

**WASHINGTON COUNTY
TOWN OF MAY
OFFICIAL TOWN BOARD MINUTES
April 2, 2015**

The Board of Supervisors of the Town of May met at their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, April 2, 2015, at the May Town Hall. Those present included: Bill Voedisch, Board Chair; John Pazlar, Supervisor; John Adams, Supervisor; Dave Snyder, Town Attorney; Mark Erichson, Town Engineer; Pete Kluegel, Building Inspector; Linda Klein, Town Clerk; and residents of the Town of May. Absent: Cheryl Bennett, Town Treasurer. Voedisch called the meeting to order at 7:00.

Minutes, Checks, Treasurer's Report

Voedisch moved, seconded by Pazlar, to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2015, regular board meeting. All approved.

Pazlar moved, seconded by Voedisch, to approve checks 18145 through 18186 for the month of April as well as electronic funds transfers EFTS415, EFTF415 to the State and IRS, respectively as presented. All approved.

Adams moved, seconded by Voedisch, to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. All approved. The check register and treasurer's report are attached to these minutes and serve as the official record.

Wade Johnson – WD Manager Candidate

Wade Johnson appeared before the board to discuss his candidacy as a manager for the Carnelian Marine Watershed District. Johnson indicated he has prior experience working with watershed districts and is most interested in giving good direction to this watershed district so that the monies allocated to them are used appropriately. He hopes to give them a more public face and provide more transparency on the positive value the district provides to May Town citizens. The Board asked him what he thought the ratio of actual on-the-ground project (actually protecting water) spending ought to be compared to all other spending. He responded by saying it should never be more than 50% admin, engineering, legal etc. The board suggested that such spending can be 80% or higher and that he should take an interest. The Board also suggested that, if he is appointed, that he visit the Board periodically and provide an update as a liaison. He agreed.

Voedisch thanked Johnson for coming and indicated the Board would deliberate at the end of the meeting.

MFA/Wilder Proposal

Hilary Otey Wold from the Minnesota Farm Association appeared before the Town Board to discuss their pending proposal to acquire land and buildings currently owned by the Wilder Foundation. Planner Nate Sparks indicated that he had been called regarding a potential purchase of Wilder property by the Minnesota Food Association. The MFA is exploring ideas for funding sources to purchase the property. They will be developing their proposal between May and October of this year. Voedisch indicated that MFA would like a resolution of support

as they move forward. He brought forward a resolution of support but which gave no approvals over any usages beyond what MFA is doing today. Voedisch moved, seconded by Adams, to approve Resolution 2015-04 in support of the acquisition by MFA of the remaining Wilder Forest and Farm property in the Town of May. All approved.

Brockberg/Murphy – Panorama Discussion

Brockberg and Murphy appeared on behalf of some citizens on Panorama who are asking for paving public Panorama Avenue due to a continuing problem with potholes, snow plowing throwing gravel into the ditches causing deterioration of natural vegetation, and the number of vehicles traveling regularly on the road. They had asked for an estimated cost of paving this length of road and the cost would be \$30,000 to \$40,000. Brockberg showed pictures of potholes and the slurry that causes slippery conditions. Adams advised Mr. Brockberg of the process involved in petitioning for a paved road, which involves at least 2/3 of the residents along the road being in agreement. The Board discussed other options that involve use of more gravel, grading, etc. The Board will take a look at the road and offer options based on their review. Mr. Brockberg will be in contact with Attorney Snyder to get directions about how to do a formal petition to pave.

201 System Update

201 Manual

Mark Erichson, Town Engineer, asked for further comments on the 201 Operations Manual at the last meeting. They are still waiting for further comments from Washington County with a goal of approving the manual at the May meeting. Voedisch reviewed the entire manual and provided his copy back with comments noted. He suggested that the emergency phone numbers be well marked in the front of the manual.

201 Sewer Insurance Update

Dave Snyder, Cheryl Bennett and Chris Sauro will be meeting on April 15 to discuss the alternatives available to protect the Town from liability should a property owner bring a law suit against the Town if a portion of the system fails. They will bring recommendations to the May Town Board meeting.

Engineering and Roads

There was no formal engineering report for this month.

