

May Township Minutes
5834 112th Street
Pillager, MN 56473
July 28 2025
Second meeting as per scheduled

Elected Members Present: Supervisors - Jason Barg, Kim Lewis, Chad Converse joined by speaker phone (he is unable to make a motion but was able to listen to the meeting and make comments.)

Treasurer – Katie Eastman Clerk – Bianca Wyffels

Others Present: Josh and Andrew Fink, Cal Disterhaupt

CALL TO ORDER: J Barg called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM SOURCEWELL: Representatives from Sourcewell asked to join our meeting to discuss township funding opportunities through Sourcewell.

Sourcewell has three categories of funding: Boost Funds, Match Funds and Impact Funds. May Township can apply for any of these. Boost Funds, maximum \$2000, are used for small projects. May Township used this resource this year to purchase tools, tool chest and a printer. Match Funds are used for projects which enhance operations and programs. Maximum \$40,000 per fiscal year with a 25% match required. Impact Funds are used to address basic needs that seek efficiencies or solutions. Impact funds are \$50,000 and no match.

Discussion was held on May Township project ideas and uses other entities have used the funds for.

ROAD MAINTENANCE:

49th Avenue - B Wyffels stated the township has removed her cattle guard at the end of the driveway during ditching, thus leaving a 4-foot drop on her approach. She asked the board to lengthen the culvert and fix the approach. Discussion followed. The board agreed they had changed the road, and it was their responsibility to fix the approach. A motion by J Barg, seconded by K Lewis to make corrections to the approach, and add a culvert, carried unanimously.

A motion by K Lewis, seconded by J Barg to hire Cal Excavating to remove large rocks in the road from the Casino Church north, \$1500, carried unanimously.

A motion by J Barg, seconded by K Lewis to add #2 back into road work projects on 49th Avenue, ditching from the top of hill by Scott Wolfe, to the bottom, \$4000, carried unanimously.

Gravel Hauling – There are several areas on our township roads that need a load or two of gravel. J Barg presented a map showing these locations. Discussion was held on the cost of gravel and who to haul it. A motion by J Barg, seconded by K Lewis, to approve gravel on the 24 areas identified, to coordinate with D Johnson to spread it, and to get a quote from Swenson Ag and Mid MN Construction, carried unanimously. J Barg is authorized to spend up to \$6500.

Operator Training - K Lewis spoke with Mike E from the University of Minnesota regarding training for heavy equipment operation. Discussion followed. She also stated there maybe a training program through the

union. The possibility of using Central Lakes College Heavy Equipment instructors was also discussed. Maybe a joint community project was mentioned. More information will be gathered and presented at a later date.

Road Grading Options – The board discussed the future of keeping our own heavy equipment and hiring an operator or if we should look at hiring a company to grade the roads and snowplow. K Eastman (is the appointed treasurer of May Township and also the Clerk/Treasure of Fairview Township) stated Fairview Township hires a contractor for road maintenance. She felt the company they hire was reasonably priced and was able to keep up on the roads. Discussion followed. Becker and Villard townships also hire contractors. C Converse stated Denver Johnson may be a person to contact to better train our maintenance operator. He also stated we are in the right price range for the maintenance operator as CLC stated operators start at \$27 per hour on average.

A motion by K Lewis, seconded by J Barg, to create an RFP to explore maintenance options around May Township, by contacting Becker, Villard and Fairview Townships, requesting information, carried unanimously.

Ditch Mowing – K Lewis just wanted it stated that she felt the ditch mowing had been decided outside of a meeting and she would encourage the board not to do this in the future as it is breaking the open meeting law. She also wanted to know why ditches need to be mowed. It was explained.

Spring and Fall Road Review – K Lewis and B Wyffels have been working on putting together a large map of road work completed since 2017 in May Township. Other road work recording options were also discussed. It was discussed if we should add # of houses, # of businesses, # of cars, etc.

K Lewis would like a new traffic count on our township roads. The board discussed options. Should we purchase our own traffic counters, should we coordinate with Cass County, etc. A motion by K Lewis, seconded by J Barg, to move forward with a new traffic count, Cass County, will be contacted for options and purchasing options will be available at the next meeting, carried unanimously.

OTHER:

District 11 Annual Meeting – A motion by J Barg, seconded by K Lewis to approve paying mileage and registration for Supervisors to attend the District 11 Annual Meeting in Walker Minnesota on August 27 2025, carried unanimously.

Employee Improvement – A motion by K Lewis, seconded by J Barg to hold a closed meeting after the regular meeting on August 25 2025 to discuss a plan for employee improvement, carried unanimously.

Security Camera's – K Lewis asked if the board would be interested in adding security cameras to the township buildings. Discussion followed. The board agreed it would be a good idea. K Eastman, Treasurer, will research some companies and options to present at the next regular meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion by J Barg, seconded by K Lewis to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m., carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason Barg
Chairperson

Bianca Wyffels
Clerk