

MAY TOWNSHIP MINUTES
5834 112th Street
Pillager, MN 56473
May 10 2021

Elected Members Present: Supervisors - Mark Breneman, Chad Converse, and Jason Barg
Clerk – Bianca Wyffels
Treasurer – Beth Ausland
Employees Present: David Johnson
Employees Absent: None
Others Present: Rod Veith, Brandon Beach, Chad and Heather Hoeneke

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 J Barg to approve the agenda with the addition of fuel tank, carried unanimously.

CLERKS REPORT: April 12 2021 Minutes - A motion by M Breneman, seconded by C Converse to approve the April 12 2021 Minutes as presented, carried unanimously. April 17 2021 Road Review Minutes – A motion by C Converse, seconded by M Breneman to approve the April 17 2021 Road Review Minutes as presented, carried unanimously.

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

\$ 130074.16	March 2021 beginning balance checking, savings, grader savings (all accounts)
\$ 40.49	April 2021 Receipts
\$ - 5367.43	April 2021 Disbursements
\$ 0.00	April Outstanding Checks
<u>\$ 124747.22</u>	April 2021 ending balance all general fund accounts
\$ 8533.57	Checking balance
\$ 80196.48	General savings balance
\$ 36017.17	Grader savings balance

\$105229.09 April 30 2021 balance maintenance shop/building fund.

PAY BILLS: The clerk and treasurer presented payroll and disbursement claims. The board reviewed. A motion by C Converse, seconded by M Breneman to approve PR Liabilities, wire transfers, check/claims/payroll 10101-10106, carried unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS:

Chad and Heather Hoeneke – 71st Avenue SW. 1. Clean up the brushing. 2. Hold off on spraying. 3. Discuss making the road a permanent driveway and the township abandoning. The board will clean up the brush that has been cut, they will not spray road, and the Hoeneke's will speak with the two other families that reside on this road regarding "road abandonment".

Rod Veith – 1. Likes how the road is being graded. 2. Boil on 120th (1/4 mile west of Bridgeman Road – 21W) needs to be dug out and fixed. 3. Has heard the building project is going way out of control. The board thanked him for his good comments regarding our new grader operator and grading roads. They stated 120th Street is on the Spring Road Review list. The board assured him the building project is within budget. There have been a few changes to the project but nothing major.

Brandon Beach – 1. Asked if 108th Street SW past Eppeleishimers was included in the Spring Road Review. The board stated they did look at this section of land. They stated this section of land has been abandoned over 20 years ago and they do not plan on making any changes. Mr Beach stated he will be contacting a lawyer regarding road abandonment. The board asked the clerk to write a letter to our lawyer explaining the situation and asking for guidance.

OTHER REPORTS:

Motley Fire Department – Three runs in May Township, 2 where grass fires.

Pillager Fire Department – No major issues.

Pillager Park Board – Park has been cleaned up from winter for summer use. Host family has been appointed and approved by the park board. Park officially opens Memorial Day.

ROAD MAINTENANCE –

Grader Operator – D Johnson stated he is getting used to the roads. He is enjoying his job. There are no complaints.

Maintenance Schedule – C Converse presented an excel spreadsheet he proposed to give to the grader operators to track machine maintenance. Discussion followed. No action needed.

Slope Meter – A motion by C Converse, seconded by J Barg to give D Johnson permission to purchase a slope meter for the grader on behalf of the township and reimburse him, carried unanimously.

Maintenance Supervisor – B Wyffels stated Jim Ackerson has resigned as May Township Maintenance Supervisor. A motion by M Breneman, seconded by C Converse to accept his resignation with regret and wish him luck in his future endeavors, carried unanimously. J Barg will ask him for his keys back. Discussion was held on the grader that is presently at Mr. Ackerson's house. The board agreed to talk to him, if he is okay with it staying there until we can arrange to have it fixed or moved to the township hall then it will stay there. The board agreed to refer all road maintenance requests to J Barg.

Chloride – A motion by C Converse, seconded by M Breneman to contract with Cass County to put chloride on the following roads, chloride is \$2550 per mile, we will chloride approximately 4.35 miles, carried unanimously. J Barg will contact the county regarding the chloride, packing and a water truck.

124th Street (40S) - .50 mile

61st Avenue (45S) – 6/10 mile

65th Street to 120th Street (42S/41S) – 1.75 miles

132nd Street (34E) - .50 miles

53rd Avenue (48S) – 1.0 miles

120th Street (21W) – boil in road. It was discussed whether or not cleaning the ditch and rerouting the water flow would fix this issue. Discussion followed.

110th Street (3W) - bus turn around. Discussion followed.

A motion by J Barg, seconded by M Breneman to call 3 contractors, receive verbal or written quotes and have them fix the boil in the road on 120th Street ASAP, as well as add gravel to 110th Street (3W) bus turn around, carried unanimously.

Brushing - J Barg will talk to Dave Schneider to see if he has the equipment to chip and brush township roads.

OLD BUSINESS:

New Maintenance Building – Fuel Tank – C Converse presented options for a 1000 gallon fuel tank for the new building. Discussion followed. A motion by M Breneman, seconded by J Barg to approve the purchase of a 1000 gallon fuel tank for the new maintenance building, \$2920.00, carried unanimously.

Fill Sand for Floor – Discussion was held with Travis VanVickle, maintenance building contractor, on the need to add 4 inches of fill sand to the base of the new building before cement and finishing can pursue. A motion by M Breneman, seconded by J Barg to hire VanVickle Masonary to purchase 4 inches of fill sand, level with his equipment, costs will be added to the building project, as well as approve an extra \$900 for additional costs for garage doors, carried unanimously.

Building Outside Sewer Hook Up – J Barg will call Phil Bjerga to see what we need to do to hook the new building to the existing sewer system.

Oil Trap – The oil trap for the new building is here and will need to be put in before the cement is poured.

Bridgeman Cemetery - D Horn stated he has been working with Jim Kramer to complete the recording of the cemetery roads and plots. D Horn presented a preliminary map of the new section of the grave yard. He stated each grave site will be given an address, and will be place on an excel spreadsheet map for future ease of distribution. Discussion followed. A motion by M Breneman, seconded by C Converse to purchase the location markers, the excel spreadsheet map, and work being completed by J Kramer, \$3000.00, carried unanimously. B Wyffels stated she met with G Martin and he has returned the metal locator, some maps, burial records, etc. to the township. The board again thanked G Martin for his commitment to the township and Bridgeman Cemetery record keeping.

NEW BUSINESS:

Widseth Engineering – Tabled.

Cemetery Clean Up Day – The board discussed a cemetery cleanup day. They asked the clerk to put it on the townships website. Saturday May 29th 10:0 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion by J Barg, seconded by C Converse to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason Barg
Jason Barg, Chairman

Bianca Wyffels
Bianca Wyffels, Clerk