

**MAY TOWNSHIP MINUTES**  
**5834 112<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**Pillager, MN 56473**  
**April 12 2021**

Elected Members Present: Supervisors - Mark Breneman, Chad Converse, and Jason Barg  
Clerk – Bianca Wyffels  
Treasurer – Beth Ausland  
Employees Present: James Ackerson  
Employees Absent: None  
Others Present: Kris Anderson, Dave Horn, Tim Horn, Phil Ligneel, Brandon Beach, Regina Anderson, David Johnson

Note: All residents and elected officials were posted 3 feet apart as per the Governor’s Covid 19 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 with the addition of D Hildahl resignation, chloride, grant, zoom, carried unanimously.

**CLERKS REPORT: March 8 2021 Minutes** - A motion by M Breneman, seconded by C Converse to approve the March 8 2021 Minutes as presented, carried unanimously. **April 5 2021 Assessment Minutes** – A motion by C Converse, seconded by M Breneman to approve the April 5 2021 Assessment Minutes as presented by the Assessor’s Office, carried unanimously.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** Treasurer’s report – Beth Ausland presented the April 2021 treasurer’s report. A motion by C Converse, seconded by M Breneman to approve the April 2021 treasurers report as presented subject to audit, carried unanimously.

\$ 151932.78	February 2021 beginning balance checking, savings, grader savings (all accounts)
\$ 43.72	March 2021 Receipts
\$ - 21902.34	March 2021 Disbursements
\$ 16.04	March Outstanding Checks
<u>\$ 130058.12</u>	March 2021 ending balance <b>all general fund accounts</b>
\$ 13900.50	<b>Checking</b> balance
\$ 80159.41	<b>General savings</b> balance
\$ 36014.25	<b>Grader savings</b> balance
\$105229.09	March 31 2021 balance maintenance shop/building fund.

**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 PR Liabilities, wire transfers, check/claims/payroll 10165-10181, carried unanimously.

**COMMENTS FROM VISITORS:**

**Kris Anderson** - 49<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW (56N) road needs work, beaver dam, two frost heaves, etc. Thanked J Ackerson for grading the road but asked that it be maintained better in the future.

**Dave Horn** – Bridgeman Cemetery Dave Horn stated is he finishing up the task the prior board had given him which is to stakeout the roads and burial sites at Bridgeman Cemetery. He is working with Jim Kramer. He also challenged the board to look into stimulus money for road construction.

**David Johnson** – was here to apply for the grader operator position.

**Regine Anderson** – asked that 124<sup>th</sup> Street SW be included in the spring road review. She asked about culverts, culvert placement and size.

**Phil Ligneel** – stated his concern for bus drivers that have to drive down his road. The road needs some work.

**Brandon Beach** – 108<sup>th</sup> Street past Eppelschimers. He asked the board if this was a township road, why the road has not been maintained by May Township, and stated he has been plowing the road for the past 15 years. The board stated this is not a township road it has been abandoned. He asked the board to include this section of road in their spring road review and wants more proof that the road was abandoned.

#### **OTHER REPORTS:**

**Motley Fire Department** – No report this month.

**Pillager Fire Department** – Three runs in May Township. Need volunteers.

**Pillager Park Board** – No meeting until April 29 park clean up.

#### **ROAD MAINTENANCE –**

**Spring Road Review** – Spring Road Review will be held April 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

**Gravel** - there was a brief discussion on the need for new gravel. No action was taken.

**OLD BUSINESS: New Maintenance Building** - M Breneman asked if the new maintenance building budget had included the heated floor. He also asked if it included the disposal of the old building. The Clerk stated that the in-floor heat was included in the initial bids and she stated that the removal of the old building went from a “sale” of the building to a “removal” therefore this expense was not included in the original budget. J Barg has contacted VanVickle Masonry, they will start completion work on the new maintenance building in mid-May.

**Sand** – The need to add 4 inches of sand to the base of the new building was discussed. J Barg will contact Anderson Brothers to see what this will cost.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Bridgeman Cemetery** - D Horn stated he has been working with Jim Kramer to complete the recording of the cemetery roads and plots. He brought a cemetery lot marker to view and presented a list of other lot markers from Berntsen. Discussion followed. The board agreed there should be a cemetery lot marker every 20 feet which will encompass 4 grave sites which are approximately 5 x 10 feet each. The roads should be 12 feet wide. Discussion was held on a site specifically for cremation burials. The board agreed to set an area on the west side of the cemetery for this. A motion by C Converse, seconded by M Breneman to pay \$17 an hour to D Horn for his work with Jim Kramer, purchasing, and placing cemetery lot markers at Bridgeman Cemetery, and updating the plot map, carried unanimously.

**Bridgeman Cemetery** – The board discussed the need to bring all burial records back to the township. They instructed the Clerk to send a letter to Gordon Martin thanking him for his years of service to the township and requesting the records back. They asked D Horn to help with plot distribution after the markers are completed.

**Grader Operator** – A motion by C Converse, seconded by J Barg to accept Dave Hildahls resignation as May Township Grader Operator, carried unanimously.

David Johnson was present to apply for the Grader Operator Position at May Township. He presented his resume. D Johnson is presently retired. He worked for the City of Breezy Point for many years. A motion by C Converse, seconded by J Barg to hire David Johnson at an hourly wage of \$21 with a three month review, carried unanimously. David Johnson will start on April 19 2021.

**Road Supervisor** – M Breneman asked the board if they would consider making Jim Ackerson May Township Road Supervisor. Discussion followed with Jim Ackerson. He asked not to be made the Road Supervisor but would consider a position as Maintenance Supervisor. A motion by C Converse, seconded by M Breneman to hire Jim Ackerson as May Township Maintenance Supervisor, carried unanimously.

**Chloride** - B Wyffels stated Cass County has sent a form asking if the board would like to be included in the chloride program this summer. The board agreed to wait until after the road review to decide.

**Zoom** – The board discussed the need to hold future meetings by Zoom. They decided to only hold a zoom meeting at a resident request or a board member is not able to come to the township hall.

**VanVickle Lawn Care** – A motion by M Breneman, seconded by C Converse to hire VanVickle Lawn Care to mow the grass at Bridgeman Cemetery and to mow the grass at the May Town Hall, carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion by C Converse, seconded by J Barg to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason Barg  
Jason Barg, Chairman

Bianca Wyffels  
Bianca Wyffels, Clerk