

# MAY TOWNSHIP

WASHINGTON COUNTY *Minnesota*



## **PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION PRIMARY**

**March 5th, 2024**

Eligible township residents may vote in person at the May Town Hall. We'll be open for in person voting from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. All voters must state a major party choice to receive a ballot for this election. Absentee ballots must be returned to Washington County Government Center before 8:00 p.m. on March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

## **TOWNSHIP ELECTION**

**March 12th, 2024**

Running for a Board Supervisor seat this year is Steve Magner (incumbent) & Mark Diessner. May Town Hall will be open for in person voting from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Absentee ballots must be returned to Washington County Government Center before 8:00 p.m. on March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

## **ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

**March 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 p.m.**

We'll discuss and vote on the budget and levy for 2025. Hear updates from our Wash. County Commissioner, and a Public Works official. The full agenda will be posted online prior to the meeting. Results of the township election will be announced at the end of the meeting. More information can be found on the next page and on the insert.

### **Other Elections that will be held at the May Town Hall in 2024**

August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – Primary Election. Absentee voting opens on June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024.  
November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – General Election. Absentee voting opens on September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Absentee Ballots can be requested at [www.sos.state.mn.us](http://www.sos.state.mn.us).

## **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**John Pazlar**, Supervisor, Chair  
651-433-5013  
[johnpazlar.townofmay@gmail.com](mailto:johnpazlar.townofmay@gmail.com)

**Don Rolf**, Supervisor  
612-209-3042  
[drolf@townofmay.org](mailto:drolf@townofmay.org)

**Steve Magner**, Supervisor  
651.303.7692  
[Baymoon31@gmail.com](mailto:Baymoon31@gmail.com)  
**Seat pending election results**

## **TOWN STAFF**

**Bobbi Hummel**, Clerk/Treasurer  
651-439-1706  
[bobbi@townofmay.org](mailto:bobbi@townofmay.org)

**Marsha Olson**, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer  
651-998-9178  
[marshaolson@comcast.net](mailto:marshaolson@comcast.net)

## **PLANNING COMMISSION**

**Chad Nelson**, Chair  
651-433-8203

**Walt Peterson**, Vice Chair  
651-433-3287

**Lester Rydeen**, Member  
651-433-3282

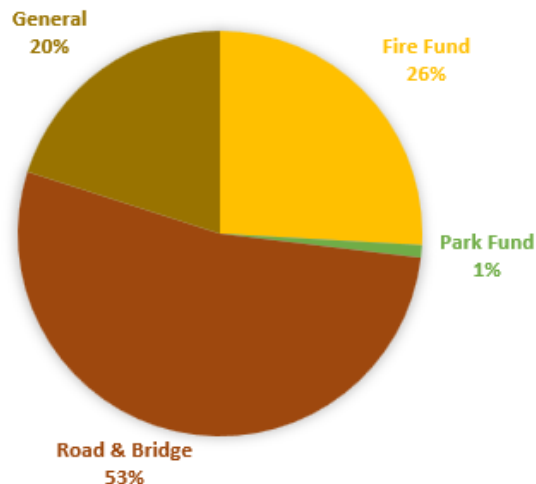
**Mitch Otterson**, Member  
612-616-5964

**Ted Nesse**, Member  
651-402-1650

**David Ubel**, Alternate  
612-309-6584

**David Langer**, Alternate  
651-450-9669

## **2025 PROPOSED LEVY INCREASE IS 5.69%**



The proposed 2025 levy of \$,1,104,986 is largely distributed between road maintenance, fire protection, and the general operating fund. With increases in contract costs and future road maintenance projects the 6.69% is in line with past increases.

Fire protection is provided by 3 surrounding communities (Stillwater, Marine on St. Croix, and Scandia). Contract costs for this service went up 8.9% in the past year. Costs for these services are fixed.

Similarly, calcium chloride applications on our gravel roads are a necessity. Applications happen once in the spring and once in the early part of fall. While the township does solicit bids for this work, costs have increased. The budget projects an increase of 5% this year.

