



May Township Minutes
5834 112th Street, Pillager, MN 56473

February 9 and February 17 2026

Elected Members Present: Supervisors - Jason Barg, Chad Converse (Kim Lewis joined the board for the February 17 2026 meeting)
Elected Members Absent: Kim Lewis (Absent on February 9, present on February 17 2026)
Treasurer – Katie Eastman Clerk – Bianca Wyffels
Employees Present: None
Others Present: Robert Kadus, Mike Fitcher, Chad Wallgren

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 J Barg, seconded by C Converse to approve the agenda with the addition of McKinley Township letter, carried unanimously.

MEETING MINUTES: January 12 Meeting Minutes and January 12 2026 Public Hearing Minutes – A motion by C Converse, seconded by J Barg to approve the January 12 Meeting Minutes and January 12 2026 Public Hearing Minutes as presented, carried unanimously.

February 2 2026 Audit Meeting Minutes and February 2 2026 Heavy Equipment Operator Interview Process Meeting Minutes – A motion by C Converse, seconded by J Barg to approve the February 2 2026 Audit Meeting Minutes as presented, carried unanimously.

A motion by J Barg, seconded by C Converse to approve the February 2 2026 Heavy Equipment Operator Application Review Minutes as presented, carried unanimously.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Treasurer’s report– A motion by J Barg, seconded by C Converse to approve the February 2026 treasurers report (January 2026 data) as presented subject to audit, carried unanimously.

\$	\$140824.92	General Checking and Savings balance (fire fund, R&B, general fund, cemetery)
\$	1017.57	Grader Saving balance
\$	27042.51	Paving Maintenance account balance (124 th Street money from special assessment)
\$	170742.50	Total Funds

Pay Bills: The Clerk and Treasurer presented payroll and disbursement claims. B Wyffels and Katie Eastman presented regular monthly bills (i.e. electrical, phone, garbage, etc.), payroll, etc. A motion by J Barg, seconded by C Converse, to approve PR Liabilities, wire transfers, check/claims/payroll, carried unanimously.

2026 Proposed Budget – The Clerk and Treasurer presented a proposed 2026 budget, \$389230. The board line-item reviewed making changes. A motion by C Converse, seconded by J Barg to approve the 2026 budget with changes, making the 2026 budget \$300000, carried unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS: Robert Kadus – to observe. Mike Fitcher and Chad Wallgren from Becker Township here to discuss town line/shared roads.

OTHER REPORTS:

PARK BOARD (PLPB): No Park Board report.

PILLAGER FIRE DEPARTMENT: 2026 fees are \$19450.48. Still working on fire hall at East Gull Lake, March 7 fire hall annual meeting, calendar is selling nicely, April 29 fireman training, 3 calls in May Township.

MOTLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT: Two runs in May Township.

ROAD MAINTENANCE:

Becker Township – Mike Fitcher and Chad Wallgren were present to discuss the present reciprocity road agreement. Discussion followed. The contract was updated to the following:

February 11 2026
Becker Township and May Township Road Reciprocal Agreement

Becker Township and May Township have formalized an agreement pertaining to the maintenance of portions of 71st Avenue, 110th Street and 112th Street only and is as follows:

May Township is responsible for grading and snowplowing the following roads involving both townships:

110th Street, including the portion of the road in Section 24 of Becker Township
71st Avenue, the North/South Townline road in Section 6 of May Township and Section 1 Becker Township.

Becker Township is responsible for grading and snowplowing the following roads involving both townships:

112th Street, including the portion, which is in May Township, between State Highway 64 and the Becker Township Townline. May Township sections 19/30.
71st Avenue, the North/South Townline road in Section 31 May Township and Section 36 Becker Township.

Becker Township and May Township also agree:

Each Township is responsible for ditching, mowing, brushing, tree pruning/removal on their respective portions of these roads. It is recommended that the townships coordinate on these projects. The Townships agree if a proposed new private driveway or an existing driveway is reconstructed the respective township will determine if a culvert is needed to complete the driveway, and any such culverts will be metal and installed at the time the driveway is constructed.

Other road improvements such as gravel, chloride, culvert replacement, paving or other maintenance, etc. will require pre-approval from each township with the costs shared proportionately. Each township agrees that costs of the above projects will be invoiced no later than 90 days to the respective township, and to be paid within 90 days of receipt of the invoice.

100TH Street Project (Contract 59811) – One certified receipt returned from January mailing.

OLD BUSINESS:

Third Party Services Grant – No update.

Heavy Equipment Operator Position – Moved to February 17 2026 continuation meeting.

