

May Township Minutes
5834 112th Street
Pillager, MN 56473
May 9, 2022

Elected Members Present: Supervisors - Chad Converse, Jason Barg, Mark Breneman (left the meeting at 8:45 p.m.)
Treasurer – Beth Ausland
Clerk – Bianca Wyffels
Employees Present: Dave Johnson
Employees Absent: Dennis Moon
Others Present: Michelle and Allen Marshall, Tom Michaelson, Scott Michaelson, via phone: Don Underwood

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: 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 124th Street, 49th Avenue, and Pest Control, carried unanimously.

CLERKS REPORT: A motion by C Converse, seconded by J Barg to approve the April 11, 2022, minutes as presented, carried unanimously.

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

\$ 220330.07 March 2022 ending balance
\$ 12.02 April 2022 Receipts
\$ 880.31 April 2022 Outstanding check
\$ - 6783.77 April 2022 Disbursements
\$ 214438.63 April 2022 ending balance **all general fund accounts**

\$ 33093.33 Checking balance
\$ 132294.45 **Savings** balance
\$ 49050.85 **Grader savings** balance

\$ 48806.17 April 2022 balance **ARPA funds**

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

BUDGET REVIEW: B Ausland, Treasurer, presented a budget spreadsheet for board review. No change.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS: Tom and Scott Michaelson – Where here to discuss 96th Avenue. Discussion will take place later in these minutes under Road Maintenance. Allen and Michelle Marshall – 124th Street. How do we choose which roads to black top and what are the May Township speed limits? Discussion will take place later in these minutes under Road Maintenance.

OTHER REPORTS:

Motley Fire Department – Seven – one fire, three accident, and three medical

Pillager Fire Department – One medical run, they have purchased a new side-by-side.

Pillager Park Board – Officially open for the summer.

ROAD MAINTENANCE:

Gravel Purchase – The following gravel quotes were received for the 2022 road projects.

TNT Construction Group LLC - \$6.35

Louis Leustek and Sons Inc - \$7.18

Hengel Construction Inc - \$7.00

Traffic Counter - M Breneman will set up the traffic counters next week.

Steel Brush Cutter and Broom – Dave Johnson asked the board to approve the purchase of a steel brush cutter and broom. The purchase was approved.

Chloride – Discussion was held on which roads to chloride this summer. A motion by J Barg, seconded by M Breneman to chloride the following roads, a total of 6.5 miles, carried unanimously. More discussion followed regarding chloride. A motion by M Breneman, seconded by J Barg to also chloride 57th (46S), making the total miles of road to be chloride in May Township 7.5 miles, carried unanimously.

53rd (48S)

Red River Trail (36E)

124th (22W)

Mosquito Creek Road (41S and 42S)

61st (4S)

132nd (34E)

57th (46S)

Culverts – A motion by J Barg, seconded by M Breneman to purchase two arched 28 x 20 30 culverts from Cass County, carried unanimously.

Purchase Packer/roller – C Converse presented the following quotes for the purchase of a packer/roller.

John Deere RDO Equipment Company – New 2022 Handy Hitch Manufacturing Inc Packer 90”

\$ 32111.85 570 PPO6G JD Attachment PL W/offset Assy

360 HH06T4 PP John Deere G (Tier 4) Link Arms (set of 2)

Equipment Blades Inc – Final Pass Packer

\$35150.00 Final Pass Lift Group

Shipping

LyCox Enterprises Inc – WR75 Series 3 Walk and Roll Packer/Roller

\$32590.00 Heavy duty lift assembly for JD 770G

Included quick attach and accumulator (in lieu of a rear ripper)

Shipping

- Ziegler Cat** – WR90-3 Walk n Roll packer/roller
\$34830 Heavy duty lift assembly for JD Motor Grader
Includes quick attach and accumulator
WR90-24L Hydra slide Walk n Roll packer/roller
\$42090 Heavy duty lift assembly for JD Motor Grader
Includes quick attach and accumulator
\$34090 WR75-3 Walk n Roll packer/roller
Heavy duty lift assembly for JD Motor Grader
Includes quick attach and accumulator

Discussion followed regarding the need for this piece of equipment, the costs, the use, etc. A motion by C Converse, seconded by J Barg to purchase the packer roller from John Deere RDO Equipment Company – New 2022 Handy Hitch Manufacturing Inc Packer 90”, 570 PPO6G JD Attachment PL W/offset Assy, 360 HH06T4 PP John Deere G (Tier 4) Link Arms (set of 2), \$ 32111.85, carried with M Breneman abstaining. The packer/roller will be purchased from the grader savings account.

