

# Maple Grove Township Board Meeting Minutes

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Meeting Date: 2023/08/21- Presented by: Tish Yaros - Clerk

Meeting was held in person and virtual and called to order at 7:00 p.m. All board members were present.

A motion was made by Trustee Wendling to approve the July 17, 2023 meeting minutes, seconded by Treasurer Yaros. After clarifying the Fire Department Assessment statement, motion passed.

Chief Andres reported that the Generator project is finished and working great.

County Commissioner Harris provided an update on the Animal Shelter and what proposals may be coming through for the February election. Harris also asked for input from the community on the potential of DOW Diamond going cashless.

Treasurer Yaros presented the Treasurer report and noted the yearly audit is underway. There were some clean up issues with the conversion from the old Quickbooks to the new BS&A systems. The audit will be done by the end of September. K.Yaros noted that the MMWA should be through most of Maple Grove's remediation issues. Treasurer Yaros also discussed the benefits of obligating the remainder of the ARPA funds by the end of 2023. There were some questions, which will need to be addressed before moving forward with obligating the funds.

Clerk Yaros reported on the following items:

- Office Remodel update including the new Ballot Box from the State of Michigan
- MDOT update on "camping" not being allowed on their parking lots
- Early Voting update and options available. Clerk Yaros was authorized to let Saginaw County Clerk know of our intent to join with Saginaw County for the early voting.
- Office equipment that is no longer needed, will be posted on the website for people to see. Anyone interested items will be available Monday, August 28th at noon and sold on a first come-first serve basis.
- A new Fee Schedule was proposed at the recommendation of our Zoning Administrator. After some discussion regarding fire department fees, Trustee Wendling motioned to adopt Resolution 2023-08-01 Fee Schedule and to waive the fees for residents and non-residents regarding Fire Department Fees only until the September 18th board meeting, supported by Trustee Peterman. Motion passed.

Trustee Wendling noted that the Planning Commission was moving forward with the Master Plan and hoped the survey would be out by November to put on the Tax Newsletter. Wendling also reported that the Park was beginning to work on fixing fences around the diamonds. They are also pricing out mulch for the playground. Trustee Wendling noted that Rich Knieper said this will be his last year maintaining the park. There was discussion on the duties and equipment needed to maintain the park in the future.

Trustee Peterman reported that the Saginaw County Park plan is underway and input was sought to give our Goals and Objectives and action plan for our park. Some questions were raised regarding grants and Peterman will follow up. Peterman also discussed issues with the park maintenance. Trustee Peterman discussed residents selling flags in our parking lot and due to Right of Way issues, these matters need to be addressed by calling the Police or MDOT.

Supervisor Krupp presented ballot proposal language for the Fire Department Special Assessment. The items in question were the amount to ask for, if there would be a yearly increase, length of time or a percent. After much discussion with the board and residents in attendance, Treasurer Yaros motioned to adopt resolution 2023-08-02 to initiate Special Assessment Proceeding for the Fire Protection Services for \$185 for 6 years with no annual increase on improved parcels, supported by Supervisor Krupp. Trustee Peterman objected. Motion passed 4 to 1.

Clerk Yaros motioned to change the Twin Township Special Assessment proposal from 5 years to 4 years per the request of the TTA representative. Supported by Trustee Peterman. Motion passed.

With the closure of the Township office, not all bills were received in time for this meeting. Treasurer Yaros motioned to pay bills 20697 thru 60724 for a total of \$56,983.65 and the ability to pay any bills that come in that will incur a late charge before the next board meeting, supported by Supervisor Krupp. Motion passed.

Public Comment: More discussion on the Fire Assessment and what happens if it doesn't pass, zoning violations by two houses at the corner of Lincoln and M-57, ARPA fund uses, Solar projects in area townships and the commercial burn issue.

Supervisor Krupp motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Clerk Yaros. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.