

**May Township Minutes**  
**5834 112<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**Pillager, MN 56473**  
**June 10 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: None

Others Present: Cal Disterhaupt, Doug Barnett, Scott Eppleshimer, Rod Vieth

**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 treasurer are present for questions.

**CALL TO ORDER:** J Barg called the meeting to order at 7:05 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 open meeting laws, carried unanimously.

**MEETING MINUTES:** A motion by C Converse, seconded by M Breneman to approve May 13 2024 meeting minutes, carried unanimously.

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

\$	32197.61	<b>General</b>	Checking balance
\$	12099.89	<b>General Saving</b>	balance
\$	59088.40	<b>Grader Saving</b>	balance
\$	22070.86	<b>Paving Maintenance account balance</b>	(124 <sup>th</sup> Street money from special assessment)
\$	125456.76	<b>Total Funds</b>	

**PAY BILLS:** The treasurer 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 and clerk presented a budget created from the CTAS software. Discussion followed. No action needed. The board will use this budget on a trial basis.

**OTHER REPORTS:**

**PARK BOARD:** All is good at the Park.

**PILLAGER FIRE DEPARTMENT:** New truck will not be delivered until September, 14 SCDA units have been purchased, 3 new applicants have applied with the Pillager Fire Department. There are 22 members. Sylvan Township day is August 3, 2024. They have received a grant for new radio equipment.

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

**COMMENTS FROM VISITORS:** Cal Disterhaupt – there are more and more motorized recreational vehicles driving on the dirt roads recklessly. Cass County adopted a new ordinance that restricts 4-wheelers etc. from riding in county road ditches.

Doug Barnett – presented a petition to hire a new road grader operator. There are 47 names on the petition from multiple roads in May Township. Discussion followed on the purpose of the petition, and the outcome desired. He also asked why a ditch was dug by his property, which he believes will cause his fence to fall down. The board will close the meeting for a road review later this evening.

Scott Eppleshimer – was present to ask the board to consider minimum maintenance on the road going past his house. More information below.

Rod Vieth - stated there is no gravel left on 120<sup>th</sup> St (21W) going onto Cty 35. Only sand. Would like more gravel. The board stated gravel is limited this year, but they have reviewed 21W and it is on the list to receive gravel in the future. He also asked if the rocks sticking out of the ground could be removed. The board agreed to have the township maintenance operator dig and remove the rocks.

**ROAD MAINTENANCE: 100th Street Project** – No update.

**108<sup>th</sup> Street** – Rocks in the ditch need to be removed by landowner. He has been asked to remove them. C Converse asked to have the contract extended on 108<sup>th</sup> Street to July 6 as it has been a wet spring which has prevented any road work being done. A motion by C Converse, seconded by J Barg to extend the Swenson Aggregate and construction contract for 108<sup>th</sup> Street to July 6 2024, carried unanimously.

**108th Street west of 61<sup>st</sup> Street (10W)** – C Converse presented a copy of a recorded document from 1987, (filed in the Cass Co. Recorder’s Office) when the May Township roads were recorded, showing the road in question as being recorded as a township road. Motion by C Converse, seconded by M Breneman to begin the process of removing trees, and bringing the last approximately 2000 feet of 108<sup>th</sup> St. (where it will terminate at the existing residence) up to a Minimum Maintenance Standard, carried unanimously.

**120<sup>th</sup> Street (20W)** – Ditch work by 65<sup>th</sup> Ave. C Disterhaupt said the ditch still has water in it and is too soft, will work on as soon as it dries up from the Spring rains.

**Gravel Crushing** - J Barg presented an email from Hengel Ready Mix with a quotes price of \$5.50 per ton (7.70/ yd) if purchase 10,000 tons, \$55,000. C Converse presented a quote from WDS quoting a price of \$5.95 per yard for 15,000 tons, with the addition of a D8 Dozer if needed for clearing and environmental fees of \$350, total quote \$94,475. Discussion followed. Discussion followed. A motion by M Breneman, seconded by C Converse to contract with WDS to crush 15,000 tons of class 1 gravel for May Township, carried unanimously.

**Ditch Mowing** – A motion by J Barg, seconded by C Converse, to hire Jack Lund to mow May Township roads, carried unanimously. J Barg will contact Jack Lund.

**At 8:10 p.m. they stopped the meeting to review roads. The board and Doug Barnett went together on a road review.**

**At 8:31 the board reconvened the meeting.** The board reported they had looked at 116<sup>th</sup> Street (17E and 18) and 53<sup>rd</sup> Ave (56N). Soft spots are a concern, the roads are beginning to have different widths, 56N had water over the road earlier, possible need to add black dirt and seeding where ditching was done on 116<sup>th</sup> Street (18E), pull berm out of road so water runs off the road.

The board will talk with the grader operator regarding berms and soft spots. They will take the petition under advisement and continue to work on the roads as funding allows.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Cass County Historical Society** – A motion by C Converse, seconded by J Barg to send \$200 to the Cass County Historical Society as a donation, carried unanimously.

**Hwy 210 Traffic Circle in Pillager** – Clerk presented for informational purposes only.

**Industrial by Products** – Bill Wyffels will apply wood ash and/or lime. MPCA guidelines state the township has to be notified. No action was taken.

**Billboard** – Bradley Hagfors sent an email to the clerk asking if there are sign regulations in May Township. There are no sign regulations as this time. The board may or may not create a resolution on this subject at a later date. The Clerk will contact Sylvan Township to see if they have a resolution on signs.

**Census** – Clerk presented the new census. 937 Population                      374 Household

**Beavers** – A motion by J Barg, seconded by C Converse to pay \$200 to Doug Simons as a “set up” fee for beaver trapping, carried unanimously.

**Open Meeting Law** – The clerk asked the board to be careful not to break the open meeting law. We are a board of three and it makes it very hard to meet outside of a scheduled meeting without breaking the law. Discussion followed. No action was taken.

**OLD BUSINESS: Blue Ox Lawn Care** - J Barg stated he and his son mowed Bridgeman Cemetery the day before Memorial Day as Blue Ox could not get to it. Blue Ox has turned in an invoice for \$650 for Spring Cleanup. The board agreed to hold this invoice until J Barg could have a conversation with Blue Ox. D Barnett stated he knows someone that may want to mow, he will contact them and have them call J Barg.

**Employee Handbook** – The Clerk presented the second draft of the May Township Employee Handbook. The board will read one more time before making a motion.

**Future Meetings** –

August 20 2024 6:00 p.m. Cass County Board meeting at the township hall.  
June 24 2024 second meeting May Township

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion by C Converse, seconded by J Barg to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m., carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Jason Barg*

*Bianca Wyffels*