

Maple Grove Township Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 2024/08/19- Presented by: Tish Yaros - Clerk

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

Jason Wise and Bill Federspiel are both running for Saginaw County Sheriff in November and gave a brief presentation on why people should vote for them.

A motion was made by Trustee Wendling to approve the July 15th, 2024 meeting minutes, seconded by Treasurer Yaros. After a brief discussion, motion passed.

Chief Andres will be enrolling three new cadets into the Firefighter Academy next month. Andres also noted the office is being prepped for paint this upcoming week.

Treasurer Yaros reported on the following items:

- The Township website will need to transition off his personal account. Several different website hosting companies have been reviewed and will meet the needs going forward. K. Yaros motioned to allocate \$3,300 per year for 5 years to engage in a new website company from the fund balance, seconded by Trustee Peterman. Motion passed.
- The Township Hall bathrooms have been reviewed by several different contractors. It's too big for small contractors. The plumbing in the bathroom needs to be replaced and brought up to ADA code. This will require new plumbing, stalls, urinals, etc. Also discussed were the drains in the Kitchen and bar area in the hall that are rotten and causing a sewer smell. The ARPA Funds must be encumbered by December 2024 or we have to return the money. Many of these projects are still getting bids and work won't be able to start until after that date. There was also mention of Asbestos in the floor tiles that will need to be abated and that won't be known until after some of the construction takes place.
 - Since the ARPA money, \$97,000, must be encumbered by December 2024, K. Yaros motioned to extend the budgeted amounts for ARPA for any of the building expenses/repairs including Ceiling work, windows, furniture, lighting, bathroom repair that is incurred in the Township Hall and Main Township building from now until the end of the year, seconded by Trustee Peterman. Motion passed.
- The Audit is now complete. Some adjustments need to be made to move our Trash Assessment and Ambulance assessment into our main budget. These were kept separate for ease of transparency. K. Yaros also noted that the money collected for Permits including Building permits must be used for Code Enforcement Activities. Treasurer Yaros motioned to allocate a budget line of \$201,000 for Ambulance Assessment, \$190,000 for the Trash Assessment and \$19,800 for Code Enforcement Activities to comply with the auditor report, seconded by Supervisor Krupp. Motion passed.

Clerk Yaros noted that the office will be closed on Monday, September 2nd for the Labor Day Holiday. T. Yaros noted that the office MFP Printer is no longer working. After calling on several companies, Clerk Yaros motioned to enter into a contract with Applied Innovations for \$108.36 monthly for 60 months for the Service and supplies for a new printer, seconded by Trustee Wendling. Motion passed. T. Yaros also noted there were 4 people to use the Early Vote Center, 370 AV Ballots were returned and 427 voters voted in person. We had a 36% turn out for the August 6th election.

Trustee Wendling noted that at the Planning Commission meeting they discussed the Master Plan. They will likely set up a public workshop date at the next meeting.

Trustee Peterman reported on the following items:

- There have been several complaints against our building inspectors' responsiveness. The state can take over the process at no cost to the township. All costs would go to the resident. It was noted that Jim Gray was not contacted to defend these complaints. This issue is tabled for the next meeting to gather more information.
- Peterman discussed adopting a CREO (Compatible Renewable Energy Ordinance). It was noted at the Planning Commission meeting that the Master Plan needed to be completed first, then all the ordinances need to be reviewed and it would be discussed at that time. Since the CREO would need to be done by November 29th, it wouldn't get done. Anyone wanting Solar/Wind would still need a special use permit.

- The Township Park has ongoing drainage issues and repairs around the park. Peterman is hoping to submit a park grant for next year to help with funding for the park.
- Peterman discussed the regulations with MIOSHA and NFPA. It was noted that the regulation for the Fire Trucks is with NFPA.
- Peterman is collecting a list of contractors to contact if the township has plumbing, electrical, construction or building parking lot clearing issues. If interested in getting on this list, please contact the office.
- Alex Garcia is addressing several township complaints. He is able to issue citations but to clean up the burnt building on Bishop Road requires more authority. Treasurer Yaros will provide more information to the board for the next meeting.

Supervisor Krupp thanked the current Board of Review members for their dedication and commitment to the community but noted that Elmer Gross, Ron Birchmeier and Gene Ziola will be stepping down from the Board of Review. Ralph Krupp is currently the alternate and will move into a board member position. Krupp motioned to appoint Cody Simons and Haley Peterson to the Board of Review effective 8/19/24 thru 12/31/26, seconded by Treasurer Yaros. Motion passed. Krupp encouraged the new board to still appoint an alternative to the Board of Review but this will allow time for the new members to get training and resources before the March meetings.

Clerk Yaros motioned to pay bills 21183 thru 21232 for a total of \$47,946.51, seconded by Trustee Peterman. Motion passed.

Public Comment: A question was asked if the board would consider writing an ordinance for squatters, discussed family members being on the same board, and roll off containers being legal on property. It was also mentioned if traffic violations are happening to contact the police to direct where the officers are stationed.

Supervisor Krupp motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Peterman. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.