

May Township Minutes
5834 112th Street
Pillager, MN 56473
August 12 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, Kim Lewis, Steve Bell, Andrew and Joshua Fink

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 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVE AGENDA: A motion by M Breneman seconded by J Barg to approve the agenda with the addition of 57th Avenue, propane, resignation, carried unanimously.

MEETING MINUTES: A motion by M Breneman, seconded by J Barg to approve July 8 2024 meeting minutes, carried unanimously. A motion by M Breneman, seconded by J Barg to approve July 22 2024 meeting minutes, carried unanimously.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Treasurer’s report– A motion by J Barg, seconded by M Breneman to approve the August 2024 treasurers report (July 2024 data) as presented subject to audit, carried unanimously.

\$ 2327.67 **General** Checking balance

\$ 97798.73 **General Saving** balance

\$ 59152.61 **Grader Saving** balance

\$ 22094.84 **Paving Maintenance account balance** (124th Street money from special assessment)

\$ 181373.85 **Total Funds**

PAY BILLS: The 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, carried unanimously.

OTHER REPORTS:

PARK BOARD: Looking at extending boat docking pier.

PILLAGER FIRE DEPARTMENT: J Barg – no calls in May Township. Norway Ridge is being built it will have 300 unit – near East Gull Lake.

MOTLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT: Two medical runs in May Township.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS: Cal Disterhaupt – no issues

Kim Lewis – lives on 57th. 57th Avenue has a soft spot in road and asked the board to look at drainage in the ditch

Steve Bell – brought in gopher feet.

Joshua and Andrew Fink – Joshua is a new election judge and had questions regarding his role as an election judge in the November election.

ROAD MAINTENANCE:

Mid-Minnesota Excavation – J Barg asked Mid Minnesota Excavation to haul gravel on the following roads. Cost \$3,360.

12 Yards – Town Hall

48 Yards – 108th Street SW (10W)

12 Yards – 104th Street SW (6W)

12 Yards – 45th Avenue SW (60N)

12 Yards – 49th Avenue SW (56N)

24 Yards – 53rd Avenue SW (52N)

12 Yards – 104th Street SW (7E)

12 Yards – 49th Avenue SW (57N)

12 Yards – 116th Street SW (19E)

12 Yards – 53rd Avenue SW (51N)

12 Yards – 124th Street SW (25W)

12 Yards – 116th Street SW (17E)

108th Street – A motion by C Converse, seconded by M Breneman to approve gravel on 108th Street by Martins and by Beaches, carried unanimously.

A motion by C Converse, seconded by J Barg to add “erosion control” to the bid by Swenson Aggregate for 108th Street at a cost of \$2000 to \$3000, carried unanimously.

A motion by C Converse, seconded by J Barg to have Swenson Aggregate to haul the leftover fill from the 108th Street project to the back of the maintenance garage to fill in the low spots, etc., carried unanimously. The board agreed this project should not cost much as the fill has to be hauled somewhere and is already in the bid. Therefore, the only cost will be the blading to spread it. Approximate cost \$4000.

132nd Street (34E) and 53rd Avenue (48S) – J Barg received a quote from Anderson Brothers on the cost of paving 132nd Street (\$109,017.84) and also for the paving of 53rd Avenue down to the Burlington Railroad intersection (\$95,791.26) for a total project cost of \$284,809.10. This information will be passed along to the residents who inquired about the cost of paving roads.

61st Avenue (45S) – Issue has been resolved.

100th Street (4E) – The clerk asked the board to look at 100th Street (4E) as the beavers have built a dam and the swamp water is rising. J Barg will look at this issue.

57th Avenue – The board agreed to have Cal’s Bobcat service replace a culvert on 57th Avenue between Hwy. 210 and Bluestem.

Road Map – The Clerk is working with Cass County to update the township road map.

NEW BUSINESS: District 11 Meeting – A motion by J Barg, seconded by M Breneman to approve paying mileage to the District 11 meeting on August 28 in Walker, Minnesota, motion carried unanimously.

Township Legal Seminar – A motion by J Barg, seconded by C Converse to send the Clerk, Bianca Wyffels, to this conference “Township Legal Seminar” presented by Couri and Ruppe Law Offices on September 28 2024, paying meals, milage, and registration, carried unanimously.

Pest Arresters – The Clerk asked the board to approve the use of Pest Arresters to spray the buildings outside bugs (aphids). A motion by J Barg, seconded by M Breneman to hire Pest Arresters to spray the township hall and maintenance shop, carried unanimously.

Propane – A motion by C Converse, seconded by J Barg to approve a prepayment to Dooley’s for winter propane, 1300 gallons at \$1.75 per gallon, carried unanimously.

Retirement – Mark Breneman presented a letter of retirement to the May Township Board. He will be retiring on December 31 2024 due to health issues. A motion by C Converse, seconded by J Barg to accept M Breneman’s retirement with regrets on December 31 2024, carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Employee Handbook – Tabled.

MATIT Insurance - MATIT sent an insurance adjuster to measure the buildings for insurance purposes. The Clerk sent an email to MATIT making corrections to the plan which resulted in a \$260 refund.

Business Signs in May Township – The board discussed business signs in May Township. The board agreed it is okay as long as the signs are not in the right-of-way, and they are on their personal property.

Future Meetings –

- July 30 – August 13 Candidate filing period
- August 13 – Primary Election
- August 20 - Cass County Board meeting at the township hall
- August 26 – second meeting of the month
- August 28 – District 11 meeting
- November 5 – Election
- November 11 – Canvass Election Results

ADJOURNMENT: A motion by C Converse seconded by M Breneman to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m., carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason Barg

Bianca Wyffels