

Maple Grove Township Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 2024/12/16 Presented by: Tish Yaros - Clerk

The meeting was held in person and called to order at 7:00 p.m. Supervisor Peterman, Treasurer Jaster, Clerk Yaros, Trustee Erhardt and Trustee Ebenhoeh were present.

A motion was made by Clerk Yaros to approve the November 18th, 2024 meeting minutes, seconded by Supervisor Peterman. Motion passed.

Chief Andres noted they had 45 kids come to meet Santa at the Fire Hall. Andres is also gathering bids for next years testing so he can present his budget in February. Chief Andres also recommended Scott ~~Tallet~~ Tallon as the next Fire Chief once his term is done on April 1st, 2025.

Treasurer Jaster is getting up to speed with BS&A Software. Accounts have been reconciled and Jaster is looking to send out disbursements later this month.

Clerk Yaros updated the status of the Webpage migration and progress with the Fire Department Network Issue. Both will require some consulting work for Network and Technical issues. Yaros also handed out a rough draft of the new sick time policy from our lawyer. After some discussion, the issue was tabled for next month. No action taken.

Trustee Ebenhoeh discussed sending a flyer to residents. Due to the cost, it was decided to utilize the webpage and send any flier with tax bills if necessary. Ebenhoeh also recapped the Planning Commission meeting and discussed the potential of having 2 urns in 1 burial plot. After some discussion, a motion was made by Trustee Erhardt to table this issue until next month, seconded by Supervisor Peterman, motion passed. Ebenhoeh reminded everyone the Master Plan Public comment meeting will be on January 26th from 10:00-1:00 p.m., all are encouraged to attend. Trustee Ebenhoeh also presented the projected Road Commission roadmap for Maple Grove for the next 5 years. This includes the revenue from the new milage and cost sharing amounts for Maple Grove and what each year could look like for road projects. Ebenhoeh asked if the board will support the efforts of the Zoning Officer and Enforcement Officer to go around the township to see who is in violation and go after all residents vs just going after those that have a complaint? After some clarification, the question became: do we spend the money to clean up the ordinances and go after violations or save the money and keep the current ordinances as they stand? No action was taken.

Supervisor Peterman present the following items:

- Motioned to approve Resolution 2024-12-01 to Support Local Control and Claim of Appeal against Michigan Public Service Commission Order, seconded by Clerk Yaros. After some discussion, motion passed.
- Motioned to approve Resolution 2024-12-02 of Support for Michigan Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Policy, seconded by Trustee Ebenhoeh. Motion passed.
- Clerk Yaros motioned to approve Resolution 2024-12-03 to appoint Trustee and Alternate Trustee to the Mid Michigan Waste Authority with the constituent member as Wes Peterman and alternate member as Dale Drexler, seconded by Trustee Ebenhoeh. Motion passed.
- Motioned to approve Resolution 2024-12-04 requirements for Poverty Exemption, seconded by Clerk Yaros. Motion passed.
- MMWA has provided their proposed Special Waste days for 2025. As soon as the flyer is out, we will post it on the webpage.
- Motioned to appoint Ron Birchmeier & Ralph Krupp to the Board of Review for a 2 year term starting January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2027, seconded by Trustee Ebenhoeh. Motion passed.
- Motioned to appoint Dale Drexler to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a 2 year term starting January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2027, seconded by Clerk Yaros. Motion passed.
- Motioned to appoint Bill Turnwald to the Planning Commission for a 3 year term starting January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2027, seconded by Trustee Ebenhoeh. After some clarification, motion passed.
- Motioned to appoint Marc Ebenhoeh to the Planning Commission for a 2 year term starting January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2026, replacing Greg Wendling, seconded by Treasurer Jaster. Motion passed.
- Discussed the progress with the BEAD - Broadband Equity Access & Deployment progress and noted he will be filling in as the Maple Grove representative on this committee.

- Peterman has been in contact with a grant writer for the Park. DNR Grants open soon and focus will be on infrastructure issues with the first grant.
- Distributed the Separation of Duties Document that was prepared by Kirk Yaros. It was decided that Kirk Yaros will still be used for cloud system security/management, network/computer repairs and website migration issues. Trustee Erhardt will work on the coordination of the remaining hall issues/repairs.

Clerk Yaros motioned to pay bills 21360 thru 21408 for a total of \$60,302.15, seconded by Trustee Ebenhoeh. Motion passed.

Public Comment: There was some confusion on the appointments of Planning Commission members which was clarified during the meeting. Concern about a Planning Commission member not attending meetings, what is the process for no-shows.

Clerk Yaros motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Ebenhoeh. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.