

Maple Grove Township Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 2021/07/19- Presented by: Tish Yaros - Clerk

Meeting was held in person and virtual and called to order at 7:00 p.m. All board members present, Trustee Peterman was connected via Zoom.

A motion was made by Supervisor Krupp to approve the June 21st meeting minutes as posted, seconded by Trustee Wendling. Motion passed.

Public Comment: Several residents addressed concerns regarding that state of Broadband in our area. Some options were discussed with no clear solution. The board is open to options to expand Broadband.

Treasurer Yaros reported that we are properly registered for the \$263,000 American Recovery Funds. He mentioned the main purposes of this money will be to use it for hazard pay, expand broadband and recover revenue Loss. K. Yaros also noted that he is awaiting the final report from the auditor that took place on July 12th. He will also be looking for a better way to invest township funds.

Clerk Yaros reviewed the outcome of her Clerk meeting. Election scrutiny has been increasing and with the new laws, new technology and more secure locations will be the focus in the next few months.

Trustee Wendling noted the Park was splitting a load of mulch with Montrose township and Wes was assisting with distribution of the mulch at the park. They are also still working with Vanessa to get through the Grant process. For the Planning Commission, Wendling also noted that the Public comment was open regarding the Final Draft of the Ordinances that has been posted on the webpage for several months. After some discussion, Wendling motioned to approve the Ordinances in their entirety, seconded by K. Yaros. Motion passed.

Supervisor Krupp discussed issues being addressed in the community. The Drainage issue at M-57 and Lincoln Rd is being addressed. Rob Kehoe is looking into a Pond Issue on Bishop Road along with a business violation on Lincoln Rd. Pat Olk is addressing an odor nuisance violation on Bishop Rd. and the blight violation on Lincoln Rd. Krupp also noted that the Department of Treasury did an audit on our Assessing program and we passed with flying colors. Krupp thanked Landmark and Heather for their efforts.

Supervisor Krupp motioned to go into Closed Session per the Michigan Open Meetings Act to discuss the Township Attorney's confidential written legal opinion regarding pending litigation with New Lothrop which would have a detrimental financial effect on the Township if discussed in open session, T. Yaros seconded. Roll call vote was called and K. Yaros, Wendling, T. Yaros and Krupp voted to move to Closed Session. Trustee Peterman was unable to attend without a secure connection. Meeting suspended at 7:35 p.m.

Supervisor Krupp motioned to come out of Closed Session, seconded by T. Yaros. Roll call vote was called and K. Yaros, Wendling, T. Yaros and Krupp voted to come out of Closed Session. Motion passed. Meeting resumed at 8:05 p.m. Krupp motioned to accept the Township attorney's recommendation to enter into a consent judgment regarding New Lothrop v Maple Grove Township, Case No. 21-44836-AA, seconded by T. Yaros. Roll call vote called and K. Yaros, Wendling, T. Yaros and Krupp voted Yes. Motion passed.

Clerk Yaros made a motion to pay bills 19768 thru 19795 totalling \$32,542.28, seconded by Trustee Wendling. Motion passed.

Public Comment: Clarification was sought regarding the decision from Closed session. There was discussion on the GIS meeting and the services we get from this. Also, discussion on the fact that we are a complaint based community and we address issues when a complaint is made.

Supervisor Krupp motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by T. Yaros. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:18 PM.