Maple Grove Township Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 2024/06/17- 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 Clerk Yaros to approve the May 20th, 2024 meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Wendling. Motion passed.

Chief Andres gave an update on the repairs to Engine 6 and Engine 1 as well as noting all fire extinguishers have been tested for the year in both the Fire Department and Hall. Andres also thanked Hemlock Semiconductor for the excellent reception and training at their fire simulation training. Hose testing will begin next week in Hazelton Township.

Treasurer Yaros noted the Check Reconciliation Report and Cash Reports were in the board packet. K. Yaros had the Furnace and A/C units replaced in the Township Hall by Joe Luce. It was also noted that the Newsletter will be going out July 1st with the Summer Tax bill. Treasurer Yaros is waiting for the Auditor to get back with us regarding our audit. K. Yaros gave an update on the current zoning issues happening in the township.

Clerk Yaros noted that the Township Office will be closed on Thursday, July 4th for the 4th of July holiday. T. Yaros set the Election Commission meeting for July 15th at 6:45 p.m. to appoint election inspectors for the August 6th primary election. The Public Accuracy test will take place on the same day immediately after the 7:00 p.m. board meeting. Clerk Yaros also reminded everyone that July 23rd is the deadline to submit petitions and applications to run for a township office or school board position.

Trustee Wendling noted the Planning Commission Meeting was held June 5th. The Master Plan was discussed and it will be reviewed at the August 7th meeting. Once the Master Plan is adopted, a review of our ordinances will need to be done.

Trustee Peterman discussed drainage issues at the Park. Peterman noted that Alan Rabideau is no longer interested in the Ordinance Officer position and several inquiries have been made to find someone new to fill the position. After some discussion, the position will be posted in the paper for any potential interested candidates. A refund of a Special Use Meeting Fee was discussed and since there isn't a mechanism in place to refund the permit will either expire or be denied. Trustee Peterman also discussed issues in the bathrooms in the Township Hall that need to be addressed.

A question that was raised during last month's meeting about what requirements were needed to be followed in regards to our Fire Trucks was discussed. The National Fire Protection Agency 1911, MIOSHA part 74 were two different statutes that needs to be followed in order to protect our Township or to make a claim for our liability insurance.

Supervisor Krupp noted that the Board of Review will meet on Tuesday, July 16th at 8:00 p.m. for Corrections and Errors. Krupp also discussed the potential of putting the Fire Assessment back on the ballot in November. A decision will need to be made by August 13th to get on the November ballot.

Clerk Yaros motioned to pay bills 21100 thru 21146 for a total of $72,308.37, seconded by Treasurer Yaros. Motion passed.

Public Comment: An inquiry was made regarding the Bishop Road bridge getting fixed. It was noted that this won't be fixed this year as the township didn't have the money to repair the bridge which will cost around $60K even if we repair it with a culvert. Another question was raised regarding the potential Fire Millage/Assessment going on the November ballot. The differences between a millage vs special assessment were discussed.

Clerk Yaros discussed upgrades needed to the Fire Department Office. The Chairs are falling apart and the carpet is destroyed and needs to be replaced. The cost for both will be around $10K. After some discussion these repairs will be made depending on lead time. Would like both done before September 11, 2024.

Trustee Wendling motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Peterman. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.