



# MAY TOWNSHIP

WASHINGTON COUNTY *Minnesota*

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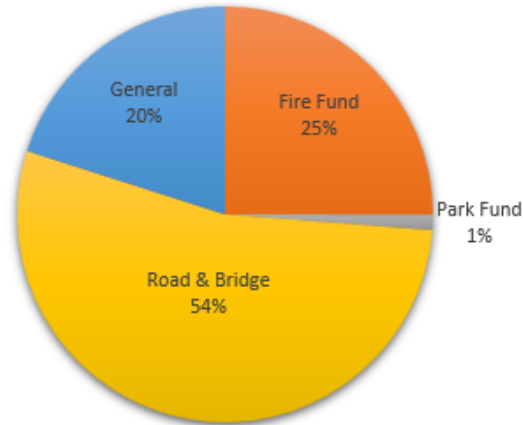
**Walt Peterson**, Member  
651-433-3287

**OPEN SEAT**, Alternate

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*(Pending election results)*

## 2024 PROPOSED LEVY INCREASE IS 6.58%

The bulk of funds are distributed between roadway maintenance, fire protection and the general operating fund.



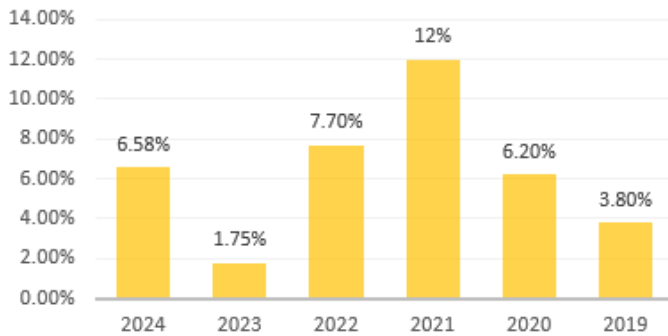
The proposed 2024 levy of \$1,045,496 includes increases in fees for general operating expenses, fire protection, and current and future road maintenance needs.

This winter has been extremely challenging for road maintenance as we try to keep up with mother nature. Not only in winter months but during all seasons. About half of our residents, including your town Board members, live on gravel roads and our Minnesota weather can be hard on them. Winter snow followed by spring flooding can cause potholes, gravel washouts, and wash-boarding. Grading is the primary remedy but when roads are muddy or frozen, we need to wait for the conditions to improve before sending out the grader, or it could make a bad situation even worse. Costs to keep the roads in shape accounts for 53.7% of the budget.

May Township contracts with Stillwater, Marine on St. Croix, and Scandia for fire protection service. The Stillwater contract was renewed this year through 2025. The 2024 cost of the Stillwater contact is \$187,731. This represents 71.73% of the fire fund allowance.

The overall increase of 6.58% is on par with the average levy requests over the past 5 years and with the current inflation rate. See graph on next page.

## Levy Increase



2019-2023 average increase is 6.29%

### **VOTE: ANNUAL TOWN MEETING. 8:15 P.M.**

#### **Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>**

The Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 p.m. at the Town Hall. This is your chance to talk about and vote on the budget and levy for 2024. We will also consider the newspaper for legal notices, the gopher bounty, and review any concerns involving uses operating under permits within May Township, such as gravel mines, non-profits, and small businesses. During the meeting, the results of the election will be announced.

### **VOTE: BOARD SUPERVISOR**

#### **Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>**

All eligible May Township residents can vote at the May Town Hall located at 13939 Norell Avenue North on Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Poles open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. For voters unable to enter the Town Hall, curbside voting is available. We also have a ramp entrance along the side of the building. Absentee voting is available at the Washington County Government Center.

Don Rolf Jr. is running unopposed for the open Board Supervisor seat. If you have any questions about voting, please contact Washington County Elections at 651-430-6175.



### **NEW CLERK/TREASURER: Bobbi Hummel**

Hello! I am happy to be your new Clerk/Treasurer for the Township, I started in May, 2022. I have already met some wonderful people and consider myself fortunate to work for you.

I've spent much of my working life in the administrative field. Previously working as an Office Specialist for Washington County, helping license food establishments throughout the county. I've been a resident of Scandia for the past 16 years.

I can be reached at 651-439-1706.

### **THANK YOU, John Adams!**

A heartfelt thank you to our Board Supervisor Chair, John Adams, as he has decided to officially retire his seat. His knowledge and commitment to the Township have been invaluable – he will be missed!

*"As many of you already know, I decided not to run again for Town Board. It has been a privilege and honor working with residents of May Township for the past 27 years. You're in good hands, and I wish you all the best."*

*-John Adams*

### **JOIN US ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION**

We are seeking applicants to serve on the Town's Planning Commission to fill 2 potential alternate seats for a 3-year term.

The five-member Planning Commission meets the last Thursday of every month (*if required*) and advises the Town Board on planning and zoning matters. Members receive \$25.00 per meeting.