Anticipating a need for some road maintenance projects on our township paved streets, \$40,000 is requested for road patching and chip seal work this year.

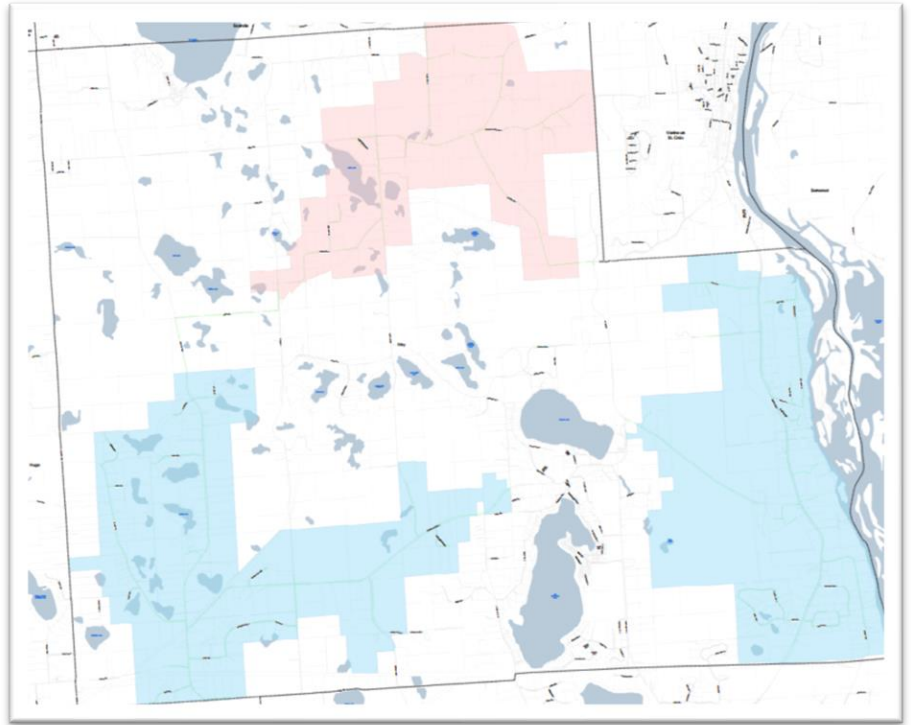
Overall, the township is in good financial health. The yearly audit was just complete with an expected public review in April. The township continues to commit funds to future projects and remains diligent about spending your dollars wisely.



# Grant Awarded for Broadband Expansion

May Township was awarded a \$1,580,300.00 grant from the Border-to-Border Broadband Development Grant Program in partnership with Washington County (\$311,000). Midco will provide direct fiber broadband service to approximately 575 households in the township, with speeds of 5Gbps.

Construction will begin in the northern part of the township in the summer of 2024 (pink area). Areas to the south and southeast of the township will be started in 2025 (blue area).



## Common Questions

**Q: Can I rent out my house out as a VRBO or Airbnb?**

**A:** No. A 2017 Ordinance prohibits all short-term rentals in the township.

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**Q: Do I need a permit to grade?**

**A:** Maybe. Before you start a grading project, especially if you're near water, please inquire with the township about the project. The threshold for needing a grading permit is 50 cubic yards or 4-5 dump trucks.

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**Q: What can I do if I live near a barking or chasing dog?**

**A:** First, try to resolve the issue with the animal's owner. Second, start keeping a detailed log of each encounter or disturbance. Third, call the town Clerk. An animal that disrupts your life is in violation of the Town's Animal Control Ordinance, Article 501. If you happen to own a barking our chasing dog, please be a good neighbor and take action stop it.

## Shredding Events and Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events in Washington County

### Mahtomedi

April 20<sup>th</sup> & October 5<sup>th</sup>  
8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Mahtomedi Middle School  
8100-75<sup>th</sup> St. N.

### Stillwater

May 18<sup>th</sup> & September 21<sup>st</sup>  
8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Lily Lake Ice Arena  
1208 S. Greeley Street

### Forest Lake

May 4<sup>th</sup> & June 15<sup>th</sup>  
8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Forest Lake Transit Center  
19987 Fitzgerald Trail N.

