

# Maple Grove Township Board Meeting Minutes

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Meeting Date: 2024/07/15- Presented by: Tish Yaros - Clerk

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

A motion was made by Trustee Wendling to approve the June 17th, 2024 meeting minutes, seconded by Clerk Yaros. Motion passed.

Chief Andres noted that all engine repairs have now been completed. Several feet of hose will need to be replaced and ladders repaired after yearly testing. Andres noted that there will be a 9/11 celebration held at our Township Hall with area Fire Halls joining in the celebration. There will be several firefighters attending propane training in Hazelton Township on July 20th. Chief Andres also handed in his Resignation letter effective April 1st, 2025 for the Fire Chief position. They are working on a succession plan.

Treasurer Yaros reported on the following:

- Presented the Reconciliation report and Cash Summary Report
- Discussed the Township Hall Repairs to the Bathrooms. Floors need to be repaired, Urinals are too old and new need to be purchased, new plumbing, masonry work, new stalls and painting are all required for the fix. K. Yaros has had several local contractors out to review and the job is too large and may need to be contracted out with a larger company.
- Discussed the Hall Custodian Job Description that was in the board packet. Several new ideas were highlighted in red and some were added. The cleaning of the hall after rentals needs to be reviewed and possibly have a cleaning crew brought in and the fee taken out of deposits if not clean. Trustee Peterman to discuss with the current Custodian.
- The Yearly Financial Audit hasn't started yet but should be moving forward this week.
- State Bank has changed terms of service and we must sign up for "POS Pay" so they can cross reference all checks with a digital file we send to them after we print checks.
- GIS is increasing the fee from \$2.00 per parcel to \$2.05 per parcel. They will be refreshing Aerial photos next year.
- Discussed Solar Farms there were coming to Chesaning and noted that in November the decision regarding all Solar/Wind farms will fall under the control of the State, Local boards will not have a say.
- K. Yaros is working on creating a Municipal Civil Infraction Bureau to give us the ability to issue citations for Ordinance violations. The Township will apply for the legal authority to issue citations, get a badge and issue citations for violations (lawn mowing violations, unlicensed car violations, blight, etc.)
- Discussed several of the Zoning Ordinance issues in the township. Land divisions, cell towers, and property converted into group daycare/foster care.

Clerk Yaros reminded everyone that the deadline to hand in Affidavits of Identity for the November 5th election is July 23rd at 4:00 p.m. and reminded everyone that the Public Accuracy Test for the August 6th election is taking place immediately after this board meeting.

Trustee Wendling thanked Chief Andres and his crew for their hard work on his parents house. They did a great job!

Trustee Peterman noted that the Code Enforcement Officer, Alex Garcia, is officially hired and already on the job. Peterman also noted there were some repairs made to the pavilion at the Park. Trustee Peterman discussed the Fire Department Assessment and after a lengthy discussion, the options of placing this assessment on the ballot was tabled until we know if the Road Millage is going to pass. It was also noted that there will need to be more discussion on this in the future as the truck will be out of compliance within 3 years. The options discussed were to purchase a new fire truck, purchase used fire trucks, ask for an assessment for the Township budget or dissolve the Fire Department.

Supervisor Krupp noted the Board of Review will meet at 8:00 p.m. on July 16th to correct any clerical errors.

Clerk Yaros motioned to pay bills 21147 thru 21182 for a total of \$46,101.30, seconded by Trustee Wendling. Motion passed.

Public Comment: Many thanked Chief Andres for his service. Discussion on the repairs of Fire Trucks. Question on Mr. Ziola retiring from the Board of Review. A question was asked about Resourceful Recycling moving to the Chesaning Location.

Supervisor Krupp motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Clerk Yaros. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.