124th Street – C Converse presented a letter he wishes to present to persons who live on 124th Street asking if they are interested in blacktopping their road. Michelle and Allen Marshall volunteered to take the letter to each resident for their signature and bring back to the next board meeting. A motion by C Converse, seconded by J Barg to get quotes to remove 10 feet of trees from the ditches on 124th Street and authorize C Converse to mark the trees to be removed, carried unanimously.

B Wyffels, Clerk, presented an email from Sean Cantleberry. The email was regarding 124th Street. He had concerns about speed limits and road maintenance.

96th Street – Tom and Scott Michealson were present to discuss 96th Street. The board discussed several issues on the road. 96th Street project consists of the following. A motion by J Barg, seconded by C Converse to approve the following 96th Street project, carried unanimously.

This project consists of:

Ditching for approximately 1850 feet on the north side of 96th Street. A two-foot-deep ditch with a 3 foot bottom and 3 to 1 side slopes. This material will have to be deposited off site or at the existing adjacent approved location

Culverts -Will be supplied by the Township-Replace one culvert, with a 28” x 20” arch culvert. Salvage existing removed culvert for reuse by Township-Add one additional new 28” x 20” culvert

Fill material can be obtained from within ½ mile of the project (+ / -1100 cu yds) - Add 8 inches of fill to existing roadway for approximately 1900 ft., and resulting in a minimum of a 19 foot top. The fill shall be applied in no more than 4 inches layers at one time, unless being compacted by another approved method.

Locates will be the responsibility of the contractor. Any required erosion control is the responsibility of the contractor. This project has a completion date of no later than November 1, 2022. Quotes must be received by the May Township Clerk by 7 pm June 14th 2022.

Second project: The following project was discussed as presented.

Remove trees and brush along the south side of 124th Street West of Highway 64.

1. Quote for removing brush and trees
2. Quote for treating all cut tree stumps with a herbicide to prevent sprouting/root suckering
3. Combination quote for completing #1 and #2

Trees to be removed have been marked and mostly consist of aspen, birch, and jack pine. NO NORWAY PINE TO BE CUT. Only marked trees will be cut unless prior authorization has been received from May Township to remove additional trees. All tree debris will be removed from site. Two landowners wish to keep the log portion of any trees cut, otherwise all log portions will be removed. All brush can be mowed (brush hogged/mulched) in place.

This project has a completion date of no later than November 1, 2022. Quotes must be received by the May Township Clerk by 7 pm June 14th 2022.

Both projects will be posted in the Staples World Newspaper.

49th Avenue – J Barg stated he had received a call from Don Underwood and Mr Underwood would like to be called during the meeting for a discussion on 49th Avenue (55S). Discussion was held on gravel, school bus access, etc. A motion by J Barg, seconded by C Converse to haul 4 loads of gravel on 49th Avenue (55S), carried unanimously. Also discussed was the bounty for beavers. The board stated there is a bounty for beavers, but the bounty is just for beavers causing issues on our township roads.

Anderson Brothers - C Converse stated Anderson Brothers Construction company will be hauling from their pit in 45th Avenue SW. No action was taken.

Mark Breneman left the meeting at 8:45 p.m. for personal reasons.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE: Water softeners were discussed and tabled for a future date. Do we need a trash service? Discussion followed. No trash service is needed. Insulation will be discussed in June.

NEW BUSINESS:

Plat Book – The board asked if the clerk would find an updated plat book.

Pressure Washer – J Barg will research a pressure washer for the township. Preferable a honda motor.

Resolution to appoint treasurer – The clerk presented the following resolution. A motion by C Converse, seconded by J Barg to accept the following resolution as presented, carried.

RESOLUTION 2022.22 RESOLUTION TO APPOINT TREASURER

WHEREAS, the town board has found difficulty identifying township residents to fill the elected position of township treasurer, and;

WHEREAS, the town board has determined that changing the township treasurer position to an appointed position would expand opportunities to find a qualified treasurer and not be limited to just township residents;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the town board of May Township (Cass County) hereby directs that the question of township treasurer appointment be put to the voters of May Township (Cass County) at the 2022 annual township election; November 8th 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a ballot question to be put before the voters of May Township (Cass County) shall be:

“Shall the option of providing for the **appointment** of the treasurer position by the town board, be adopted for the government of May township?”

Adopted this 9th day of May 2022

David Blundell – Pest Control – B Wyffels, clerk, asked the board to approve the use of David Blundell for pest control. Mr Blundell will spray for black flies, aphids, spiders, etc. twice a year.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Weed grant was discussed, harassment policy was tabled, Cass County Association of Township meeting is June 2nd from 9-12 via zoom. Board members are encouraged to attend. J Barg will get a pesticide license for the township's use. B Wyffels, clerk, presented Notifications from Cass County.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion by C Converse, seconded by J Barg to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m., carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason Barg
Jason Barg, Chairman

Bianca Wyffels
Bianca Wyffels, Clerk