

May Township News

Town of May Election and Annual Meeting

Tuesday, March 8, 2022

Polls Open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm, May Town Hall - 13939 Norell Avenue

Annual Town Meeting via ZOOM at 8:15 pm

Visit www.zoom.com
Meeting ID: 659 594 1012
Passcode: May

Call-in to 1-312-626-6799
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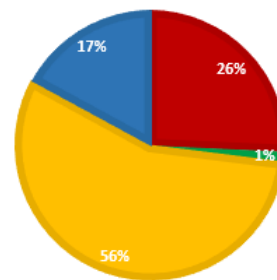
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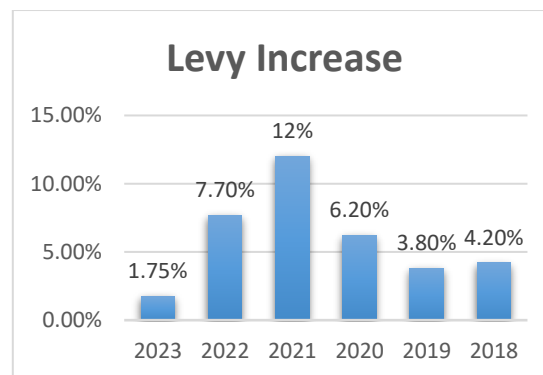
Marine on St. Croix, MN 55047

PROPOSED 2023 TAX LEVY OF \$980,920



■ Fire Fund ■ Park Fund ■ Road & Bridge ■ General

Sensible spending and consistent choices have helped reduce the levy increase for 2023 to 1.75% from 2022's 7.70%. The Town Board and Town Staff are finding ways to stretch a dollar on big spending as well as holding healthy debates on ways to carve back spending to a sufficient level.



A major increase to the township's levy is for the cost of fire department coverage. Scandia, Marine on St. Croix, and Stillwater fire departments cover May Township for fire/medical. Fifteen years ago, the township's fire contract budget was approximately \$130,000. For 2023, fire contracts necessitate a budget of over \$252,000 for fire coverage of the township which consist of \$182,388 for Stillwater, \$37,565 for Marine on St. Croix, and \$32,300 Scandia.

General News for May Township

BE SURE TO VOTE ON TUESDAY MARCH 8, 2022 FOR TOWN BOARD SUPERVISOR (3-YEAR TERM)

The polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the May Town Hall located at 13939 Norell Avenue North on Tuesday, March 8, 2022. With one open three-year board supervisor slot, John Pazlar is running unopposed. Absentee voting at the Washington County Government Center is available. If you have any questions about voting, please contact Washington County Elections at 651-430-6175.

ATTEND THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2022 VIA ZOOM

The Annual Town Meeting will be held via ZOOM at 8:15 p.m. This is your chance to talk about and vote on the levy for 2023. We will also consider the newspaper for legal notices, the gopher bounty, and review any concerns involving uses operating under permit within May Township, such as gravel mines, non-profits, and small businesses. During the meeting, the results of the election will be announced. Voting at the Annual Meeting will be “roll call” so please contact the clerk to register your name/address to vote at the Annual Meeting. You can reach the Town Clerk at linda@townofmay.org or by contacting the town office at 651-439-1706.

BARKING DOGS – WOOF!

Bothersome or nuisance barking is a common problem in May. There are solutions and recommendations for both the dog owners and for the neighbors at their wits' end. It is unlawful for any person owning, possessing or keeping custodial or supervisory authority or control over any animal, to permit such animal to habitually bark or make any other animal sound in such manner as to significantly disrupt the peace and quiet of the neighborhood. The township recommends you first try to solve the issue directly with your neighbor.

Because most dogs bark when their owners are away at work, the dog owner may not even know their dog is barking. If you and your neighbor are unable to resolve the issue, your next step is to call the Town Clerk.

SUBDIVISION & FRONTAGE ORDINANCE

At the February 2021 Board Meeting, the board passed Ordinance 2021-01 which provides, in part, standards for lot width and frontage on a road required for every lot. Prior to the passage of this ordinance, these standards contained conflicting language. This became an issue with a recent lot that was created by the 20-acre exception where it ended up not having enough frontage to qualify for a building permit. Therefore, clarification on this area of the Town Code was needed. To review the updated language, please visit the township's website.

NO PARKING ZONES

May Township prohibits parking in certain areas when in the public interest and to benefit public safety. The DNR Lake Carnelian Boat Launch users were overflowing parking onto county and township roads which created road hazards as well as sight line issues for residents using driveways. Ordinance 2021-03 outlines “No Parking Zones” for township roads near Lake Carnelian DNR launch off Otchipwe Avenue. No Parking signs were installed along Otchipwe Avenue near the launch by Washington County. May Township passed this ordinance in June to add Ozark Trail 500 feet east of Otchipwe Avenue and 127th Street 500 feet west of Otchipwe Avenue.

STAY INFORMED

Please visit the township's website at www.townofmay.org for up-to-date information on township happenings.

