

Maple Grove Township Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 2018/06/18 - Presented by: Tish Yaros - Clerk

Meeting called to order 7:00 PM. All members of the board were present. The minutes from the May 21st meeting were read and motion made by Yaros, seconded by Wendling, to approve. Motion passed.

Cheryl Hadsall, our county commissioner, gave updates on the 4 countywide ballot proposals: Animal Care and Control Renewal & Increase, Castle Museum renewal & increase, Commission on Aging renewal & increase, and the Saginaw County 911 new proposal. She also reported that the new jail will start construction after July 4th.

Chief Andres reported the Engine 1 repairs were complete. He thanked Bob McAllister for repairing the ceiling in the fire station. Andres also mentioned he put in for a grant with the DNR for an additional set of fire gear. Through the Saginaw County Fire Association drawing they will receive compensation for one firefighter to attend the academy.

Treasurer Bishop mentioned Joe and Elaine Zelinko are retiring, Jeremy McAllister is interested in the position. Bishop also motioned to make a budget Amendment to transfer \$750 from streets and bridges to cover additional liability insurance costs. Seconded by Yaros. Motion passed.

Clerk Yaros reported that there will potentially be two additional ballot proposals in August. One will be the Township Ambulance increase and some people will have the Shiawassee RESD Special Education Millage Proposal. A copy of the ballots will be put up on the webpage. Yaros also mentioned there will also be an Election Planning Commission meeting 10 minutes before the next board meeting to assign election workers.

Trustee Wendling shared information from the Park's meeting that they've added two new members, Chad Henige and Dennis Hughes, to the committee. They discussed the options regarding tiling the park and the 5 year park plan. They are also looking for someone to trim trees and haul brush away. If interested contact Greg Wendling. Wendling also reported on the planning commission. They had discussion around the nuisance ordinance, the potential of a public air strip and solar farm ordinance. Wendling will seek legal advice on the air strip as they don't have the expertise to know the legal implications of this. There was also a lengthy discussion on the wind turbine ordinance. Next meeting will be August 6th. All are welcome.

Trustee Anderson followed up on the cell tower. He mentioned that the tower was below the FAA height requirement, therefore it doesn't require a light on the tower.

Supervisor Krupp reported on the Misteguay drain meeting. He mentioned it was strictly for maintenance purposes. The next meeting will be July 10th at 9:00 a.m. Their bond is expiring. They will need to renew or scrap it. This has been in the works since 2009. Krupp also reported the next Board of Review meeting will be July 17th at 8:00 p.m. just to correct errors.

Krupp also received a letter from Attorney Joshua Nolan from Informed Citizens of Maple Grove (ICOMG) that reasserted that no wind turbine can be erected in Maple Grove with our present language. At this point, No provision exists to allow for a commercial energy grid system and therefore an ordinance is both redundant and unnecessary (due to an inability to be future-proof).

Treasurer Bishop read bills #18538 thru #18568 for a total of \$39,009.83. Motion made by Bishop seconded by Wendling to pay the bills as presented. Motion passed.

Public comment was opened with feedback given on the use of commercial wind turbines.

Motion made by Trustee Anderson to adjourn meeting, seconded by Yaros, meeting adjourned at 8:14 PM.