## NEW North Environmental Center

An environmental center is being built near Hwy 61 and Headwaters Parkway in Forest Lake. May Township residents will be able to easily dispose of hazardous materials, electronics, and other items that don't belong in the trash. The new environmental center will also provide food scrap drop-off, a free product room, shredding events, and compost and rain barrel sales.

The project is expected to be complete in late summer 2024.

More information can be found at [www.co.washington.mn.us](http://www.co.washington.mn.us)

## We are looking for someone to be our Township Fire Warden!

If you're interested and want to know more, please call us at 651-439-1706.



## **CONSULTANTS**

**Jack Kramer**, Town Building Inspector  
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**Patrick Poshek**, Town Assessor  
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**MN Department of Natural Resources**  
Burning Permits  
763-284-7208

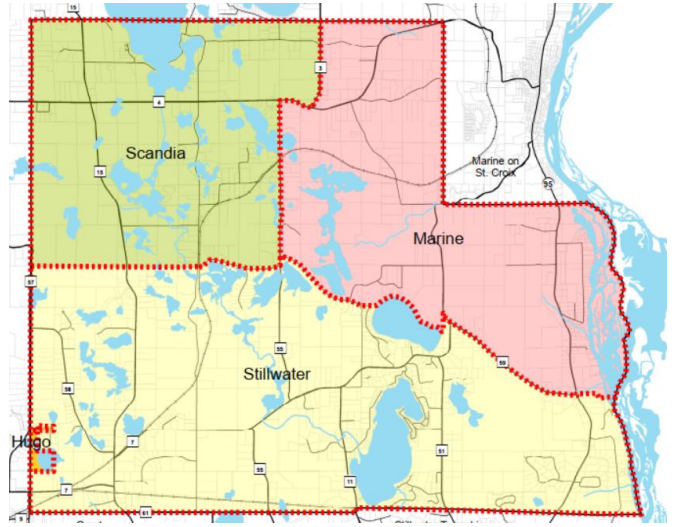
## **Monthly Town Meetings at 7:00 p.m.**

Town Board – **FIRST** Thursday of each month

Planning Commission – **LAST** Thursday of each month (if needed)

## **Town of May**

*Bobbi Hummel, Clerk/Treasurer*  
P.O. Box 60  
Marine on St. Croix, MN 55047-0060



## **FIRE SERVICE AREAS**

May Township contracts with the City of Marine on St. Croix, City of Scandia, and City of Stillwater for fire protection.

