

Maple Grove Township Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 2025/03/17 Presented by: Tish Yaros - Clerk

Regular meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m by Supervisor Peterman.

Opening - Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Supervisor Peterman, Treasurer Jaster, Clerk Yaros, Trustee Erhardt and Trustee Ebenhoeh.

Staff: Deputy Clerk/Zoning Administrator Kirk Yaros, Deputy Clerk Jaster, Fire Chief Tallon, Assistant Dawn

Moved by Supervisor Peterman, seconded by Trustee Ebenhoeh to approve the minus of the Regular Board Meeting March 17, 2025.

Vote: Yeas - 5 Nays - 0 Motion Passed.

Fire Chief reported on testing, training and state of equipment in the Fire Hall. The Assistant Chief position has been posted. There are now 3 new firefighters added to the Fire department.

Zoning Administrator Yaros discussed the properties being worked on around the township including storage pods and burned out buildings in the township.

Moved by Ebenhoeh, seconded by Erhardt to table the Master Plan discussion for 1 month. After some discussion and more information, the vote continued.

Vote: Yeas - 0 Nays - 0 Motion Failed.

Moved by Ebenhoeh, seconded by Supervisor Peterman to approve Resolution 2024-04-01 Authorizing Master Plan Distribution and Board of Trustees Adoption of Master Plan.

Vote: Yeas - 5 Nays - 0 Motion Passed.

Treasurer Jaster settled taxes with the County. Needs to close out ARPA reporting by April 30th. Looks to redistribute duties previously done by past treasurers to the Clerk, Supervisor Peterman will inquire with our Legal Council.

Clerk Yaros discussed moving all payroll employees to being paid in arrears. With the ESTA in place, we are potentially in violation of the Wage & Hour law and several positions will need to have additional compensation added to their pay to correct this potential violation. Discussed the changes with elections and the executive order from President Trump. Discussed that with the additional Treasurer duties, payroll will need to be outsourced at a cost to the Township and Supervisor Peterman will finish the process to migrate our webpage to the new page.

Trustee Erhardt reviewed the Hall Custodian duties and will add external maintenance to the list.

Supervisor Peterman discussed charging Diamond Links for using the park. Set the board meeting dates for the 3rd Monday of the Month - dates will be posted on the webpage. Bishop Road Culvert will be delivered on 4/26 and installed. Discussed a cell phone tower on East road between Chesaning and Gary. Started discussion on replacing the Fire Department truck that will take us out of compliance in 2028, will work on a build sheet.

Motion by Peterman to amend the budget for \$200 from 101-701-957 (Zoning Training) to 101-701-955 (Zoning Misc.) for Fiscal Year 2024/25 to cover a badge that was ordered for A. Garcia, seconded by Treasurer Jaster.

Vote: Yeas - 5 Nays - 0 Motion Passed.

Motion by Peterman to amend the budget for \$937.50 from 101-xxx (Fund Balance) to 101-751-801-002 (Grant Writer) for Fiscal Year 2024/25 and \$3,000 from 101-xxx (Fund Balance) to 101-751-801-002 (Grant Writer) for Fiscal Year 2024/25 for a total of \$3,937.50 to cover excess costs incurred by Grant Writer, seconded by Trustee Erhardt.

Vote: Yeas - 5 Nays - 0 Motion Passed.

Public Comment: Opened at 8:48 p.m., closed at 8:56 p.m.

A question arose about who the General Contractor is for the Hall Bathroom upgrade and that anything over \$600 in remodeling must by law have a certified GC. Discussed the Build sheet for the Fire Truck. The community thanked the Fire Department for their work and all their workers especially during this last round of storms.

Moved by Clerk Yaros, seconded by Trustee Ebenhoeh to approve the payment of Checks numbered 21531 thru 21568, noting that check number 21530 was destroyed, for a total of \$41,363.82.

Vote: Yeas - 5 Nays - 0

Moved by Supervisor Peterman, seconded by Trustee Ebenhoeh to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m..

Vote: Yeas - 5 Nays - 0