

APPROVED MINUTES FOR TOWN BOARD MEETING

MAPLE, WI

Thursday, April 11, 2024

The monthly 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, Deputy Clerk Kayla Anderson, Foreman Roger Colby, Fire Chief Mike Lundeen, Planning Commission Secretary Gaye Erkel, and a handful of community members were in attendance. There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Supervisor TePoel, seconded by Lintula, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of 14 March 2024.

TREASURER'S REPORT

MOTION by Chairman Soyring, seconded by Lintula and carried unanimously to approve the Treasurer's report.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT

Gaye Erkel noted that Bardon Creek Road requires some additional brushing and that the flagpole needs a solar light.

OLD BUSINESS

1. *Revisit the town's current purchasing policy; review and discuss any clarification or amendments that might need to be made.*

MOTION by Supervisor Lintula to adopt the updated purchasing policy; motion seconded by TePoel, and motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. *Review the results of the Spring Election and Presidential Preference Vote held on Tuesday, April 2, 2024.*

Chief Inspector Erkel noted that the town had medium to low turnout, with 35% of the voting population casting their vote.

2. *Amend the budget by resolution, so that it balances as required by statute.*

MOTION by Chairman Soyring to adopt Resolution No. 2024-4 to amend the 2024 budget; motion seconded by Lintula. Results of roll call vote: Lintula – aye; Soyring – aye; TePoel – aye. Motion carried unanimously.

3. *Review and discuss gravel proposals for 2024.*

Discussion included the need to get bids for gravel, given that all public contracts over \$25,000 are required to be bid out. Discussion also included the additional costs of hauling the material, versus the material cost only. Chairman Soyring noted he would work with Clerk Lintula to draft a bid document.

4. *Review and discuss the Town's Funeral Luncheon Policy, as well as increasing the cleaning deposit fee.*

Treasurer Colby observed that some renters using the facility have left their trash; she noted that it would be beneficial to increase the cleaning deposit fee, and to require the fee from all rentals. Discussion also included the need to revisit Community Center rental policies in general, particularly as it relates to charging rental fees for non-profits hosting for profit events.

MOTION by Supervisor Lintula to increase the security deposit from \$30 to \$50; motion seconded by TePoel and motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Supervisor Lintula to require a security deposit for all rentals, including funeral luncheons for deceased Town of Maple residents; MOTION amended to require a rental fee and security deposit from non-profits hosting for profit events; motion seconded by TePoel and motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. *County Supervisor*

County Supervisor Loustari gave an overview of the work being done at the local, county, and state level. He noted that highway crews are cleaning and patching roadways, and the department- given the lack of snowfall – is under budget. Road restrictions will be lifted 4.22.

The Douglas County zoning conference was cancelled due to low RSVPs; organizers may consider making it a bi-annual event instead of an annual event to increase interest and attendance.

2. *Town Foreman*

Foreman Colby noted that he had to plow in the last month, and has continued to grade, brush along roadsides, and steam culverts. Colby also noted that the grader will need to be ordered this year, as the warranty ends next April and there's a year-long wait for the machinery. The bases are at the ballfield for the summer season, and cones were placed over the horseshoe pit stakes.

3. *Fire Department*

The Department responded to 12 Emergency Calls this past month. Trucks and equipment for the most part seem to be in good working order. In addition, the 2023 Fire Department's Annual meeting and the following officers were elected: Chief - Mike Lundeen; Assistant Chief - Cliff Follis; Safety Officer - Adam Wennersten with help from Larry Taipale as our On Scene Safety Officer; Fire Captain - Dennis Tollers; EMS Captain - Tracy Tollers; Lieutenant - Jacob Grapentine; Secretary and Treasurer - David Grapentine.

The following individuals received the awards - congratulations to all recipients.
Firefighter of the Year - David Grapentine; 5 Year Service Award - Josh Eller and Aaron Madsen; 15 Year Service Award - Dennis Toller; 50 Year Service Award - Larry Taipale and Glen Hill; Chief's Award - Grant Saari.

The department has 3 members -Lary Taipale, Glen Hill, and Cliff Walimaki - with a combined total 152 years of service to the MFD and our community. Thank you! The MFD currently has a full roster of 21 members.

MOTION by Supervisor Lintula, and seconded by TePoel to approve Mike Lundeen as Fire Chief of the Maple Fire Department; motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Supervisor Lintula, and seconded by TePoel to approve Joesph Grube's membership to the Maple Fire Department; motion carried unanimously.

As always, folks interested in joining the department are encouraged to attend any of our Training or Meeting nights - the 3rd Wednesdays of the month and last Monday or Wednesday of the month. New members are always welcome!

4. *Planning Commission*

The Planning Commission had nothing to report

FUTURE BUSINESS

1. *Scheduling the 2024 Road Tour.*

MOTION by Supervisor Lintula and seconded by TePoel to schedule the Annual Road Tour on April 19, 2024 at 1 pm; the motion carried unanimously.

2. *Discuss obligating all remaining ARPA funds by December 31, 2024.*

3. *Discuss the next steps in maintaining the current levy, as the Town Garage Loan is paid off in July.*

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Supervisor TePoel to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm; motion seconded by Lintula and motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Lintula, Clerk