

May Township Minutes
5834 112th Street
Pillager, MN 56473
April 11, 2022

Elected Members Present: Supervisors - Mark Breneman, Chad Converse, Jason Barg (joined meeting at 7:15 pm.)

Clerk – Bianca Wyffels

Treasurer – Beth Ausland

Employees Present: Dave Johnson, Dennis Moon

Employees Absent: None

Others Present: Michelle and Allen Marshall, Chuck Geeres, Lisa and Ryan Barnett, Kim Lewis

INVOICE REVIEW PRIOR TO MEETING – The board members are encouraged to come to the township hall 15 minutes prior to the regular meeting to review invoices. The clerk and treasure were present for questions.

CALL TO ORDER: C Converse called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVE AGENDA: A motion by M Breneman, seconded by C Converse to approve the agenda with the addition of MAT March meeting training report, repair to grader, continuing this meeting for Spring Road review, carried unanimously.

CLERKS REPORT: A motion by C Converse, seconded by M Breneman to approve the March 14, 2022, minutes as presented, carried unanimously.

A motion by J Barg, seconded by M Breneman to approve the April 4, 2022, Assessment meeting minutes as presented, carried unanimously.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Treasurer’s report– A motion by J Barg, seconded by M Breneman to approve the March 2022 treasurers report as presented subject to audit, carried unanimously.

\$ 266978.16 February 2022 ending balance
\$ 26012.79 March 2022 Receipts
\$ 700.91 March 2022 Outstanding check
\$ - 22281.23 March 2022 Disbursements
\$ 2269834.74 March 2022 ending balance **all general fund accounts**

\$ 39696.80 Checking balance
\$ 132285.75 **Savings** balance
\$ 49048.43 **Grader savings** balance

\$ 48803.76 March 2022 balance **ARPA funds**

PAY BILLS: The clerk and treasurer presented payroll and disbursement claims. The board reviewed. A motion by J Barg, seconded by M Breneman to approve PR Liabilities, wire transfers, check/claims/payroll, unanimously.

BUDGET REVIEW: B Ausland, Treasurer, presented a budget spreadsheet for board review. The budget looks good. The board will continue to use as presented.

TREASURER POSITION ON BALLOT: C Converse asked the board to consider adding the following question to the November ballot –

Shall option B, “providing for the appointment of the treasurer by the town board, be adopted for the government of the town?” (M.S. 367.31, subd. 4).

A motion by J Barg, seconded by M Breneman to add this question to the November ballot, carried unanimously.

MENARDS REBATE: The township has received rebates for purchases at Menards. The rebates will be kept at the township hall until they are used.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS: Allen and Michelle Marshall – questions regarding the sale of the Quonset and 124th Street. They asked about taring this road and the steps necessary to do so. They do not like chloride. The board stated the possible ways and costs to have the road tared, they talked about traffic counts, and work on this road from last year, and the fact that this road is a town line road and shared with Becker Township. Chuck Gerees – questions regarding 71st off 124th. Too much traffic, three businesses use this road, more gravel and would like chloride. The board reviewed the comments from these residents. A motion by J Barg, seconded by C Converse to hold a public meeting between May Township and Becker Township in approximately 1 – 2 months regarding the maintenance of 124th Street, carried unanimously.

Glenn Moon – ready to get back to work.

Lisa and Ryan Barnett – asked to put a bench near Ron Barnett’s grave at Bridgeman Cemetery. Discussion followed on the location, the size, etc. A motion by C Converse, seconded by J Barg to allow the bench at Bridgeman Cemetery and to have Dave Horn oversee the project, carried unanimously.

OTHER REPORTS:

Motley Fire Department – One medical.

Pillager Fire Department – No report.

Pillager Park Board – No meeting.

MAT WORKSHOPS – B Ausland reported on the six zoom workshops she attended. The workshops were highly informative, and she enjoyed them. More workshops will be held in the future, and she would like to attend them as well.

C Converse reported on the Supervisors MAT workshops. He stated he learned about more reports that are available from CTAS and asked the treasurer to present the following at future meetings: Cash Control Statement, Net Pay Account Distribution, and Schedule 1. Also, a motion by C Converse, seconded by M Breneman to present the Claims for Approval report at meetings moving forward, for signature, and not to have the board sign individual claims, carried unanimously.

ROAD MAINTENANCE: Spring Road Review – The board agreed to continue this meeting to Saturday April 16, 2022, at 9:00 a.m., meeting at the township hall.

Gravel Purchase – C Converse presented a quote from TNT for gravel crushing. The board discussed how much gravel to crush. A motion by C Converse, seconded by J Barg to crush 10,000 yards of gravel for May Township at the Cass County Pit off 112th Street at a cost of \$6.35 per yard with an additional .70 royalty fee for Cass County, carried unanimously.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE: M Breneman presented the results of the water testing from AW Research Laboratory. No action taken. J Barg will contact a plumber to finish the bathroom in the new maintenance building. Insulation in the ceiling has blown away from the edges, mainly on the west side. Contractor was contact and is aware of the issued.

NEW BUSINESS: Spring Short Courses - Minnesota Association of Township Short Courses. A motion by J Barg, seconded by C Converse to pay \$17 per hour to elected officials to attend the MAT Spring Short Courses and to pay mileage, carried unanimously.

Harassment policy – C Converse stated the board should have a written Harassment Policy. Discussion followed. He will draft a policy for the boards review at the next meeting.

Fairview Township – C Converse presented an article regarding fines Fairview Township was assessed for a road project. The board review the errors stated. No action needed.

OTHER BUSINESS: The clerk received miscellaneous items of interest to the board: Mapping request from Cass County, GIS county system mapping, etc. No action needed.

CONTINUATION OF MEETING: A motion by C Converse, seconded by M Breneman to continue this meeting until Saturday, April 16, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. starting at the township hall, for the purpose of Spring Road Review, carried unanimously.

Road Review April 16, 2022, continuation....

A motion by M Breneman, seconded by C Converse to resume the April 11, 2022, meeting at 9:04 a.m., carried unanimously.

Attending: David Johnson, Jason Barg, Mark Breneman, Chad Converse

The board reviewed Roads needing special attention:

120th Street (21W) ditch north side .3 miles add (culvert,?) gravel hill .2 miles
120th Street (20W) gravel .75-mile
65th Avenue (43N) ditch, build shoulder, culvert? By 11754
124th Street (22W) cut trees and brush back ten feet on south side
96th Street (1W) build up road (.4 mile) and replace one culvert plus add two culverts
100th Street (3W) Mosquito Stream Crossing under review by DNR and county
55th Avenue (47N) Bridgeman Cemetery Road gravel
116th Street (17E) Remove Rocks in road, gravel
124th Street (27W) ditch, gravel, add culvert

124th Street (28E) Brush, ditch, .3 mile and gravel on top of hill
49th Avenue (56N) Cut knobs to fill low spots
49th Avenue (55S), Brush, gravel
45th Avenue (59S) Gravel, Brush (MN Power ?)
E Red River Trail (36E) Brush (MN Power ?)
Bluestem (33W) make turnaround by 5877
Debra Lane (32W) Gravel Circle
Sara Lane (31W) Gravel over culverts
61st Avenue (45S) Gravel

Other comments: Reviewed work completed last year, discussed packing rather than chloride, all roads will be graded as soon as possible, weather permitting, and frost gone.

A motion by J Barg, seconded by M Breneman to adjourn the meeting at 12:15 pm carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason Barg
Jason Barg, Chairman

Bianca Wyffels
Bianca Wyffels, Clerk