

**APPROVED MINUTES FOR TOWN BOARD MEETING  
MAPLE, WISCONSIN**

Thursday, September 14, 2023

The monthly Town Board meeting for the Town of Maple was called to order by Chairman Dustin Soyring at 7:00 pm at the Maple Community Center.

**ROLL CALL**

Chairman Dustin Soyring, Supervisor Jon TePoel, Supervisor Thad Lintula, Treasurer Tanya Colby, Foreman Roger Colby, Clerk Rachel Lintula, Fire Chief Mike Lundeen, Planning Commission member Gaye Erkel, and half a dozen community members were in attendance. There being a quorum present, the meeting was in order.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION by Chairman Soyring, seconded by Supervisor TePoel, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of August 10, 2023.**

**MOTION by Supervisor Lintula, seconded by Supervisor TePoel, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of September 8, 2023.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**MOTION by Chairperson Soyring, seconded by T. Lintula, and carried unanimously to approve the Treasurer's Report.**

**BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT**

Gaye Erkel raised a number of points, noting that communication about the dump and dump hours has been inconsistent. She also questioned whether or not the "Subscribe to Updates" feature on the website works properly. In addition, she wondered whether or not the Special Meeting held on September 8th should have been held in closed session. Erkel also noted that people have been filling large containers of water, and whether or not the town should consider slowing the water flow. Foreman Colby observed that had been done in the past, and ultimately residents preferred a stronger flow. Chairman Soyring thanked her for her concerns.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. *Review, discuss and approve additional members of the Planning Commission.*

**MOTION by Chairman Soyring to approve Jaan Lintula's membership to the Planning Commission; motion seconded by T. Lintula and the motion carried unanimously.**

2. *Review and discuss the need for additional dump attendants, clear communication about hours, effective signage, and managing dump funds.*

Discussion included the need for better communication about dump hours; Chairman Soyring noted the miscommunication about the dump remaining open on Wednesday evenings in September. The Town will remain open on Wednesday evenings through September.

Dump attendant Steve Westerlund - though not present - expressed concerns to Chairman Soyring and Treasurer Colby about shed security as well as handling cash. Treasurer Colby also noted that on a number of occasions, there were no dump funds collected on a dump day.

Comments included moving away from cash entirely, requiring residents to purchase dump cards off-site, and numbering dump cards to better track card usage. Clerk Lintula will number cards.

3. *Discuss the development of a website policy that outlines posting privileges and other relevant website issues.*

Clerk Lintula noted that recent communications from the Wisconsin Towns Association (WTA) encouraged towns to have a website policy in place, addressing ownership and posting privileges. She will do some research and draft a policy to review at the next meeting.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### *1. County Supervisor*

County Supervisor Loustari gave an update that included budgets in various county departments. He also noted that revenue generated by timber sales will likely be affected by the heavy snowfall the area experienced last winter.

He also offered updates on the road construction projects, noting that the County W grant was approved.

Zoning updates include an update on water grants, particularly the St. Croix Flowage Management project.

### *2. Town Foreman*

Town Foreman Roger Colby reported that tasks have consisted largely of grading roads and putting down gravel on washed out areas. Other tasks include roadside mowing. Work has started on the Gonschorek Loop culvert install. The town truck was recently in for recall and warranty work.

### *3. Fire Department*

Fire Chief Lundeen noted that the Department responded to 13 Emergency Calls this past month. In Maple, there were 4 EMS calls and 2 Alarms; in Poplar 2 EMS calls; in Cloverland there was one Mutual Aid for a good intent EMS Call; in Lake Nebagamon, there were 2 EMS calls and a Gas Spill call. In Lakeside, there was an MVA call.

Trucks and equipment appeared to be in good working order. EAM finished work on Engine 1's Air Conditioning unit, fixing a corroded shorted wire. The rear brakes were replaced on Tender 1.

EMS Flex grant will be used to purchase the Pomasl Fire Department truck; payment was sent and the truck should be ready for pick-up in a month or so.

Hose testing continues; there are two more sections of 50 foot hose that failed the test and need replacement.

The VFD participated in a Ride Safe event at the High School. It was a day-long event that all school students attended. RIDESAFE is inspiring local school children to gear up before riding powersport equipment. <http://www.ridesafefoundation.org/>

Remodeling the office continues.

The VDF gained a new member, Leah Raboin.

**MOTION by Chairman Soyryng to approve Leah Raboin's membership to the Maple Fire Department; motion seconded by T. Lintula and the motion carried unanimously.**

As always, the VFD seeks folks for both EMS and FD volunteerism. If you're interested in joining the department, please stop by on any of our Training or Meeting nights, which are the 3rd Wednesdays of the month and last Monday or Wednesday of the month. New members are always welcome.

*4. Town Plan Commission*

Gaye Erkel observed that the commission will meet in the near future, given its now full membership. She requested that funds be budgeted for the member stipend.

**FUTURE BUSINESS**

- 1. Set the Town Budget for 2024*
- 2. Review snow plowing fees and the application for the 2023-24 year*
- 3. Appoint Election Inspectors for the 2024 Election cycle*
- 4. Complete PASER Ratings*
- 5. Discuss appointment of a deputy clerk*

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION by Supervisor TePoel, and seconded by T. Lintula; motion unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 PM.**

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Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Lintula  
Clerk, Town of Maple