**Marine Fire Department is looking for volunteer firefighters and EMT's!**

**TOWN OF MAY**  
**2023 BUDGET VS ACTUAL, 2024 APPROVED LEVY**  
**2025 PROPOSED LEVY**

|   | 2023<br>BUDGET | 2023<br>ACTUAL | 2024<br>APPROVED<br>LEVY | 2025<br>PROPOSED<br>LEVY |
|---|----------------|----------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>GENERAL FUND</b>                     |                |                |                          |                          |
| PROPERTY TAXES                          | 167,295        | 180,481        | 209,820                  | 221,605                  |
| CABLE FRANCHISE FEES                    | 6,100          | 6,580          | 6,250                    | 6,300                    |
| ANNUAL & SMALL BUSINESS PERMITS         | 3,300          | 625            | 3,850                    | 3,450                    |
| BUILDING PERMITS                        | 80,000         | 130,603        | 80,000                   | 80,000                   |
| TOWN AID                                | 900            | 899            | 945                      | 900                      |
| ZONING FEES/C OF C/MISC FEES            | 400            | 47,161         | 1,950                    | 2,900                    |
| ANIMAL CONTROL FEES                     | -              | -              | -                        | -                        |
| COURT FINES                             | 275            | 130            | 300                      | 150                      |
| 201 SEWER ADMIN FEES                    | 1,000          | 750            | 1,000                    | 1,000                    |
| FUND SPENDOWN                           | -              | -              | -                        | -                        |
| INTEREST REVENUE                        | 250            | 1,265          | 500                      | 1,000                    |
| <b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUE</b>       | <b>259,520</b> | <b>368,494</b> | <b>304,615</b>           | <b>317,305</b>           |
|   |                |                |                          |                          |
| GENERAL GOVERNMENT                      | 18,745         | 20,553         | 19,325                   | 22,550                   |
| SUPERVISORS                             | 12,055         | 12,257         | 12,185                   | 12,335                   |
| PLANNING COMMISSION                     | 200            | 925            | 200                      | 200                      |
| ORDINANCES & PROCEEDINGS                | -              | -              | -                        | -                        |
| CLERK                                   | 54,070         | 91,652         | 72,770                   | 79,400                   |
| TREASURER                               | 21,100         | 27,714         | 23,290                   | 23,875                   |
| ACCOUNTING                              | 15,275         | 14,750         | 16,750                   | 17,500                   |
| TOWN ATTORNEY                           | 25,000         | 27,095         | 30,000                   | 30,000                   |
| PLANNER/ZONING                          | 30,400         | 44,807         | 45,000                   | 45,000                   |
| TOWN HALL                               | 8,235          | 8,008          | 8,250                    | 8,250                    |
| ASSESSOR                                | 15,600         | 15,600         | 15,600                   | 19,200                   |
| ELECTIONS                               | 3,030          | 3,779          | 6,075                    | 3,675                    |
| PUBLIC SAFETY (CODE RED)                | 220            | 218            | 220                      | 220                      |
| BUILDING INSPECTOR (NON-LEVY)*          | 44,000         | 66,315         | 44,000                   | 44,000                   |
| ANIMAL CONTROL                          | 5,550          | 4,478          | 4,950                    | 4,950                    |
| ESCROW                                  | -              | 51,940         | -                        | -                        |
| YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU                    | 5,000          | 5,000          | 5,000                    | 5,000                    |
| MISCELLANEOUS                           | 1,000          | -              | 1,000                    | 1,000                    |
| INTERFUND TRANSFER                      | -              | -              | -                        | -                        |
| OTHER FINANCING USES -<br>Gopher Bounty | 40             | 128            | -                        | 150                      |
| <b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND DISBURSEMENTS</b> | <b>259,520</b> | <b>395,217</b> | <b>304,615</b>           | <b>317,305</b>           |
|   |                |                |                          |                          |
| <b>ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>           |                |                |                          |                          |
| REVENUE ROAD & BRIDGE FUND              |                |                |                          |                          |
| PROPERTY TAXES                          | 549,013        | 542,301        | 561,616                  | 586,150                  |
| GRAVEL TAX                              | 14,950         | 10,305         | 12,350                   | 9,200                    |
| COUNTY GRANT                            | 23,600         | 23,832         | 26,400                   | 26,300                   |
| MINING FEES (5 YEARS)                   | -              | 5,000          | -                        | -                        |
| GRAVEL INCOME - PITS                    | 7,500          | 6,574          | 7,500                    | 6,750                    |
| CAL CHLORIDE/GRAVEL COST SHARE          | 5,000          | 6,722          | 6,700                    | 7,000                    |
| HUNTERS RIDGE REIMBURSEMENT             | 1,150          | 756            | 1,150                    | 1,150                    |
| MISCELLANEOUS INCOME                    | -              | 4,109          | -                        | -                        |
| INTEREST INCOME                         | 150            | -              | -                        | -                        |
| <b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE REVENUE</b>  | <b>601,363</b> | <b>599,598</b> | <b>615,716</b>           | <b>636,550</b>           |