Mark Erichson asked about progress on the Morgan Avenue repaving. The Board agreed that this project should move forward; Erichson wants to review again the status of the road and what is causing the problems, and would like to include that in the formal request for bids.

Old Business

Arcola Mills – Permitted Uses

Nate Sparks reported that the problem currently is that Arcola is primarily hosting weddings as a large part of their usage. This is not in accordance with the mission of their CUP, which states

that this is an educational center with a historical perspective and is not geared as a venue for weddings. He also stated that weddings are not allowed in the Conservancy zone. Voedisch stated that their CUP states that visitors at Arcola Mills are supposed to be “program participants” and he does not see wedding guests as fitting that description. Snyder suggested that Sparks should write a letter to Arcola Mills advising them that their current uses do not fall within the guidelines of their CUP and inviting them to an upcoming Board meeting for a discussion. Voedisch asked if a Board member wanted to work with Nate on this project and Pazlar said he could do it.

Connectivity Project – Century Link

Voedisch and Nate Sparks met with individuals at Century Link regarding their high speed internet initiatives in May Twp. Voedisch provided three maps showing potential upgrades in 2015 for May Township residents, specifically the individuals that came before the board several months back in the SW and SE corners of the Town. One map showed that the SW customers have been approved by CenturyLink for a major upgrade this summer.

Besides working with CenturyLink, Voedisch will be contacting FrontierNet representatives regarding service in the north half of the Town.

Garbage Burning on Panorama Avenue

The board discussed the problem of individuals burning garbage out on Lake Carnelian. Attorney Snyder asked if it would be possible to get some photographs of the actual burning site, including the items being burned.

New Business

Accumulation of items on vacant lot – County Road 15 and Lynch Rd.

At the annual meeting, one resident complained about an accumulation of tires, etc. on a vacant lot at County Road 15 and Lunch. Voedisch reported there were a lot of tires, two boats and all manner of other stuff. Snyder and Sparks will work on this project and report back.

Spreading Waste on Farm Fields

Keith from Smilie’s Sewer Service sent over a letter having to do with the new County ordinance and the requirement of notifying municipalities about spreading waste on farm fields. Adams reported that this has been done for many years, and it is classified as eligible for spreading.

Laurie Allman – Glory of May

Laurie is proposing a project for the Town residents where individuals would submit photos taken in May Township during the month of May showing the natural beauty of the Township. These photos could be sent digitally to the Town and either be framed and hung in the Town Hall and/or put up on the website. Laurie asked that the representative of the Country Messenger publicize this idea. Voedisch moved, seconded by Pazlar, to implement this plan with the photos coming in to the clerk, working in tandem with Nate Sparks, the planner. All approved.

WD Candidate

Voedisch moved, seconded by Pazlar, to recommend Wade Johnson be appointed to fill the existing candidacy on the Carnelian Marine Watershed District. All approved. Voedisch will draft a letter to this effect.

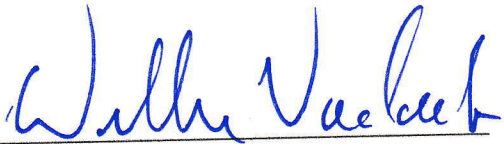
Voedisch moved, seconded by Pazlar, to adjourn to an Executive Session to discuss litigation. All approved.

After discussing the Jordahl issue in Executive Session, Voedisch moved, seconded by Adams, to approve of and sign the proposed Order for Repair as prepared by Jessica Schwie and forward it to Ms. Schwie's office for a cover letter and mailing to Ms. Jordahl's counsel. All approved.

Hearing no further business being presented, Voedisch moved, seconded by Adams, to adjourn.

Attest:


Linda L. Klein, Town Clerk


Respectfully submitted
William K. Voedisch, Board Chairman

TOWN of MAY

WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA

Resolution 2015-04

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE ACQUISITION OF THE WILDER FOREST AND FARM PROPERTY (WILDER) IN THE TOWN OF MAY BY THE MINNESOTA FOOD ASSOCIATION (MFA), CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 599 ACRES AND ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS

WHEREAS, MFA has been operating at WILDER in the Town of May for a period of ten (10) years, performing alternative and organic agriculture, community supported agricultural and cooperative gardening; and

WHEREAS, the Wilder Foundation has been actively divesting itself of property in the Town, and has recently conveyed 328 acres of WILDER to the neighboring Warner Nature Center (WARNER), and has continued to offer the remaining property for sale; and

