

# Maple Grove Township Board Meeting Minutes

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Meeting Date: 2023/03/20- 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.

A motion was made by Trustee Peterman to approve the February 20, 2023 meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Wendling. Motion passed.

Ordinance Enforcer, Dan Kuhn reported that there was an animal complaint that is being handled.

Chief Andres noted there were some repairs being made to Engine 1 and noted that he was down another Airpack as one was destroyed during their last call. Andres also appointed Pat Allett as the new Safety Officer since Steve Bishop has retired. Andres also noted they will be doing a mock Car Crash on May 1st at the NL High School.

Treasurer Yaros noted that there was a \$.02 discrepancy on the Treasurer Report and that most funds have been gaining more interest due to higher rates at the bank. K. Yaros also noted that Tonya Kanine is being replaced as Deputy Treasurer by Cindy Cicalo. Treasurer Yaros motioned to approve resolution 2023-03-01 to update the Authorized Signatures on the bank accounts to Kirk Yaros, Tish Yaros, Regina Sharpe and Cindy Cicalo, seconded by Trustee Peterman. Motion passed.

Clerk Yaros discussed the new proposed Hall Rates and that deposits were going to increase along with rental fees. T. Yaros also noted that ballots were now in the mail for the May 2, 2023 election.

Trustee Wendling noted that there were no more proposals for the Master Plan and that the Planning Commission will review and make their recommendation at the April 5th meeting. Wendling also spoke with Rich Knieper and was encouraged to pursue purchasing the Church property for around \$2,300 and any other land they are willing to sell to help with parking issues. It was also noted that Vanessa canceled our grant and will not charge for work that was performed.

Trustee Peterman discussed a complaint about the new trash bins.

Supervisor Krupp noted that we are on the list and eligible to join the Saginaw County Park Plan, we are just waiting for their meetings to start. Krupp discussed the Road Commission match grants and how much we are able to put toward roads this year. We will still work on completing the bridge deck repair on Bueche/Ferden Rd. Krupp ordered some brining and dust control for dirt roads along with a load of hot patch as this is all we can afford this year.

Supervisor Krupp discussed the potential of having a Special Fire Assessment placed on taxes due to the sustainability of the Fire department. There was lengthy discussion around this Special Fire assessment and it was suggested that a flat rate on improved properties in Maple Grove Township in the range of \$200/year. This will cover their yearly budget and start a fund to replace trucks in the future. This money would only be used for the Fire Department and would require a mailing to all residents and a public input meeting along with posting in the paper and webpage. After much discussion, Krupp will get the wording and revisit it at our next board meeting.

Clerk Yaros motioned to pay bills 20506 thru 20544 totaling \$102,089.72, seconded by Trustee Wendling. Motion passed. Treasurer Yaros motioned to approve the Fire Department check number 1084 thru 1091 totalling \$3,544.89, seconded by Supervisor Krupp. Motion passed. It was noted that going forward these will be on the monthly bill report.

Public Comment: Questions regarding the budget, operating fund balance and state of the Fire Department Truck loan were brought up. There was also more discussion around the Special Fire Assessment. A question was made regarding the property on the corner of M-57 and Lincoln rd. Supervisor Krupp will ask Jim Grey to look into this property.

County Commissioner Denny Harris reported that the Animal shelter will not be opening till June or July. Harris noted all townships are looking for grants these days as money is tight everywhere.

Clerk Yaros noted the next board meeting will be April 10th at 7:00 p.m. to accommodate the Election Commission Meeting which will be held on April 10th at 6:45 p.m. It was also noted that the Public Accuracy test will be performed after the board meeting on April 10th. All other township meetings will be held on the 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m..

Trustee Wendling motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Treasurer Yaros. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.