Please send a letter of interest to [bobbi@townofmay.org](mailto:bobbi@townofmay.org) by Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

## **SHORT-TERM RENTALS**

May Township passed an Ordinance in 2017 that prohibits short-term rentals in the township. This is a reminder to all residents that renting their homes on a short-term basis through providers such as Airbnb or VRBO is not allowable under the Town Code.

## **PLOWING**

Miller Excavating does an excellent job plowing all of our roads. Township officials are working diligently to correct and fix issues that arise with each snow incident. May Township has several unique areas and plowing some streets can be a challenge with hills, gravel roads, narrow roads, and dead-end streets. A beautiful area to live in and sometimes a challenge for those large plows! Please be patient as we all navigate through this difficult winter.

## **PLAY BALL!**

Did you know that the Saint Croix River Valley Athletic Association (SCVAA) maintains our town park ballfields and soccer fields? Last fall, the ball fields got new gravel and were graded. This took care of all the weeds on the infield areas. New black dirt was also brought in. It filled in the low points and holes on the grass fields. A plan for bases and possibly a new dugout is in the works for this summer.

This year there will be youth baseball, softball, and T-Ball games beginning in April.

## **GRADING**

Before you start a grading project, especially if you are near water, please inquire with the Township about your project. The threshold for needing a grading permit is 50 cubic yards or 4 to 5 dump trucks.

*Having to re-do a project because of a failure to make an inquiry, can be painful and expensive.*

## **CONSERVANCY DISTRICT UPDATES**

Over the past year and a half May Township Board and Planning Commission have been working hard to update and amend the town code regarding the uses and performance standards in the Conservancy District. Ordinance 2022-04 was signed on November 29, 2022. This ended a 16-month moratorium.

## **BARKING DOGS**

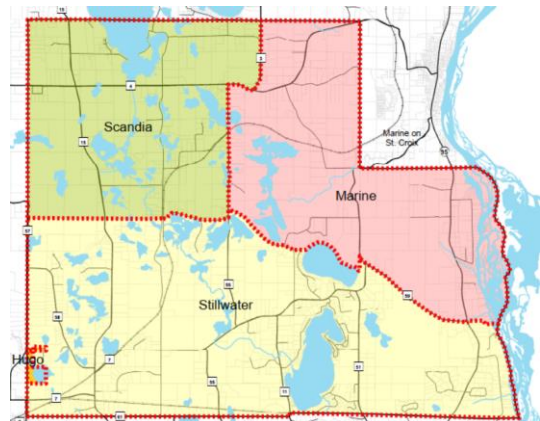
Troublesome, loud or aggressive animals is an all-too-common problem. Please be a good neighbor and ensure your animal a good neighbor too. If you happen to have an issue that can't be resolved directly with an animal's owner the next step is to call the Town Clerk. An animal that disrupts your life is in violation of the Town's Animal Control Ordinance, Article 501.

## **TOWN PARK – POOP!**

The town park 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.

## **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!*



## CONSULTANTS

**Jack Kramer**, Town Building Inspector  
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**Patrick Poshek**, Town Assessor  
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**John Klenk**, Fire Warden  
Burning Permits  
651-275-1336

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

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

Planning Commission – **LAST** Thursday of each month



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

## COMMUNITY LINKS

Carnelian Marine St. Croix Watershed District (CMSCWD)  
[www.cmscwd.org](http://www.cmscwd.org) 651-275-7451

Brown's Creek Watershed District (BCWD)  
[www.bcwd.org](http://www.bcwd.org) 651-330-8220

Rice Creek Watershed District (RCWD)  
[www.ricecreek.org](http://www.ricecreek.org) 763-398-3070

Washington Conservation District  
[www.mnwcd.org](http://www.mnwcd.org) 651-330-8220

Washington County, Minnesota  
[www.co.washinton.mn.us](http://www.co.washinton.mn.us) 651-430-6000

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR)  
[www.dnr.state.mn.us](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us) 651-296-6157

St. Croix National Scenic Riverway (National Park Service)  
[www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov) 715-483-2274

