

Maple Grove Township Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 2023/10/16- 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 except Treasurer Yaros.

A motion was made by Trustee Wendling to approve the September 18, 2023 meeting minutes, seconded by Clerk Yaros. Motion passed.

Chief Andres received a grant for fire gear for \$10,000 with the assistance of Supervisor Krupp. They are working on fulfilling both the Air packs and Fire gear grants. Andres noted that training was performed for tree stand rescues and noted that they were in need of rescue ropes. These ropes will be covered by new donations to the Fire Department. Andres also noted that they will be handing out Candy on Halloween from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Clerk Yaros reported on several items:

- T. Yaros and R. Sharpe attended the Clerk Retreat to get new Election updates
- The permanent Absentee Voter List will go away after 2024. Voters will have the option of signing up for the Absentee Ballot List. This will provide the voter with a ballot for all elections once they select this option on the Absentee Voter Application.
- There are bills currently going through the house and senate to remove local control over Wind and Solar farms in Michigan. Everyone needs to contact their representatives if they want to maintain local control and have their opinions heard if it comes into our community or not. These bills will put the decision with the State, not the Township.
- The new Tabulator has arrived but did not arrive in time for the November Election.
- T. Yaros motion to increase the cost of waste services from \$189 to \$196 per household per our negotiated contract, seconded by Supervisor Krupp. Motion passed.
- Reminder the Public Accuracy test will be performed immediately following this meeting.

Trustee Wendling reviewed the draft copy of the Master Plan that was discussed at the Planning Commission Meeting. All changes/adds need to be in by November 1st. The survey will have a QR code that will go on the November Tax Bill. Wendling also discussed the Job Duties that are currently being performed to maintain the Park. A job description will be created and posted with the plan to have someone hired by March. It was also noted that the Flag at the Township Hall should be replaced.

Trustee Peterman noted there will be a Public hearing to work on the County Park Plan on November 21st at 5:00 p.m. at the Saginaw County Offices at 111 S. Michigan Ave., Room 200, Saginaw with the plan to adopt Park Plan in December. Peterman also noted the mulch was delivered and distributed throughout the park and he thanked everyone that assisted with this.

Saginaw County Commissioner, Denny Harris, gave an update on the status of millages at the County Level.

Supervisor Krupp discussed proposed changes to the Fee Schedule from the respective inspectors' suggestions. The changes will be posted on the website. Supervisor Krupp motioned to approve the discussed changes, seconded by Trustee Peterman. Motion passed. Krupp also noted that the Ferden Rd. bridge decking has been completed. The county is compiling spare parts to repair the Bishop Road bridge. Once they know what they have, they will then get a cost for the remaining parts and labor to fix the bridge. No estimate has been provided at this time.

Supervisor Krupp also encouraged residents to plan projects well in advance and start early. All of our inspectors (zoning, building, etc.) work other jobs and are only contracted to work a certain number of hours in our Township. It may take time for them to get back to you. The more time you have the easier the process will be.

Clerk Yaros motioned to pay bills 20764 thru 20829 for a total of \$48,218.61, seconded by Supervisor Krupp. Motion passed.

Public Comment: An issue was brought up about a need for Curbside Service with Waste Management.

Supervisor Krupp motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Clerk Yaros. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.