

May Township Minutes
5834 112th Street
Pillager, MN 56473
June 13, 2022

Elected Members Present: Supervisors - Chad Converse, Jason Barg
Elected Members Absent: Mark Breneman
Treasurer – Beth Ausland
Clerk – Bianca Wyffels
Employees Present: Dave Johnson
Employees Absent: Dennis Moon
Others Present: Michelle and Allen Marshall, Al Disterhaupt, Chuck Geraes, Dennis Schneider, Kevin Cline, 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: J Barg called the meeting to order at 7:01 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 election update and propane costs, carried unanimously.

CLERKS REPORT: A motion by C Converse, seconded by J Barg to approve the May 9, 2022, minutes as presented, carried unanimously.

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

\$ 213558.32 April 2022 ending balance
\$ 12.19 May 2022 Receipts
\$ 1161.63 May 2022 Outstanding check
\$ - 8800.84 May 2022 Disbursements
\$ 205931.30 May 2022 ending balance **all general fund accounts**

\$ 24574.51 Checking balance
\$ 132303.44 **Savings** balance
\$ 49053.35 **Grader savings** balance

\$ 48808.66 May 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 C Converse 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: Chuck Gereas – said he had voted no to the survey on 124th Street as there was not enough information regarding cost of the project. He asked the board if there were plans to bring the road up to spec before any taring begins. The board stated they are in the initial stages of this project and will have more information soon.

Dennis Schneider – Mr Schneider stated he was a past township supervisor. He is interested in the 124th Street project and would like to offer his expertise if the board would like help looking for ways to pay for taring roads in the township. He also asked the board to reconsider putting a “no jake braking” sign on highway 64. The board said they cannot enforce “no jake braking”; but, stated if the residents want to purchase a sign May Township will put it up.

Michele and Allen Marshal brought the board the completed survey on 124th Street. They are hearing the residents on 71st Street want their side tared as well. There is a meeting set up to talk to Becker Township regarding a shared project. The Marshalls also asked if township shared equipment with other townships.

Al Disterhaupt – was present to discuss 124th Street. The road needs to be bladed. The road is not correctly bladed and is falling apart.

Kevin Cline – was present to discuss 124th Street. He agreed the road needs to be bladed more often and a better job needs to be done. The crown on the road is gone in most places.

Kim Lewis – asked what the formal process was for taring roads or how the board choose which road to gravel or chloride. She also asked what a high traffic road was. The board stated it is a road with one hundred cars or more traveling it in a day. She asked if the board wanted to put together a task force to help with the 124th Street project. And she stated she does not favor taking the clerk and treasurer position off the ballot and appointing them. She asked what the process has been to acquire the clerk and treasurer in May Township.

The board answered all questions. No action was taken. More discussion is needed on 124th Street and will be addressed at future meetings.

OTHER REPORTS:

Motley Fire Department – One motor vehicle accident.

Pillager Fire Department – Unable to attend the meeting.

Pillager Park Board – Absent report will be given at next meeting.

ROAD MAINTENANCE:

Becker Township - J Barg will be attending the Becker Township meeting on Tuesday night regarding the shared township road.

Byron Township - C Converse will be attending the Byron Township meeting on Tuesday night regarding the shared township road.

45th Avenue (Shared township road with Fairview Township) – The board agreed to charge Fairview Township \$85 per hour to snowplow. They also stated they will charge Fairview Township for sand/gravel as needed at cost. The Clerk will send a letter to Fairview Townships Clerk.

Traffic Counter – Traffic counters have been set up around the township. More information will be brought to the June 27 2022 meeting.

Chloride – Chloride has not been started due to weather. J Barg will call company and get this rolling.

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

Roadside Mowing – A motion by C Converse, seconded by J Barg have Jack Lund mow the ditches in May Township, carried unanimously. Mr. Lund will begin mowing the beginning of July.

Debra Lane – Debra Lane received a load of gravel. This road needs two more loads. The Board agreed to put two more loads on Debra Lane.

Gopher One Call – The board asked Dave Johnson to set up an account with Gopher One so that he can call in locates for the township.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE: Trash Clean Up - the Clerk will find a couple of students to do the construction cleaning around the new maintenance building. The students will be paid \$17 per hour general labor.

Harley Rake – It was mentioned that Cal Disterhaupt has a Harley Rake for hire if the township has a future need of one.

NEW BUSINESS:

Pressure Washer – J Barg purchased a pressure washer for the township.

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

RESOLUTION 2022.33 RESOLUTION TO APPOINT CLERK

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

WHEREAS, the town board has determined that changing the township Clerk position to an appointed position would expand opportunities to find a qualified Clerk 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 Clerk 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 Clerk position by the town board, be adopted for the government of May township?”

Adopted this 13th day of June 2022

Election Judges – B Wyffels presented a list of judges for May Township’s 2022 elections.

Elizabeth Ausland, Myrna Martin, David Horn, Bianca Wyffels, Tom Michealson, Linda Michealson, Kim Lewis, Casie Hines. A motion by J Barg, seconded by C Converse to approve the following election judges for May

Township Elizabeth Ausland, Myrna Martin, David Horn, Bianca Wyffels, Tom Michealson, Linda Michealson, Kim Lewis, Casie Hines, motion carried.

Propane – B Wyffels presented a contract from Dooley Petroleum. \$2.04 per gallon pre-paid. Discussion followed. J Barg will contact other companies in the area for their price and bring back to the June 27 meeting.

Harassment and Discrimination Policy 2022.23 – B Wyffels presented the final draft of the May Township Resolution Adopting Discrimination and Harassment Policy. Discussion followed. A motion by C Converse, seconded by J Barg to approve policy 2022.23 Discrimination and Harassment Policy, carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None

CONTINUATION MEETING: A motion by C Converse, seconded by J Barg to continue this meeting until June 14 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at the May Township Hall to open bids on 96th Street and 124th Street, carried.

OPEN CONTINUATION MEETING: Jason Barg, Chad Converse, and Bianca Wyffels gathered at the township hall on June 14 2022 at 7:00 p.m. to specifically open bids for the 96th Street and 124th Street projects.

124th Street tree removal and brushing –

Cal's Excavating - \$10,000.00 main project and \$1,000 herbicide application

Paul Drake Tree Service - \$9000 main project (\$3000 per day) no herbicide application stated

Tree Pro's - \$26,000 main project and \$4,000 herbicide application

A motion by J Barg, seconded by C Converse to accept Cal's Excavating bid of \$10,000 for the major project and \$1,000 for the herbicide application, carried.

96th Street Project –

Ideal Construction LLC - \$21800.00

Swenson Ag & Construction - \$31400.00

The board did not accept either bid at this time. They will review bid again at the June 27 2022 meeting when M Breneman can be part of the conversation.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion by C Converse, seconded by J Barg to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m., carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason Barg
Jason Barg, Chairman

Bianca Wyffels
Bianca Wyffels, Clerk