HOUSING STANDARDS ORDINANCE

Most area communities have minimum size and dimensional standards for single family houses. This prevents the use of structures intended to be for temporary uses being used as a permanent domicile and discourages severely out-of-character construction which could impact property values. In rare instances, some people have argued that a “loft in a pole barn” makes it a house. Please note that our current building code does not support temporary or nonconforming structures.

PLANNING COMMISSION CHANGES

The board updated the number of Planning Commissioner members from seven to five with two alternate members. The Planning Commission appointed Don Rolf as the Vice-Chair under Chair John Arnason. Please thank Jyneen Thatcher and Jason Husveth next time you see them around town. Both retired/resigned their positions as Planning Commission members. Thank you for your service.

MORATORIUM

With a new Board of Supervisors in Spring 2021, the board earmarked a major undertaking to review and revise areas of the Town Code, considering the updated Comprehensive Plan. Their first initiative was planning and zoning in the conservancy district. Therefore, a moratorium was passed via Ordinance 2021-07 putting a freeze on any requested changes in the conservancy district to allow the township to study, evaluate, and conform the code to the Comprehensive Plan.

NEW SNOW REMOVAL VENDOR

In Fall of 2021, the Town Board entered a contract with Miller Excavating to handle the snow removal ice mitigation on township roads. Miller is well versed in snow removal as they are under contract with several townships in Washington County for the same. Accordingly, the township sold its two plow trucks. If you live on a township road that is narrow,

please refrain from parking on the shoulder during accumulative snowfall to ensure trucks can traverse your road for clearing. Please reach out to the township if you have any questions or concerns with the new system. Your input is encouraged and feedback is welcome.

ILLEGAL DUMPING IN TOWNSHIP

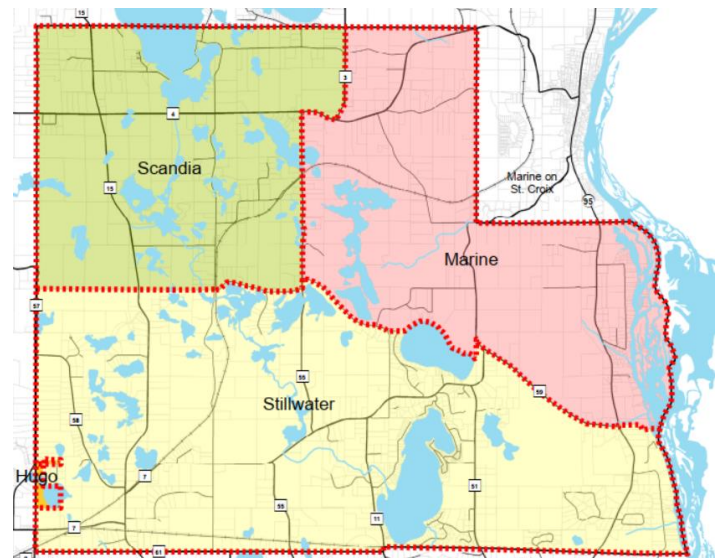
Illegal dumping on township roads and rights-of-way has greatly increased the past few years. Not only is dumping like this illegal, but it also creates an unsightly mess, has a potential to contaminate the surrounding land and water, and leads to an extra cost that is passed on to taxpayers. If you see someone doing illegal dumping, please act by calling Washington County Sheriff Non-Emergency at 651-439-9381 and the Town Clerk.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Town Engineers prepared a Ten-Year Capital Improvement Plan that was presented to the Town Board in November. The CIP will help with timelines and budgets for road improvements.

FIRE SERVICE AREAS

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



SUPERVISOR ASSIGNMENTS

201 Sewer System – Supervisors Adams/Magner
Animal Control – Supervisor Magner
Financials – Supervisor Pazlar
Fire – Supervisor Magner
Mining – Supervisor Magner
Roads/Snow Removal – Supervisor Adams
Town Hall/Park – Supervisor Pazlar
Zoning/Planning/Legal – Supervisor Pazlar

TOWN PARK – POOP!

The town park located at 13939 Norell Avenue is a great location to walk your dog. Please be respectful and pick up your dog's waste. Dog waste can take up to 12 months to fully break down. Further, dog waste can contain parasites and bacteria that can spread to other dogs. Please be a good steward and clean up after your dog. The community thanks you.

Monthly Town Meetings at 7:00 p.m. VIRTUALLY via Zoom until Further Notice

Town Board – *First Thursday each month*

Planning Commission – *Last Thursday each month, if required*



Town of May
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TOWN ELECTION TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2022
AT THE TOWN HALL

ANNUAL MEETING TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2022
VIA ZOOM

