

**May Township Minutes**  
**5834 112<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**Pillager, MN 56473**  
**May 13 2024**

Elected Members Present: Supervisors - Jason Barg, Mark Breneman, Chad Converse

Elected Members Absent: None

Treasurer – Elizabeth Ausland

Clerk – Bianca Wyffels

Employees Present: Dave Johnson (road maintenance)

Employees Absent: Glenn Moon (road maintenance)

Others Present: Cal Disterhaupt

**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 was present for questions.

**CALL TO ORDER:** J Barg called the meeting to order at 7:02 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 120<sup>th</sup> Street concern and 126<sup>th</sup> Street concern, carried unanimously.

**MEETING MINUTES:** A motion by C Converse, seconded by M Breneman to approve April 8 2024 meeting minutes, carried unanimously.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** Treasurer’s report– A motion by M Breneman, seconded by C Converse to approve the **May 2024** treasurers report (April 2024 data) as presented subject to audit, carried unanimously.

\$	37949.38	<b>General</b>	Checking balance
\$	41951.60	<b>General Saving</b>	balance
\$	59055.80	<b>Grader Saving</b>	balance
\$	22058.68	<b>Paving Maintenance account</b>	balance (124 <sup>th</sup> Street money from special assessment)
\$	161015.46	<b>Total Funds</b>	

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

**BUDGET:** The treasurer presented an updated budget to the board. Discussion followed. No action needed.

**OTHER REPORTS:**

**PARK BOARD:** All is good at the Park. Docks are in.

**PILLAGER FIRE DEPARTMENT:** One run in May Township, new breathing aspirators are needed. There were 111 runs in May Township 2022 and 118 in 2023. Pillager Fair will need EMT services.

**MOTLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Two runs in May Township.

**COMMENTS FROM VISITORS:** Cal Disterhaupt has no issues to discuss.

**ROAD MAINTENANCE: 100th Street Project** – C Converse stated the project is moving forward. The residents will need an alternative route to get home for approximately one week while the project is completed. The board discussed options. The main issue is emergency vehicles crossing the creek. There is an old creek crossing, which would require having to build a temporary road to cross the creek. Still waiting on completion of bridge plan before being able to submit this project for possible state funding. J Barg and M Breneman will meet with landowners to discuss options. More information will be presented at the next meeting.

**Gravel Quotes:** At 7:30 p.m. quotes for gravel crushing were supposed to be submitted. At 7:30 p.m. the Clerk stated she had not received any quotes. The board discussed the following two options: 1. Anderson Brothers pit as is Hengel's pit are close by and Jason will ask them if they would be willing to sell crushed class 5 gravel to May Township and at what cost. .

**Tree Trimming** – C Disterhaupt reviewed the roads he has completed tree trimming on. The following roads have been had tree trimmed:

124<sup>th</sup> Street SW (24W) (25W)

65<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW (43N) (41S) (42S)

116<sup>th</sup> Street SW (17E)

51<sup>st</sup> Avenue SW (53S)

104<sup>th</sup> Street SW (8E) (9E)

53<sup>rd</sup> Street SW (50N)

**Beaver Control** – J Barg stated he contacted the MAT lawyer on April 18 2024 regarding a drainage problem on 57<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Bluestem road. The problem is created by a large beaver dam. The residents have been asked to let the township remove the beaver dam but refuse township maintenance staff access. MAT lawyer Steve Fenske responded noting we may have rights to remove the beaver dam without resident permission. Mr. Fenske was asked for a referral to a law office who may be able to help us. Troy Gilchrist was contacted. He suggested sending a letter to the landowners. C Converse drafted a letter and presented it to the board. After discussion the board agreed to send the letter to the landowners.

**108<sup>th</sup> Street** – Project will start soon, weather permitting.

**Gravel Hauling** - A motion by C Converse, seconded by M Breneman to hire Swenson Aggregate and construction to haul gravel for May Township at the same rate as last year, carried unanimously.

**126<sup>th</sup> Street** – C Converse stated 126<sup>th</sup> Street does not have any ditches. Discussion followed. The board agreed to have Dave Johnson dig a small ditch on 126<sup>th</sup> Street with the grader.

**120<sup>th</sup> Street** – C Converse stated 120<sup>th</sup> Street (by Larry Holmberg) needs ditch work as there isn't sufficient vegetive ground cover to prevent the ditch material from washing and plugging up the 120<sup>th</sup> St. cross culvert. Larry Holmberg would be willing to mow the ditch after grass is established but the side slopes would have to be lowered. C Disterhaupt said he would look at the project and give the town board an estimated cost to correct this problem making sure it is sloped so that a lawnmower can mow it.

**124<sup>th</sup> Street** – A resident on 124<sup>th</sup> Street requested gravel, the board assured them this section of road is scheduled for gravel in the next year or so.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS: Blue Ox Lawn Care** – The Clerk presented the contract for lawn mowing the township hall and Bridgeman Cemetery. Discussion followed. A motion by J Barg, seconded by M Breneman to approve the contract and have the lawn and cemetery mowed every two weeks, carried unanimously.

**Emergency Management Division (EMD)** - The Clerk stated the EMD will be holding a meeting on June 12 to review how to request emergency funding for weather related issues. A motion by J Barg, seconded by C Converse to send Elizabeth Ausland to the meeting on June 12, 2024 paying her mileage and meals, carried unanimously.

**Motley Fire Department:** The Clerk presented the contract from the Motley Fire Department for this year. After discussion the following motion was made. A motion by C Converse, seconded by M Breneman to approve the 2024 Motley Fire Department Contract, carried unanimously.

**Employee Handbook** – The Clerk presented the first draft of the May Township Employee Handbook. Changes were made and it will be presented again in June.

**ATV** - C Converse stated Cass County has passed a resolution regarding ATV riding in ditches. He encouraged the board to read the article in the Brainerd paper.

**Future Meetings –**

June 20 2024 6:00 p.m. Cass County Board meeting at the township hall.

June 10 2024 regular meeting May Township

June 24 2024 second meeting May Township

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion by C Converse, seconded by M Breneman to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m., carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason Barg

Bianca Wyffels