|   | 2023<br>BUDGET | 2023<br>ACTUAL | 2024<br>APPROVED<br>LEVY | 2025<br>PROPOSED<br>LEVY |
|---|----------------|----------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| ENGINEERING                                       | 23,500         | 19,199         | 23,500                   | 23,300                   |
| HS&R - GRAVEL, BUILDING, INSURANCE, ETC.          | 97,500         | 104,146        | 141,817                  | 118,000                  |
| PAVING PROJECTS                                   | 75,000         | -              | 75,000                   | 75,000                   |
| PAVED STREETS MAINTENANCE                         | 118,814        | 24,237         | 83,549                   | 108,700                  |
| SNOW & ICE REMOVAL                                | 100,605        | 151,197        | 105,000                  | 110,000                  |
| R & B EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE & RENTAL              | 20,000         | 16,297         | 14,600                   | 19,700                   |
| RR CROSSING LEASE                                 | 1,150          | 1,150          | 1,150                    | 1,150                    |
| CALCIUM CHLORIDE                                  | 154,794        | 184,372        | 163,950                  | 172,200                  |
| STORM DRAINAGE/CULVERTS/VACUUM                    | 10,000         | 4,080          | 7,150                    | 8,500                    |
| PURCHASE OF INVESTMENTS                           | -              | -              | -                        | -                        |
| <b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND DISBURSEMENTS</b> | <b>601,363</b> | <b>504,678</b> | <b>615,716</b>           | <b>636,550</b>           |
| <b>LEVIED PARK FUND</b>                           |                |                |                          |                          |
| REVENUE LEVIED PARK FUND                          |                |                |                          |                          |
| PROPERTY TAXES                                    | 12,484         | 12,072         | 12,335                   | 11,010                   |
| PARK FEES/MISC                                    | -              | 90             | -                        | -                        |
| SALE OF INVESTMENT                                | -              | 15,750         | -                        | -                        |
| INTEREST INCOME                                   | 25             | 153            | 25                       | 100                      |
| <b>TOTAL LEVIED PARK FUND REVENUE</b>             | <b>12,509</b>  | <b>28,065</b>  | <b>12,360</b>            | <b>11,110</b>            |
| PARKS/RECREATION                                  | 12,509         | 7,548          | 12,360                   | 11,110                   |
| <b>TOTAL LEVIED PARK FUND DISBURSEMENTS</b>       | <b>12,509</b>  | <b>7,548</b>   | <b>12,360</b>            | <b>11,110</b>            |
| <b>FIRE FUND</b>                                  |                |                |                          |                          |
| REVENUE FIRE FUND                                 |                |                |                          |                          |
| PROPERTY TAXES                                    | 252,128        | 250,307        | 261,725                  | 286,221                  |
| MARKET VALUE CREDIT/MISC                          | -              | 1,915          | -                        | -                        |
| INTERFUND TRANSFER                                | -              | -              | -                        | -                        |
| INTEREST INCOME                                   | 75             | -              | -                        | -                        |
| <b>TOTAL FIRE FUND REVENUE</b>                    | <b>252,203</b> | <b>252,222</b> | <b>261,725</b>           | <b>286,221</b>           |
| FIRE PROTECTION                                   | 252,203        | 252,128        | 261,725                  | 286,221                  |
| INTERFUND TRANSFER                                | -              | -              | -                        | -                        |
| <b>TOTAL FIRE FUND DISBURSEMENTS</b>              | <b>252,203</b> | <b>252,128</b> | <b>261,725</b>           | <b>286,221</b>           |
| <b>CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND</b>                      |                |                |                          |                          |
| REVENUE CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND                     |                |                |                          |                          |
| PROPERTY TAXES                                    | -              | 654            | -                        | -                        |
| INTEREST  | -              | 547            | -                        | -                        |
| <b>TOTAL CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND REVENUE</b>        | <b>-</b>       | <b>1,201</b>   | <b>-</b>                 | <b>-</b>                 |
| BUILDINGS & STRUCTURES                            | -              | -              | -                        | -                        |
| ROAD & BRIDGE EQUIPMENT                           | -              | -              | -                        | -                        |
| <b>TOTAL CAPITAL PROJECTS DISBURSEMENTS</b>       | <b>-</b>       | <b>-</b>       | <b>-</b>                 | <b>-</b>                 |
| <b>TOTAL LEVY</b>                                 | <b>980,920</b> | <b>985,814</b> | <b>1,045,496</b>         | <b>1,104,986</b>         |