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AGENDA TOWN OF MAY ANNUAL MEETING

13939 Norell Ave. N.
Marine on St. Croix, MN 55047

March 12, 2024 at 8:15 p.m.

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Determine May Township Residents for Voting Purposes
3. Election of Moderator
4. 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes, Reading or Waive, and Accept
5. 2023 Financial Report, Reading or Waive and Accept
6. Lakes Center for Youth and Families, Linda Madsen, Community Outreach Coordinator
7. Washington County, Commissioner Fran Miron
 - a) Capital Improvements
 - b) North Environmental Center
 - c) Legislative Priorities
8. Washington County Public Works
 - a) Big Marine Regional Park Land Acquisition-Kelly Farms
 - b) Washington County Long Range Transportation Plan
 - c) County Highway 3 (Norell Avenue)
9. Regular Board Meeting Time Change (*Currently 7:00pm, proposing 6:00pm or 6:30pm*)
10. Township Election Start Time Change (*Currently 7:00am, proposing moving it to 10:00am*)
11. Proposed Tax Levy 2025 as presented in the 2024 Newsletter, Discussion, and Vote
12. Legal Newspaper (*Currently County Messenger*)
13. Gopher Bounty (*Currently \$1.50 per pair*)
14. Comments/Concerns/Questions about current township topics
15. Set Time and Place for 2025 Annual Meeting (*Proposed: March 11, 2025 at 8:15pm. Town Hall*)
16. Unofficial Election Results
17. Adjourn

Board of Canvass – Election Results

**TOWN of MAY
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
ANNUAL MEETING – OFFICIAL MINUTES
March 14th, 2023**

The Town of May held its Annual Meeting on March 14, 2023 at the May Town Hall. Township officials present included: John Adams, John Pazlar, Steve Magner, and Clerk/Treasurer Bobbi Hummel. Invited Speakers present included Washington County Commissioner Fran Miron, Washington County Engineer Erin Clarkowski, and Linda Madsen from Lakes Center for Youth & Families. This meeting was open to all, May Township residents were identified with voting powers. Hummel called the meeting to order at 8:15 p.m.

Election of Moderator

Hummel asked for nominations from the audience for moderator of the annual meeting. John Adams moved, seconded by Dave Langer, to nominate and elect David Szczepanski as moderator of the Annual Meeting. Roll call vote: ALL YES. Motion passed.

2022 Annual Meeting Minutes, Waive, and Accept

The 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes were posted on the website for review. Szczepanski asked for a motion to read the minutes, or to waive the reading of the minutes and accept. Citizen moved, seconded by citizen, to waive the reading of the minutes and accept the minutes as presented. Roll call vote: ALL YES. Motion passed.

2022 Financial Report, Reading or Waive, and Accept

The 2022 Financial Report was posted on the township's website in advance of the meeting. Hummel reported as of December 31, 2022 the township's total bank balance was \$2,050.069 and read aloud all general accounts and dedicated fund accounts. Those balances are attached to these meeting minutes. David Langer motioned, seconded by Ted Nesse, to accept the 2022 Financial Report as presented. Call Vote: ALL YES. Motion passed.

Washington County Updates

County Commissioner Miron was in attendance. He reports on several projects that impact the township.

- **Tribute to outgoing Supervisor, Chair John Adams**

Commissioner Miron presents John Adams with a plaque for serving in the township for 27 years. Miron thanks him for his service, dedication, and for supporting the county's mission.

- **Road Projects**

County Hwy 15 (Manning Ave) from Cty. Hwy 12 to 240th St. will be getting center line rumble strips. This will be paid for by a grant awarded through the highway safety and improvement program. This project will begin and be complete in 2023.

County Road 57 from County Road 7 to North of Lynch Road will receive pavement preservation with culvert replacement in 2023. It will include 2 weeks of a rolling full closure. It will be posted

online with updates throughout. Traffic will continue to flow on a limited bases throughout the area.

County Road 3 from County Road 7 to County Hwy 4 will undergo a pavement replacement and retaining wall insulation. That is scheduled for 2024.

- **Big Marine Park Reserve**

The county will submit an application for a conditional use permit for improvements to an existing public works building within Big Marine Park Reserve. American Rescue Plan dollars will be used to fund this project. After further review and discussion with township officials it will also be necessary that a conditional use permit will need to be applied for in other areas within the park. Going forward, applications will be applied for as needed for future improvements.

