

MAY TOWNSHIP MINUTES
5834 112th Street
Pillager, MN 56473
Annual Meeting – March 8, 2022

PRESENT: Chad Converse, Dave Horn, Bianca Wyffels, Jason Barg, Mark Breneman, Jim Ackerson, Leonard and Donna Engman, David Johnson, Elizabeth Ausland, Mabelle and Alan Marshall, Dan and Barb Donahue, Bridgette Brown, Curt Martin, Dean and Jill Johnson, Larry and Shannon Wood

CALL TO ORDER: Bianca Wyffels, Clerk, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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 Jill Johnson to nominate Chad Converse moderator, carried unanimously.

INTRODUCTION: All present signed in and listed their addresses.

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

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES: Bridgette Brown read the 2021 annual meeting minutes. A motion by Jason Barg, seconded by Mark Breneman, to approve the 2021 Annual meeting minutes as presented carried unanimously.

BOARD OF AUDIT REPORT: Bianca Wyffels, May Township Clerk, presented the: 2021 Board of Audit report, the Cash Basis of Accounting Year End 2021 report, and a list of checks written to vendors and a list of revenues received in 2021. Discussion followed. Beth Ausland, May Township Treasure, read the 2021 Audit Report to the residents. She stated the board has received ARPA funding. Chad Converse stated the uses of these funds will be verified April 1. This money needs to be obligated by December 31, 2024 and spent by December 31, 2026. The board will discuss the use of these funds at future board meetings.

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 2021 Annual Meeting Booklet. Pillager and Motley fire departments are seeking fire fighters. Pillager Fire department has received donations this year which have been used to purchase new equipment for the fire fighters such as bullet-proof vests. The Pillager Park Board is made up of four townships. Each township contributes \$2,500.00 to the Park Board for maintenance. The Park Board purchased new signs and noted the pier decking needs to be replaced. They also pointed out the need for a "Camp Facilitator" for the summer months. Pillager Lions Club had a community day at the park.

CEMETERY REPORT: David Horn gave the Bridgeman Cemetery report. The cemetery resolution and burial site application were reviewed. Mr. Horn also showed the residents the new plotted area of the cemetery. He reminded residents there is no container for garbage at the cemetery; all refuse needs to be taken out. He also requested that the board of supervisors consider designating a site for cremation burials.

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: Bridgette Brown asked questions regarding the sale of the grader, a potential auction, and use of the maintenance building for events (ie. Weddings, Family Reunions).

Alan Marshall is concerned about the infrequency of the snow plowing. He stated the snow is piled to high where 124th and 64 meet. Trout Lane cul-de-sac is only being plowed one way; grader needs to go completely around. Michelle Marshall asked questions regarding 124th, and if the ARPA funds can be used for road maintenance. Chad Converse stated the board will investigate the snow plowing question and we are not sure of the use of ARPA funds until after April 1.

Dean Johnson asked if the plow truck has replaced the grader – yes it replaced the 770 BH grader. Chad explained the purposes of the plow truck and its uses.

Curt Martin asked who would replace a street sign (108th Street). At the intersection of 108th street and county road 102 – this would be a county sign, it was suggested Mr. Martin call the county.

GOPHER BOUNTY: A motion by Mark Breneman, seconded Leonard Engman, to set the 2022 gopher bounty at \$4 per pair of feet, carried unanimously.

2023 ANNUAL MEETING: A motion by Curt Martin, seconded by Dave Horn, to set the 2023 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
\$275,000.00 Total
\$ 45,800.00 General Fund
\$176,000.00 Road and Bridge Fund
\$ 28,000.00 Fire Fund
\$ 25,200.00 Building Fund Payment

Discussion followed on what the truck cost, when road work will begin, when is Spring road review, etc.

A motion by Dave Horn, seconded by Mark Breneman to set the 2023 levy at \$275,000.00, carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS TO PRESENT: Chad Converse reminded the residents of the Board of Equalization and Assessment Meeting to be held on April 4, 2022. He took questions regarding how the assessor makes the determination of the value of properties.

Chad Converse stated there are 72 townships in Cass County. Sylvan Township is the largest and fastest growing township with 2800 residents. May Township is ranked #10 with 842. The top 10 townships have 43% of the population.

Chad Converse stated the door to the new shop is open and he encouraged all to look at the building.

Chad Converse also brought up the idea of making the treasurer position an appointed position and not elected. Dave Horn and Bridgette Brown asked how this would benefit the township? Discussion followed. The board will review the pro’s and con’s and decide on whether to add this item to the ballot in November.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion by Dan Donahue, seconded by Dean Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bianca Wyffels
Bianca Wyffels, May Township Clerk

Chad Converse, Moderator