TOWN OF MAY
2021 BUDGET VS ACTUAL
2022 APPROVED LEVY, 2023 PROPOSED LEVY

	2021 BUDGET	2021 ACTUAL	2022 APPROVED LEVY	2023 PROPOSED LEVY
GENERAL FUND				
PROPERTY TAXES	166,917	164,185	156,679	167,295
CABLE FRANCHISE FEES	5,000	6,335	6,000	6,100
ANNUAL & SMALL BUSINESS PERMITS	3,500	3,000	3,550	3,300
BUILDING PERMITS	80,000	94,518	80,000	80,000
TOWN AID	900	949	900	900
ZONING FEES/C OF C/MISC FEES	400	4,761	650	400
ANIMAL CONTROL FEES	-	937	-	-
COURT FINES	269	440	275	275
201 SEWER ADMIN FEES	600	600	600	1,000
FUND SPENDDOWN	-	-	-	-
INTEREST REVENUE	400	416	250	250
TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUE	257,986	276,141	248,904	259,520
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	18,720	17,788	19,500	18,745
SUPERVISORS	11,880	12,046	11,880	12,055
PLANNING COMMISSION	500	600	200	200
ORDINANCES & PROCEEDINGS	-	-	-	-
CLERK	52,991	57,520	52,991	54,070
TREASURER	19,130	17,574	20,118	21,100
ACCOUNTING	17,500	17,630	16,000	15,275
TOWN ATTORNEY	21,000	17,315	25,000	25,000
PLANNER/ZONING	35,850	39,214	25,050	30,400
TOWN HALL	8,150	4,792	8,635	8,235
ASSESSOR	15,600	15,600	15,600	15,600
ELECTIONS	1,895	2,585	4,130	3,030
PUBLIC SAFETY (CODE RED)	220	218	220	220
BUILDING INSPECTOR (NON-LEVY)*	44,000	49,259	44,000	44,000
ANIMAL CONTROL	5,350	3,644	5,500	5,550
WETLANDS	100	-	-	-
YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU	5,000	5,000	-	5,000
HISTORICAL SOCIETY	-	-	-	1,000
MISCELLANEOUS	-	-	-	-
INTERFUND TRANSFER	-	-	-	-
OTHER FINANCING USES - Gopher Bounty	100	-	80	40
TOTAL GENERAL FUND DISBURSEMENTS	257,986	260,785	248,904	259,520
ROAD & BRIDGE FUND				
REVENUE ROAD & BRIDGE FUND				
PROPERTY TAXES	505,600	504,103	531,280	549,013
GRAVEL TAX	10,000	12,304	12,800	14,950
COUNTY GRANT	22,400	22,025	24,500	23,600
MINING FEES (5 YEARS)	-	-	7,500	-
GRAVEL INCOME - PITS	7,000	10,889	7,500	7,500
CAL CHLORIDE/GRAVEL COST SHARE	3,000	5,147	3,000	5,000
HUNTERS RIDGE REIMBURSEMENT	1,150	1,040	1,150	1,150
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	-	-	-	-
INTEREST INCOME	250	-	150	150
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE REVENUE	549,400	555,508	587,880	601,363

	2021 BUDGET	2021 ACTUAL	2022 APPROVED LEVY	2023 PROPOSED LEVY
ENGINEERING	22,000	29,443	21,250	23,500
HS&R - GRAVEL, BUILDING, INSURANCE, ETC.	126,750	137,381	85,420	97,500
PAVING PROJECTS	70,000	-	65,000	75,000
PAVED STREETS MAINTENANCE	37,500	15,525	99,000	118,814
SNOW & ICE REMOVAL	95,000	51,394	95,000	100,605
R & B EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE & RENTAL	64,000	30,597	69,940	20,000
RR CROSSING LEASE	1,150	1,150	1,150	1,150
CALCIUM CHLORIDE	125,000	150,029	146,170	154,794
STORM DRAINAGE/CULVERTS/VACUUM	8,000	1,950	4,950	10,000
INTERFUND TRANSFER	-	-	-	-
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND DISBURSEMENTS	549,400	417,469	587,880	601,363
LEVIED PARK FUND				
REVENUE LEVIED PARK FUND				
PROPERTY TAXES	6,648	6,764	6,700	12,484
PARK FEES	-	1,600	-	-
INTEREST INCOME	12	70	25	25
TOTAL LEVIED PARK FUND REVENUE	6,660	8,434	6,725	12,509
PARKS/RECREATION	6,660	2,864	6,725	12,509
TOTAL LEVIED PARK FUND DISBURSEMENTS	6,660	2,864	6,725	12,509
FIRE FUND				
REVENUE FIRE FUND				
PROPERTY TAXES	210,500	206,657	229,386	252,128
FUND SPENDOWN	-	-	-	-
INTERFUND TRANSFER	-	-	-	-
INTEREST INCOME	100	-	75	75
TOTAL FIRE FUND REVENUE	210,600	206,657	229,461	252,203
FIRE PROTECTION	210,600	211,418	229,461	252,203
INTERFUND TRANSFER	-	-	-	-
TOTAL FIRE FUND DISBURSEMENTS	210,600	211,418	229,461	252,203
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND				
REVENUE CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND				
PROPERTY TAXES	-	-	40,000	-
INTEREST	-	314	-	-
TOTAL CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND REVENUE	-	314	40,000	-
BUILDINGS & STRUCTURES	-	-	-	-
ROAD & BRIDGE EQUIPMENT	-	4,261	-	-
TOTAL CAPITAL PROJECTS DISBURSEMENTS	-	4,261	-	-
TOTAL LEVY	889,665	881,709	964,046	980,920