

Maple Grove Township Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 2023/09/18- 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 August 21, 2023 meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Peterman. Motion passed.

Chief Andres asked for features to be added to the automatic burn permit webpage. Andres noted that the hose testing is complete and they are working on bids for the airpacks grant. They are hoping to select a vendor by the end of this year.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer, Dan Kuhn, inquired about the owner of 14138 Bishop Rd.

Treasurer Yaros noted the Treasurer Report and discussed the various accounts. It was also noted the Audit has been completed and clean up of the GL accounts will be the next to be reviewed. K. Yaros also noted we are not eligible for the 1% ARPA Bonus, so there is no need to commit ARPA funds by the end of the year.

Clerk Yaros presented several forms prepared by Saginaw County regarding the Early Voting options for Maple Grove. It will cost Maple Grove approximately \$8,600 to join with Saginaw County or \$75,000 to hold Early Voting alone. After review of the documents and some discussion, Clerk Yaros motioned to accept Resolution 2023-09-01 to Establish the Saginaw County Vote Center as an Early Voting Site for all elections held within Maple Grove Township's Jurisdiction, seconded by K. Yaros. After some discussion, motion passed. T. Yaros also motioned to set the Election Commission Meeting date for Monday, October 16, 2023 at 6:45 p.m. and noted that the Public Accuracy Test will be performed immediately following the Board meeting, seconded by K. Yaros. Motion passed. It was noted that Treasurer Yaros will be out of town for the October 16th meeting and no recording will be performed at that meeting. Clerk Yaros also noted that both Gina Sharpe and Tish Yaros will be attending the Clerk Retreat in September.

Trustee Wendling noted that Rich Knieper is creating a job description for what he does at the park and noted that the park will be closed after the last engagement in September. Wendling also discussed the draft survey questions presented by Wade Trim and asked for any feedback to be sent before their next meeting on October 4th. There was discussion about putting more solar/wind questions on the survey.

Trustee Peterman attended the Saginaw Area GIS meeting and noted some additional features coming to the GIS. Peterman also discussed the Fee Schedule that was discussed last month, it was decided to have everyone review the fee schedule and have a public meeting at our October 16th meeting to discuss. Trustee Peterman discussed the Saginaw County Park Plan is moving forward and also discussed mulch and trucking options for our park. It was decided to wait on the Diamond Dust purchase until next year. Peterman was also getting the cost to repair the cracked wall on the concession stand. The Scoreboard and Fencing are still to be repaired this year.

Supervisor Krupp noted that the Bridge Deck on Ferden Road should be paved any day. The County will likely come up with parts to fix the bridge on Bishop Road but some costs will be incurred by Maple Grove. Waiting for more information but it will likely be next year to know more. Krupp discussed the road work being done around the township and discussed the option of putting the Road Millage proposal on the ballot for next year. After some discussion, it was decided to table this till next month. Supervisor Krupp also motioned to extend the hold on the Fire Department Fee Structure for 6 months or until we've had time to come up with rates that reflect our Township better, seconded by Treasurer Yaros. Motion passed.

Clerk Yaros motioned to pay bills 20725 thru 60763 for a total of \$104,408.72, seconded by Trustee Wendling. Motion passed.

Public Comment: Questions arose regarding the fee structure, mulch being used at the park, clarification on Election Costs, Fire Assessment and Road Mileage by County. Also discussed the potential bill that will take away local control for Solar/Wind energy that's going to be proposed at the State Level. Need everyone to watch out for this bill.

Supervisor Krupp motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Peterman. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.