- **Acquisition of Kelley Land and Cattle Company Land**

Washington County is planning to purchase about 640 acres of the Kelley Land and Cattle Company to expand Big Marine Park Reserve. All the land is on the east side of Manning. All the land is within the boundary of the National Park Plan that has been in place since 1988. Negotiations are still in progress. It will be phased in 3 separate acquisitions, much of the funding is through the Metropolitan Council and annual funding is limited. At this time, no plans for improvements on the land are in place. Eventually trails will be developed to connect to the regional park system, north of county road 4. Resident Dave Langer asks if the Maple Island Gun Club parcel is included in the land purchase. Miron answers that that land is part of the 3rd phase and most likely will be acquired in 3-4 years. The purchase does not include all of the land east of Manning, only the land that was mapped in 1988 by the regional park plan. The remaining 1800 or so acres that remain on the west side of Manning may be acquired through some Lessard Sam's Funds ultimately dedicated to the Trust for Public Land and then donated to the DNR for a Wildlife Management Area (WMA). The Town Board is aware and has sent a letter to the legislators asking for more communication on this matter. Miron states that there may not be a lot that can be done with a private land sale, but there may be some opportunities to limit the type of activities that happen within a WMA. The county and township have some concerns with possible hunting operations within close proximity to County Road 4, a main roadway through the county, and right next to county park activity.

- **Crack Seal Program for the County**

A contract for crack sealing county roads has been approved. Crack sealing prevents moisture getting into the asphalt causing buckles. Miron encourages the township to reach out if they would like to take advantage of some larger contracts in the future.

- **Lynch Road Concerns**

Resident Rocky Pasch expressed concerns and requests answers as to why Lynch Road was turned back to the township 10 years ago. No new culverts were put in and the expense of the residents to keep the road up will be significant. He is also concerned about safety on the road, speeding is an issue and it is dangerous for walkers. Commissioner Miron states that a speed study can be requested, per state statue, the state sets the speed limits. The township can request that. Supervisor Adams suggests that Mr. Pasch leave his phone number with the clerk for follow up.

Lakes Center for Youth and Families

The township gave \$2500.00 to Forest Lake Lakes Center for Youth & Families in 2022. The proposed 2024 levy includes the same. Linda Madsen, Executive Director was present to relay how much the township's contract help serve the citizens in the township and throughout the area. Funds for the program come from local governments, municipalities or fundraising efforts to name a few. LC4YF has been around since 1976, started by then Forest Lake Police Chief, Jim Trudeau. The goal is to give kids the opportunity to rectify wrongs by alternative methods. Avoiding being put into the court system and put efforts into intervening before kids really get in trouble. Examples are enrichment programming, after-school programming, safety camps, as well as counseling with licensed therapist. Madsen states there is currently a wait list for youth/families to get services through LC4YF. \$2500.00 will be included in the 2024 Levy for Forest Lake Center for Youth and Families.

Proposed Tax Levy 2024

The proposed 2024 levy was mailed to citizens in the February 2023 Newsletter as well as published on the township's website. The Town Board approved the proposed 2024 tax levy at \$1,045,496, a 6.58% increase from the 2023 tax levy.

Citizen Ted Nesse questioned if the Board would consider moving some funds from the road (chloride) budget and into road drainage and gravel. The Supervisors will make note of this and consider it at the next levy cycle.

Dave Langer moved, seconded by May Township citizen, to approve the 2024 levy. Call Vote: ALL YES. Motion passed.

Legal Newspaper

The township's legal newspaper for 2022 was *Country Messenger* only. Steve Magner moved, seconded by David Langer, to continue using the *Country Messenger* as the town's legal newspaper. Call Vote: ALL YES. Motion passed.

Gopher Bounty

Hummel reported that in 2022, the town paid \$0.00 in gopher bounty. John Adams moved, seconded by May Township resident, to continue the gopher bounty at \$1.50 per pair of front feet. By Roll Call Vote: ALL YES. Motion passed.

Comments/Concerns about Current Permits

None.

Set Time and Place for 2024 Annual Meeting

It was noted that the Town Hall should be the place to hold the Annual Meeting in 2024. The 2024 Annual Meeting on Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 8:15 p.m. at the May Town Hall.

Citizen Considerations

Szczepanski asked those present to bring forward any considerations for discussion.

- **Snow pile concerns**

A citizen that lives off of Northbrook and 7 has snow concerns. There are snow banks so high on the corner that it makes it difficult to see traffic. Would like to have the bank pushed back for knocked down so people could see who are turning west on 7.

- **Midco Expansion**

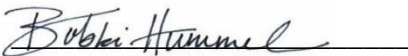
Citizen questions the Midco expansion grant that the township has applied for to extend services to some homes (approximately 575 homes) in the township. If the township is successful in getting the grant the project will begin and end in 2024. The proposed area map is on our website. It will be a direct fiber line to each house in the area. If approved, Washington County has also allocated some funds for this project.

Dave Langer moved, seconded by citizen to adjourn the meeting. By Roll Call Vote: ALL YES. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Attest,

Respectfully submitted,



Bobbi Hummel
Clerk/Treasurer

Dave Szczepanski
Moderator

BOARD OF CANVAS

Clerk Hummel provided the official Town Supervisor election results as follows: 52 total ballots were cast. Don Rolf Jr. received 50 votes. There was one write in vote and one blank ballot.