

Maple Grove Township Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 2025/05/19 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.

Moved by Supervisor Peterman seconded by Trustee Ebenhoeh to approve the Minutes - with corrections as presented.

Vote: Yeas - 4 Nays - 1, Clerk Yaros Motion passed.

Jonathan Johnson from Acrisure/ParPlan reviewed our Property & Liability Proposal and reviewed potential grant opportunities through ParPlan.

Chief Tallon reported on completed and upcoming testing and noted the increase in activity due to recent storms.

Commissioner Harris gave an update on the Animal Shelter, Mosquito Control and the Road Milage reports.

Zoning Administrator Yaros brought up potential zoning issues and asked the board for direction on pursuing potential violations. It was proposed by Yaros to offer a year fee free for people to get compliant with Special Use Permits for businesses that may not have a Special Use Permit currently. Yaros will bring a proposal to the next meeting to discuss further. Supervisor Peterman and Trustee Erhardt agreed that complaints should wait until after the Master Plan is completed to pursue violations. No action was taken.

Trustee Ebenhoeh discussed the hall renovations. There was clarification around needing a General Contractor or a Construction Manager. Supervisor Peterman will get bids for a General Contractor for the Hall Renovation Project.

Trustee Jaster reported issues submitting the ARPA compliance report.

Clerk Yaros submitted the 2024 Security Grant Application for \$1,000. The expenses related to the Montrose Special Election on May 6, 2025 for \$1,977.05 were submitted to Montrose Community Schools. Having issues with employees not reporting hours for the ESTA. Proposed resolution to move the Deputy Clerk and Deputy Treasure from Salary to hourly, no second. No action taken. Motion made by Supervisor Peterman to move the responsibility to maintain the General Ledger Account to the clerk, supported by Trustee Ebenhoeh.

Vote: Yeas - 4 Nays - 1, Clerk Yaros Motion Passed.

The Township Park had some storm damage. Will look to investigate if this damage would be covered under our insurance. Supervisor Peterman decided he won't pursue charging Diamond Lynx for use of the park at this time.

Supervisor Peterman discussed moving our inspectors from employees to independent contractors. No decision was made. It was noted that the cell phone tower can't go up on the Township parcel as it's too big. Other suggestions were provided. Supervisor Peterman motioned to appoint Joe Erhardt as the Park Representative, seconded by Trustee Ebenhoeh.

Vote: Yeas - 5 Nays - 0 Motion Passed.

Supervisor Peterman will sign the Mutual Aid resolution that was presented in the board packet as we do this every year. Peterman motioned to increase the DNR Recreation Passport Grant share portion from \$25,000 to \$30,000 as the grant writer had the wrong amount, seconded by Treasurer Jaster.

Vote: Yeas - 5 Nays - 0 Motion Passed.

Public Comment: Opened at 9:05 p.m., closed at 9:23 p.m.

Discussed an issue with the burn permits on the website. Supervisor Peterman said the new webpage is going live on June 1st. Questions arose with E&L being the General Contractor for the Hall Renovations. Discussions on Special Use Permits,

Home Based Businesses and how if residents file a complaint, it remains anonymous as the Zoning Administrator will follow up but not divulge the complainant.

Moved by Clerk Yaros, seconded by Supervisor Peterman to approve the payment of Checks numbered 21569 thru 21606, for a total of \$94,438.13..

Vote: Yeas - 5 Nays - 0

Moved by Supervisor Peterman, seconded by Trustee Ebenhoeh to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 p.m..

Vote: Yeas - 5 Nays - 0