

May Township Minutes
5834 112th Street
Pillager, MN 56473
April 14 2025

Elected Members Present: Supervisors - Jason Barg, Kim Lewis, Chad Converse (joined by phone speaker)

Elected Members Absent: None

Treasurer – Elizabeth Ausland Clerk – Bianca Wyffels

Employees Present: Dave Johnson (road maintenance) Employees Absent: None

Others Present: Beatrice Thompson, Cal Disterhaupt, Andrew, Caleb and Josh 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 7:05 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVE AGENDA: A motion by K Lewis seconded by J Barg to approve the agenda as presented, carried unanimously.

MEETING MINUTES: A motion by K Lewis, seconded by J Barg to approve March 10 2025 meeting minutes as presented, carried unanimously. A motion by J Barg, seconded by K Lewis to approve the April 1 2025 Assessment Meeting Minutes, as presented, carried unanimously. Road Review minutes. The board reviewed the minutes from the March 28 2025. No action was taken. The minutes will be reviewed again at the May 2025 meeting. K Lewis would like to add prioritizing roads to the May agenda.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Treasurer’s report– A motion by J Barg, seconded by K Lewis to approve the March 2025 treasurers report (February 2025 data) as presented subject to audit, carried unanimously.

\$ 58610.96 **General** Checking and Savings balance

\$ 1012.90 **Grader Saving** balance

\$ 24550.32 **Paving Maintenance account balance** (124th Street money from special assessment)

\$ 84174.18 **Total Funds**

PAY BILLS: The treasurer presented payroll and disbursement claims. B Ausland presented a cash flow for the months of April to December which included: regular monthly bills (i.e. electrical, phone, garbage, etc.), payroll, gravel, fire departments, and grader payment. Discussion followed. A motion by J Barg, seconded by K Lewis to approve PR Liabilities, wire transfers, check/claims/payroll, carried unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS:

Beatrice Thompson – 110th Street. The road is slippery, and difficult to travel on this road all winter. She would like the gravel corrected. Culvert is full. The board will check the culvert. Graveling will not happen until next year.

Finks – no comments.

C Disterhaupt – here to listen.

OTHER REPORTS:

PARK BOARD (PLPB): Need a host family for the summer. If you know anyone contact K Lewis.

PILLAGER FIRE DEPARTMENT: One run in May Township.

MOTLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT: Four runs – two fires, one medical, one vehicle.

ROAD MAINTENANCE: Road Maintenance Projection – 124th – Allen Marshall passed along his concern regarding black tac washing out. The board will review.

Doug Simons was asked to remove beavers again this year. Three were trapped in the 28E area.

100th Street Bridge – C Converse asked if the 100th Street Bridge project should begin in 2025 or 2026. The board discussed. There is still confusion on the costs to the township and the logistics of how the project works in regard to the State of Minnesota running the funds through Cass County. What are the costs to the township. C Converse said the cost would be only the additional cost of \$20000 for our portion of engineering. C Converse would like to move this project forward in 2025 using Cass County Engineering Department as the liaison between the State and May Township.

The board asked C Converse to invite the county engineer to our May meeting to walk the them through the township's obligations to the state and Cass County.

A motion by J Barg, seconded by K Lewis to move forward on 100th Street **Engineering** in 2025, along with asking Cass County Engineer to our May 2025 meeting to discuss the costs of the project and logistics, carried unanimously.

100th Street and 49th Avenue – It was asked if the extra material (fill) from the 49th Avenue project can be used on 100th Street (minimum maintenance) to create a “pull over” or add additional width to the road. It is very unsafe for two vehicles to pass by each other between the swamps. Discussion followed on wetland rules, width of pullover, etc. More action needed. Will put on the May agenda. J Barg will call MPCA.

NEW BUSINESS:

Gravel - The Clerk presented a letter from Cass County asking May Township for an estimate of the amount of gravel they will be using in 2025 and 2026. This has been asked prior. The board made another motion which included the pit we would like to use. A motion by J Barg, seconded by K Lewis to approve an estimate of 4000 yards of gravel in 2025 and 4000 yards of gravel in 2026 using the Fairview pit, carried unanimously.

Pest Arresters – The Clerk presented a letter/contract for Pest Arresters for 2025. A motion by J Barg, seconded by K Lewis to contract with Pest Arresters to spray the buildings for Asian Beetles and other insects, carried unanimously.

Lawn Mowing – The Clerk asked if we are going to use Blue Ox for lawn mowing in 2025. Discussion followed on other sources for mowing the lawn. K Lewis will check with the Pillager Park Board to see who they use, J Barg will contact R Vieth to see if he is interested. No action taken.

MATIT Insurance – The Clerk presented the MATIT property valuation report for May Township hall and shop. Discussion followed. The shop is valued at \$278154, and the hall is valued at \$143891. A motion by J Barg, seconded by K Lewis to continue to use MATIT as our property insurance agency, carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS: Sourcewell Grant – The Clerk stated the application was Sourcewell Community Solutions grant was submitted and has been approved. Funding is on its way to May Township. \$2000.

Chad Converse left the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

THE MEETING CLOSED BEGAN AT 8:15 P.M. The meeting was specifically closed for performance review. The meeting was taped, and the tape will be held at May Township Hall.

The regular meeting was re-opened at 8:50 p.m.

Future meetings were discussed. May 12 2025 is the next regular meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion by J Barg, seconded by K Lewis to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 p.m., carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason Barg
Chairperson

Bianca Wyffels
Clerk