

May Township Minutes
5834 112th Street
Pillager, MN 56473
June 9 2025

Elected Members Present: Supervisors - Jason Barg, Chad Converse, Kim Lewis

Elected Members Absent: None

Treasurer – Katie Eastman (absent) Clerk – Bianca Wyffels

Employees Present: Dave Johnson (road maintenance)

Others Present: Cal Disterhaupt, Gabriel Trif and wife, Rod Enberg, Darrick Andersen (joined meeting via phone)

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.

C Converse stated D Andersen, Cass County Engineer was going to call in to the meeting. He suggested we move comments from visitors to the first agenda item while we waited for D Andersen to call. Visitors were informed and if needed their comments would be ceased for the conversation with D Andersen and then reconvening.

Comments from Visitors: R Enberg – was present to bring a concern regarding 65th Avenue off of 34. Stated road at the bottom of the “S” curve is dangerous. Road needs attention, gravel is low, and the road has become slick. He also asked why the board only chloride ½ way down last summer. He was wondering why the board abandoned some roads when the roads were recorded. C Converse stated it was not this board who made the decision in 1987, but the roads have been abandoned, and the board would not be able to re-establish them. He stated he would purchase the new battery for the AED at the town hall.

Gabriel Trif stated Otter Run was a good road when he moved in, but the road is no longer good. He said there is maintenance that needs to be done to raise the road and crown it again.

Darrick Andersen – 100th Street Bridge – D Andersen called in at 7:15 p.m. The board asked questions regarding 100th Street Bridge. D Andersen stated he is working on a similar project in Loon Lake Township and was willing to advertise for a bid for construction for both townships together saving costs to both townships.

He also suggested Cass County and May Township enter into a “joint powers agreement”. The board was in agreement with him and requested he sent the agreement to the township by the July 14 meeting.

A motion by J Barg, seconded by K Lewis to approve Cass County advertising for our project and Loon Lake Township together, carried unanimously.

K Lewis had called D Andersen earlier in June asking questions regarding the 100th Street Bridge project. She stated the township needs to send copies of our engineering expenses to Cass County. Cass County will send them to the state for reimbursement. We should be reimbursed from the project \$22305 for past engineering costs.

APPROVE AGENDA: A motion by J Barg, seconded by C Converse to approve the agenda but with moving agenda Item 100th Street Bridge first, carried unanimously.

MEETING MINUTES: A motion by C Converse, seconded by K Lewis to approve the May 12 2025 meeting minutes as presented, carried unanimously.

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

\$	\$12084.83	General Checking and Savings balance (fire fund, R&B, general fund, cemetery)
\$	1013.83	Grader Saving balance
\$	24577.00	Paving Maintenance account balance (124 th Street money from special assessment)
\$	37675.66	Total Funds

PAY BILLS: The Clerk presented payroll and disbursement claims. B Wyffels presented a cash flow for the months of June 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 K Lewis, seconded by J Barg to approve PR Liabilities, wire transfers, check/claims/payroll, carried unanimously.

OTHER REPORTS:

PARK BOARD (PLPB): Blue Ox Lawn Care was hired to mow. "Debbie" is the park host.

PILLAGER FIRE DEPARTMENT: One run in May Township.

MOTLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT: Two medical runs in April none in May.

CEMETERY REPORT: K Lewis stated there are some trees that need to be removed from the cemetery. Discussion followed on which trees and timing. J Barg will get back to the board on how many trees, etc. at the next meeting.

ROAD MAINTENANCE: Kim Lewis - K Lewis presented an article from the Minneapolis Star and Tribune regarding the costs of graveling a road vs. paving a road.

Widseth – presented a confirmation of request for engineering services \$33320. Discussion followed. The board did not approve.

Gravel – Mid Minnesota is selling gravel at \$15 per yard including hauling.
Kenny LaPorte is selling gravel at \$8 per yard but you have to haul.

Chloride – It is \$3799 per mile to chloride this year. A motion by J Barg, seconded by C Converse to chloride the following roads:

65th (41S, 42S, 44S)
132nd (34E)
53rd (48S)
Red River Trail

This is a total of 5 ¾ miles, carried unanimously. (Approximate costs: \$21844.)

Casino Church Culvert – The road is washing out by the Casino Church by the new paved parking lot. J Barg will talk to them about a culvert helping stop the wash out.

Grader Operator – J Barg stated he does not want the roads graded when dry. It has been too dry this summer and all we are doing is grading off the gravel. He also asked the grader operator to stay straight on the roads; the roads are being pushed out making them wider. Suggested to the board maybe we hire a CLC trainer to ride along with the grader operator to improve the use of the grader.

49th Avenue – C Disterhaupt was present to discuss the need for an additional \$5000 to finish 49th Avenue project. He stated the prior approved bid did not contain straw or grass seed as well as the need to dig large rocks and remove them from the ditch. Discussion followed. A motion by C Converse, seconded by J Barg to approve an additional \$5000 for the 49th Avenue project, carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

Future meetings:

June 23 2025 start of second meeting schedule for road maintenance purposes.

July 14 2025

July 28 2025 start of second meeting schedule for road maintenance purposes.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion by C Converse, seconded by J Barg to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m., carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason Barg

Chairperson

Bianca Wyffels

Clerk