WHEREAS, the Town holds a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) with Wilder Foundation, approving the use of WILDER by its two current sub-lesors, MFA and Concordia Language Villages (CLV). The Town finds these two existing uses compatible with the neighborhood and the Town; and

WHEREAS, MFA has made the Town aware of its intention of acquiring, if possible, the remainder of the WILDER property in the Town, consisting of 599 acres and associated buildings; and

WHEREAS, if successful in its acquisition, MFA would continue to allow CLV to sub-lease their portion of the facility; and

WHEREAS, MFA seeks to finance the acquisition via State funds (Legislative – Citizens Commission on Minnesota Resources, LCCMR) and County funds (Washington County Land and Water Legacy), and seeks support from the Town in the form of a Town Board Resolution supporting the acquisition via these funds; and

WHEREAS, MFA assures the Town Board that funding from the above sources does *not* require the lands of WILDER be opened to general public hunting, fishing or trapping. If any such requirement becomes known, this Resolution is rescinded; and

WHEREAS, new uses that may be contemplated that are not acknowledged by the existing CUP must adhere to the Town's Comprehensive Plan, the Town Code and the Town's policies. Any new uses must first be approved by the Town through a formal application by MFA to amend its CUP with the Town, and no approval of any new uses is granted by this Resolution.

NOW THEREFORE, THE MAY TOWN BOARD DOES HEREBY RESOLVE to provide this resolution of support for MFA in its goal of acquiring the remaining land and buildings of WILDER, via grants from the State (LCCMR), and/or the County (Washington County Land and Water Legacy), subject to the findings stated above.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE OF THE MAY TOWN BOARD: ADAMS: YES; PAZLAR: YES; VOEDISCH: YES; THIS RESOLUTION IS HEREBY ADOPTED THIS 2ND DAY OF APRIL, 2015.

Linda L Klein
Attest: Linda Klein, Town Clerk

Bill Voedisch
Board Chair: Bill Voedisch



Cash Control Statement

Town of May

For the Period 03/01/2015 to 03/31/2015

<u>Name of Fund</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Total Receipts</u>	<u>Total Disbursed</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>	<u>Less Deposits In Transit</u>	<u>Plus Outstanding Checks</u>	<u>Total Per Bank Statement</u>
General Fund	\$192,459.09	\$1,832.27	\$14,479.28	\$179,812.08			
Road & Bridge Fund	\$189,146.04	\$26,172.40	\$14,375.46	\$200,942.98			
Fire Fund	\$87,168.92	\$17.20	\$0.00	\$87,186.12			
Levied Park Fund	\$6,388.51	\$1.27	\$0.00	\$6,389.78			
Park Fund	\$6,878.43	\$1.36	\$0.00	\$6,879.79			
201 Sewer Fund	\$25,445.42	\$5.02	\$853.11	\$24,597.33			
Capital Projects Fund	\$10,701.90	\$2.11	\$0.00	\$10,704.01			
201 Sewer Replacement	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			
201 Sewer Pumping Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Midcontinent Com Security	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00			
Vets Rest Camp Security	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Total	\$523,188.31	\$28,031.63	\$29,707.85	\$521,512.09	\$28,031.63	\$34,055.00	\$527,535.46

MONTH OF MARCH							March 31, 2015
CASH	CHECKING	\$1,000.00					(\$139.50)
	MONEY MARKET	\$515,512.09					\$0.00
TOTAL CASH		\$516,512.09					(\$765.00)
ESCROW	CENTURY LINK	\$3,529.61					\$298.00
	CONNEXUS ENERGY	\$338.00					(\$116.10)
	FRONTIER UTILITY ESCROW	\$3,056.00					
	SCIENCE MUSEUM OF MN	\$0.00					
	WILDER FOUNDATION	(\$153.29)					
	XCEL UTILITY ESCROW	\$4,916.29					
	ROAD ESCROWS	\$2,500.00					
	PLANNING FEES ESCROW	(\$722.60)					
TOTAL ESCROW		\$13,464.01					
TOTAL CASH & INVESTMENTS*		\$1,180,798.45					

*Some of these funds are restricted for specific uses and are unavailable for general use in the Town.