**TOWN OF MAY**  
**2022 BUDGET VS ACTUAL**  
**2023 APPROVED LEVY, 2024 PROPOSED LEVY**

	2022 BUDGET	2022 ACTUAL	2023 APPROVED LEVY	2024 PROPOSED LEVY
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>				
PROPERTY TAXES	161,679	159,484	167,295	209,820
CABLE FRANCHISE FEES	6,000	6,457	6,100	6,250
ANNUAL & SMALL BUSINESS PERMITS	3,550	1,144	3,300	3,850
BUILDING PERMITS	80,000	138,952	80,000	80,000
TOWN AID	900	945	900	945
ZONING FEES/C OF C/MISC FEES	650	239,245	400	1,950
ANIMAL CONTROL FEES	-	75	-	-
COURT FINES	275	322	275	300
201 SEWER ADMIN FEES	600	750	1,000	1,000
FUND SPENDOWN	-	-	-	-
INTEREST REVENUE	250	753	250	500
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUE</b>	<b>253,904</b>	<b>548,127</b>	<b>259,520</b>	<b>304,615</b>
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	19,500	18,474	18,745	19,325
SUPERVISORS	11,880	12,123	12,055	12,185
PLANNING COMMISSION	200	-	200	200
ORDINANCES & PROCEEDINGS	-	-	-	-
CLERK	52,991	81,653	54,070	72,770
TREASURER	20,118	21,103	21,100	23,290
ACCOUNTING	16,000	15,803	15,275	16,750
TOWN ATTORNEY	25,000	16,930	25,000	30,000
PLANNER/ZONING	25,050	38,538	30,400	45,000
TOWN HALL	8,635	11,274	8,235	8,250
ASSESSOR	15,600	15,600	15,600	15,600
ELECTIONS	4,130	5,846	3,030	6,075
PUBLIC SAFETY (CODE RED)	220	218	220	220
BUILDING INSPECTOR (NON-LEVY)*	44,000	75,632	44,000	44,000
ANIMAL CONTROL	5,500	2,263	5,550	4,950
ESCROW	-	47,571	-	-
YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU	5,000	2,500	5,000	5,000
MISCELLANEOUS	80	-	-	-
INTERFUND TRANSFER	-	-	-	-
OTHER FINANCING USES - Gopher Bounty	-	-	1,040	1,000
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>253,904</b>	<b>365,527</b>	<b>259,520</b>	<b>304,615</b>
<b>ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>				
REVENUE ROAD & BRIDGE FUND				
PROPERTY TAXES	531,280	531,851	549,013	561,616
GRAVEL TAX	12,800	5,050	14,950	12,350
COUNTY GRANT	24,500	32,987	23,600	26,400
MINING FEES (5 YEARS)	7,500	-	-	-
GRAVEL INCOME - PITS	7,500	4,461	7,500	7,500
CAL CHLORIDE/GRAVEL COST SHARE	3,000	6,332	5,000	6,700
HUNTERS RIDGE REIMBURSEMENT	1,150	851	1,150	1,150
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	-	-	-	-
INTEREST INCOME	150	-	150	-
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE REVENUE</b>	<b>587,880</b>	<b>581,531</b>	<b>601,363</b>	<b>615,716</b>

	2022 BUDGET	2022 ACTUAL	2023 APPROVED LEVY	2024 PROPOSED LEVY
ENGINEERING	21,250	21,253	23,500	23,500
HS&R - GRAVEL, BUILDING, INSURANCE, ETC.	85,420	70,257	97,500	141,817
PAVING PROJECTS	65,000	-	75,000	75,000
PAVED STREETS MAINTENANCE	99,000	33,916	118,814	83,549
SNOW & ICE REMOVAL	95,000	86,645	100,605	105,000
R & B EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE & RENTAL	69,940	19,194	20,000	14,600
RR CROSSING LEASE	1,150	1,150	1,150	1,150
CALCIUM CHLORIDE	146,170	146,488	154,794	163,950
STORM DRAINAGE/CULVERTS/VACUUM	4,950	2,150	10,000	7,150
PURCHASE OF INVESTMENTS	-	10,000	-	-
<b>TOTAL ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND DISBURSEMENTS</b>	587,880	391,052	601,363	615,716
<b>LEVIED PARK FUND</b>				
REVENUE LEVIED PARK FUND				
PROPERTY TAXES	6,700	6,710	12,484	12,335
PARK FEES	-	-	-	-
INTEREST INCOME	25	112	25	25
<b>TOTAL LEVIED PARK FUND REVENUE</b>	6,725	6,822	12,509	12,360
PARKS/RECREATION	6,725	7,763	12,509	12,360
<b>TOTAL LEVIED PARK FUND DISBURSEMENTS</b>	6,725	7,763	12,509	12,360
<b>FIRE FUND</b>				
REVENUE FIRE FUND				
PROPERTY TAXES	229,386	229,537	252,128	261,725
FUND SPENDDOWN	-	-	-	-
INTERFUND TRANSFER	-	-	-	-
INTEREST INCOME	75	-	75	-
<b>TOTAL FIRE FUND REVENUE</b>	229,461	229,537	252,203	261,725
FIRE PROTECTION	229,461	230,460	252,203	261,725
INTERFUND TRANSFER	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL FIRE FUND DISBURSEMENTS</b>	229,461	230,460	252,203	261,725
<b>CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND</b>				
REVENUE CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND				
PROPERTY TAXES	40,000	39,573	-	-
INTEREST	-	477	-	-
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND REVENUE</b>	40,000	40,050	-	-
BUILDINGS & STRUCTURES	-	-	-	-
ROAD & BRIDGE EQUIPMENT	40,000	186	-	-
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL PROJECTS DISBURSEMENTS</b>	40,000	186	-	-
<b>TOTAL LEVY</b>	<b>969,046</b>	<b>967,155</b>	<b>980,920</b>	<b>1,045,496</b>