

Maple Grove Township Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 2024/03/018- 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 February 5th, 2024 meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Peterman. Motion passed.

Chief Andres noted that Lieutenant Knieper has stepped down and Mike Durfee will replace him as Lieutenant. Andres also noted that for the next 3 months, they will undergo various testing of the Fire equipment.

County Commissioner Harris reported that there will be 2 proposals on the August Ballot. The Commission on Aging is asking for a renewal with a slight increase and the Road Commission is asking for a new 2 mils for 6 years to maintain roads. Harris also took questions on the Dow event center progress and Mosquito Control Building acquisition.

Treasurer Yaros reported on the following items::

- Noted the Cash summary and reconciliation reports that were in the board packet
- Gave a report on the Broadband access grant. He noted the FCC broadband map needs to be challenged. The period to challenge the map will run through April 23rd. There will be a Rebuttal Period with Final approval period through July 22, after this date the funding will be distributed. There is a specific process to follow in order to lodge a challenge. Will be working with community members to assist with challenges.
- Due to the new Zoning duties, Treasurer Yaros motioned to appoint Trustee Peterman as the Mid Michigan Waste Representative for Maple Grove Township, seconded by Supervisor Krupp. Motion passed.
- Trustee Peterman motioned to appoint Treasurer Yaros as the GIS Representative for Maple Grove Township, seconded by Supervisor Krupp. Motion passed.
- Presented updated Land Division Application and Land Combination Application forms with updated fees. After some discussion K. Yaros motioned to approve these updated Applications, seconded by Trustee Peterman. Motion passed. These will go into effect starting April 1, 2024.
- It was noted he is working on generating a list of legal non conforming properties within Maple Grove Township.
- K. Yaros motioned to approve Resolution 2024-03-01 - Waive Property Tax Penalty Fee for 2024, seconded by Supervisor Krupp. After some discussion, motion passed.

Clerk Yaros provided an update on the February 27th election. It was noted that there were 333 absentee ballots cast, 508 in person voters and 6 voters from Maple Grove Township that used the Early Vote Center. T. Yaros also noted that if anyone wanted to run for a board position, partisan petitions will need to be in by April 23rd to get on the August Ballot and non-partisan positions will need to be in by July 23rd for the November election. It was also noted that there are 3 board positions up for election for New Lothrop Schools and those applications are due by July 23rd for the November election.

Trustee Wendling noted that the Planning Commission Meeting will be held on April 3, 2024.

Trustee Peterman reporting on the following items:

- Discussed repairs needed for the Township Hall and possibly adding automatic flushers to the bathrooms.
- Discussed the Flag for the Hall and will investigate the proper flag etiquette and return with suggestions.
- Discussed Park Projects and what repairs were needed, which include:
 - Slide Safe (Diamond Dust) for each Diamond.
 - Fixing the Concession Stand crack in the building
 - Fixing the Fences
 - Fixing the Scoreboard
 - Trim Trees
- Motioned to accept the bid for Justin Kopschitz to be the Park Maintenance Coordinator, seconded by Treasurer Yaros. After some discussion, motion passed.
- Passed out a flier for volunteers to participate in a Ball Field Work Day for general clean up of the park on April 28th.
- Investigating a Grant Writer for a future park improvement grant.

- Read a public comment submitted giving kudos to the Fire Department and especially Pat Andres during a recent house fire.

Supervisor Krupp motioned to appoint Trustee Peterman as the Township Park Coordinator, seconded by Treasurer Yaros. Motion passed. Krupp motioned to approve resolution 2024-03-02 - Saginaw County Hazard Mitigation Plan, seconded by Trustee Peterman. After some discussion, motion passed. Trustee Krupp also discussed the possibility of donating ARPA money to the Twin Township Ambulance, after some discussion it was decided that we will not be donating ARPA funds to TTA. Krupp also noted that the parking lot is in need of repair and might be a good use for some of the ARPA money.

Clerk Yaros motioned to pay bills 20976 thru 21038 for a total of \$73,853.83, seconded by Trustee Wendling. Motion passed.

Public Comment: A suggestion was made for the parking lot repair, inquiry on board seats, a note was made for the light on the town hall flag and it was noted that a petition was circulating to regain local control of wind and solar. There was also a suggestion regarding rerunning the Special Assessment.

Supervisor Krupp motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Wendling. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.