

Maple Grove Township Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 2024/04/15- 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 March 18th, 2024 meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Peterman. Motion passed.

County Road Commissioner, Dan Armentrout spoke to the board regarding the upcoming Road Millage that will be on the August 6th Primary Ballot. Every dollar that's raised in Maple Grove will be used in Maple Grove on local roads, the money raised will also go toward our cost sharing initiatives, the Maple Grove Board will decide where the money is used and if this passes 2 Mills will be assessed on the Winter taxes so the money will be able to be spent in 2025. This Millage will be for 6 years and all administrative costs will be covered by road commission and won't come out of this assessment.

Chief Andres noted that Engine 6 was down for 10 days while the break sensors were being repaired. There will be a crew of firefighters going to Hemlock Semiconductor for free, live fire training. Andres also noted that the DNR Grant is completed which will result in a \$255 reimbursement for supplies.

Treasurer Yaros presented the following information:

- Discussed the treasurer reports in the Board Packet
- By moving the deadline for tax collection to February 14th, it reduced the Total amount of taxes that were delinquent to the county..
- The Yearly auditor has been engaged and should go smoothly as the accounting will be on the same system for the entire year.
- On May 7th, K. Yaros will be upgrading the BS&A database for the Tax, GL and Payroll databases.
- All required ARPA Reporting has been completed. K. Yaros is working with Denny Ruddy to get costs on potential improvements for the Township Hall.
- K. Yaros noted that the Burned out house on Bishop Road is in forfeiture and will present options to get this lot cleaned up and the cost put as a lean on that property for the potential buyer. It won't come out of forfeiture until 3/1/25.
- K. Yaros motioned to approve Resolution 2024-04-01 - Retirement Adjustment, seconded by Supervisor Krupp. Motion passed.
- K. Yaros motioned to approve Resolution 2024-04-02 - MMWA Board Representative, seconded by Trustee Peterman. Motion passed.
- K. Yaros motioned to approve Resolution 2024-04-03 - GIS Representative Appointment, seconded by Supervisor Krupp. Motion passed.

Clerk Yaros noted that Affidavits of Identity and petitions can be picked up in the office, partisan deadlines are April 23rd at 4:00 p.m. for the August election and non-partisan deadlines are July 23rd at 4:00 p.m. for the November election. It was noted that at this time, there will be up to 4 different ballot proposals on the August Primary election. T. Yaros also noted that \$738 was received from the State for the Drop Box and Camera installation.

Trustee Wendling noted the Planning commission met and will be holding upcoming meetings for public input on the final draft of the Master Plan.

Trustee Peterman worked with Justin Kopschitz and Rich Knieper to get the park opened. Peterman noted that Greg Bishop was already working at repairing the block wall of the Park building and was doing a fantastic job. Park clean up day will be April 28th from 10:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m. Trustee Peterman discussed the options for drainage repair at the park that should fall within the maintenance budget for the park. Peterman also discussed getting park sponsors (banners) from area businesses for the fences and would need a policy to determine what would be allowed if we did this. Peterman is also looking at possible grants for our park. It was also noted that a flag was donated for the hall and will be installed once lighting is installed.

Supervisor Krupp noted that the Board meetings will be held the 3rd Monday of the Month (4/15, 5/20, 6/17, 7/15, 8/19, 9/16, 10/21, 11/18, 12/16, 1/20/25, 2/17/25, 3/17/25). Krupp discussed the Ordinance Enforcement Officer position since

Dan Kuhn resigned and offered a potential replacement. Krupp will meet with the potential replacement to discuss the position. Supervisor Krupp also noted that we received notice that the 7th day Advent Church will be in the community this summer.

Clerk Yaros motioned to pay bills 21039 thru 221068 for a total of \$41,886.57, seconded by Supervisor Krupp. Motion passed.

Public Comment: Several clarifying questions on budget line items and inquiry on Ordinance Enforcement Office qualifications.

Supervisor Krupp motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Clerk Yaros. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.