2021 gopher bounty at \$4 per pair of feet, motion carried.

2022 ANNUAL MEETING: A motion by Mark Breneman, seconded by Leonard Engman to set the 2022 Annual Meeting time at 7:00 p.m. at the May Township Hall, carried unanimously.

SET LEVY: Chad Converse reviewed May Township's board of supervisor's recommendation to set the levy at \$225,000.00 Total

\$ 52,000.00 General Fund

\$119,800.00 Road and Bridge Fund

\$ 28,000.00 Fire Fund

\$ 25,000.00 Building Fund Payment

No motion was received for \$225,000. Discussion was opened for the 2022 levy.

A motion by Dave Horn, seconded by Phil Ligneel to set the 2022 levy at \$275,000.00, using the additional \$50,000.00 for needed road repairs, carried with 14 voting yes, 4 voting no, and 1 abstaining by roll call.

\$275,000.00 Total

\$ 52,000.00 General Fund

\$169,800.00 Road and Bridge Fund

\$ 28,000.00 Fire Fund

\$ 25,200.00 Building Fund Payment

ADJOURNMENT: A motion by Mark Breneman, seconded by Jarrid Franzen to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m. carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bianca Wyffels

Bianca Wyffels, May Township Clerk


Chad Converse, Moderator