

MAY TOWNSHIP MINUTES
5834 112th Street
Pillager, MN 56473
Annual Meeting – March 12 2024

PRESENT: Dean and Jill Johnson, Cal Disterhaupt, Dave Horn, Bridgette Brown, Sherry Holm, Curt Martin, Gordon Martin, Larrie Jordahl, Bill Wyffels, Steve Bell, Chad Converse, Jason and Jen Barg, Bianca Wyffels, Mark Breneman, Beth Ausland, Dave Johnson

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 David Horn. Nominations ceased. A motion by M Breneman, seconded by C Converse to appoint David Horn as the 2024 moderator, carried unanimously.

INTRODUCTION: All present signed in and listed their addresses. Introductions were made.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF AGENDA AND ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS: No additions or deletions were made to the agenda.

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES: A motion by S Bell, seconded by Mark Breneman, to approve the 2023 Annual meeting minutes as presented carried unanimously.

BOARD OF AUDIT REPORT: Bianca Wyffels, May Township Clerk, presented and read the: 2023 Board of Audit report, the Cash Basis of Accounting Year End 2023 report. A list of checks written to vendors and a list of revenues received in 2023 were available. Discussion followed. A motion by C Martin, seconded by S Bell to approve the audit report as presented to the people, carried unanimously.

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 2023 Annual Meeting Booklet. The Pillager Park Board is made up of four townships. Each township contributes \$2,500.00 to the Park Board for maintenance.

CEMETERY REPORT: David Horn gave the Bridgeman Cemetery report. No new graves in 2023.

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. Residents asked about funding for the 124th Street paving project. Discussion followed. 108th Street project was discussed. This project has been a carryover project for two summers. Residents would like the project completed or taken off the project list this Spring. Discussion followed regarding maintenance of roads with a high volume of traffic versus a low volume of traffic. The board stated they have laid gravel on 4.25 miles of road this year (4 inches). The costs continue to rise. It cost the township approximately \$15,800 per mile of road to gravel in 2023. The residents asked if chloride is a better option versus more gravel. Discussion followed. The board stated the costs of chloride have increase from \$0.98 per gallon in 2023 to \$1.39 per gallon in 2024. This is a significant increase in costs. It will cost approximately \$3694 per mile to chloride this year. More discussion was held on the pro's and con's to chloride. No action was taken.

GENERAL DISCUSSION: No other subjects to discuss.

GOPHER BOUNTY: A motion by Steve Bell, seconded by Bill Wyffels, to set the 2025 gopher bounty at \$4 per pair of feet, carried unanimously.

2025 ANNUAL MEETING: A motion by Chad Converse, seconded by C Martin, to set the 2025 Annual Meeting time at 7:00 p.m. at the May Township Hall carried unanimously.

SET LEVY: Mark Breneman reviewed May Township’s board of supervisor’s recommendation to set the levy at **\$300,000.00:**

- \$ 48,000.00 General Fund
- \$200,800.00 Road and Bridge Fund
- \$ 26,000.00 Fire Fund
- \$ 25,200.00 Building Fund Payment

Discussion held: Taxes are too high already, don’t need to raise the levy, graveling 4 miles of road a year is not enough need more funding to keep up on gravel, etc.

A motion by Mark Breneman, seconded by Chad Converse to approve the levy at \$300,000, carried with a hand vote of 8 yes votes and 7 no votes.

OTHER BUSINESS TO PRESENT: None

ADJOURNMENT: A motion by M Breneman, seconded by C Converse to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bianca Wyffels _____
Bianca Wyffels, May Township Clerk

David Horn, Moderator