Environmental Services – No new applications.

Cemetery Application – Theron and Cynthia Horn request was tabled until March 2026.

Polling Place Accessibility Grant – Tabled. Need more information on costs of handicapped accessible ramp.

NEW BUSINESS: Motley Fire Department Contract – Motley Fire Department annual operational budget \$84275. May Township is 17% of this budget \$14327. Discussion followed. A motion by C Converse, seconded by J Barg to approve the Motley Fire Department Contract for 2026 , \$14327, carried unanimously.

Payroll - Bob Kadus – The Clerk asked the board what hourly wage to pay Bob Kadus for his time helping at the township. We paid \$30 in the past, but at the re-organization meeting it was agreed to pay \$27 per hour for help. Discussion followed. A motion by C Converse, seconded by J Barg to approve \$30 per hour for Bob Kadus for the 2026 year and to review at the next re-organization meeting, carried unanimously.

Custodian – A motion by C Converse, seconded by J Barg to approve paying Nick Barg \$37.50 once a month to clean the township hall, carried unanimously.

Short Course – A motion by C Converse, seconded J Barg to approve paying registration, mileage and meals for supervisors, clerk and treasurer to attend one of the Spring Short Course presentations by MAT, carried unanimously.

Annual Assessment Meeting – The Clerk stated Cass County will hold its annual assessment meeting on April 1 2026, Noon, May Township Hall.

Levy – Tabled until the February 17 2023 continuation meeting when all supervisors are present.

Transmission Project and McKinley Township – A letter was received from Minnesota Power stating their intention to upgrade the power line. Another letter was received from McKinley Township regarding the same issues. The letters were read. Discussion followed. A motion by C Converse, seconded by J Barg to send a letter to Minnesota Power opposing the new transmission line going through May Township and asking that it be diverted, carried unanimously.

Future Meetings – Township day at the Capitol March 2, 2026; Regular Township meeting March 9 2026; Annual Township meeting March 10, 2026.

CONTINUATION MOTION: A motion by C Converse, seconded by J Barg to stop this meeting at 8:40 p.m. and to continue it on February 17 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at the township hall, carried unanimously.

CONTINUATION MEETING FEBRUARY 17 2026

The continuation meeting opened at 7:05 p.m. with the following present:

Supervisors: Chad Converse, Jason Barg, Kim Lewis

Clerk, Bianca Wyffels

Treasurer, Katie Eastman

Others: Josh Fink

Heavy Equipment Operator: Before J Barg and K Eastman presented a recommendation, the board reviewed benefits. The results are: 11 paid holidays, ESST, Minnesota Leave, compensatory time. Public Employee Retirement Association (PERA). No health insurance or life insurance. These will be re-addressed in the future.

J Barg stated he and Katie Eastman (treasurer) had conducted two interviews. Josh Horn and Colter VanBuren were interviewed. Both were strong candidates.

The position was offered to Josh Horn. He has 20 years' experience with Andeson Brothers construction, lives in the township, and has his CDL. The board called J Horn on the phone to discuss benefits and offer him \$36 per hour for a 40 hour a week job. This is a salary of \$74,880 annually. Benefits include: 11 federal holiday, ESST, Minnesota Leave, and overtime in the form of compensatory time. J Horn accepted the position with a 90 day review.

A motion by K Lewis, seconded by C Converse to hire Joshua Horn at a salary of \$74880 annually, starting April 1 2026, with a 90 review, carried unanimously.

Levy 2027 – B Wyffels presented the following reports to the board for discussion: # of gravel roads around May Township, past levy 2001-2025, past levy with actual expenditures 2015-2025. The board discussed the need to increase the level of levy significantly due to wage increases, depleting savings, gravel costs and needs, culverts costs and needs, etc. It was noted gravel costs \$15/yard. To gravel one mile of road it costs approximately \$18000. The board would like to gravel two miles of road at a cost of \$36,000 in 2027.

A motion by C Converse, seconded by K Lewis to set the levy at \$400,000 2027, carried unanimously.

Other items – May 19 Cass County Commissioners will hold their meeting at the May Township Hall.

Emergency Management- B Wyffels stated she was contacted by Emergency Management Services for phone numbers of people to call if there is an emergency in May Township. She gave all three board members phone numbers to them.

Annual Report – B Wyffels, Clerk, stated she needs some reports before the annual report can be completed. The board will gather for her. The report will be ready for the annual meeting in March.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion by C Converse, seconded by J Barg to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m., carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason Barg
Chairperson

Bianca Wyffels
Clerk