

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

Thursday, June 13, 2024

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

ROLL CALL

Chairman Dustin Soyering, Supervisor Jon TePoel, Supervisor Thad Lintula, Treasurer Tanya Colby, Clerk Rachel Lintula, Foreman Roger Colby, Fire Chief Mike Lundeen, and town elector Donna Alholm were in attendance. There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by MOTION by Supervisor TePoel, seconded by Lintula and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of 13 June 2024.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT

Donna Alholm noted that she appreciated the building of a new dump shed.

OLD BUSINESS

1. *Review and discuss the loan terms of the Town Garage loan, due July 1, 2024.*

Discussion included the loan options – to pay off the remaining amount (\$20,660.98) in a lump sum; to draft a new loan that spread out the remaining sum to a series of monthly payments; to draft a new, larger loan that would allow the town to make needed repairs and improvements to aging infrastructure and buildings.

MOTION by Supervisor Lintula to rollover the existing balance to a new loan and to spread out the remaining sum to a series of monthly payments; seconded by TePoel and motion carried unanimously.

2. *Review and discuss long-term plans for the town garage, fire department, and community center buildings.*

Supervisor Lintula noted that he'd been working with National Commerce's Commercial Loan Officer, and that the loan officer would determine if the town would be eligible for a \$500k loan. The loan would make possible needed repairs and improvements to the town garage, fire department, and community center.

Lintula noted that he'd enlisted an architect to draft a plan for an addition to the town garage – one that would repair the buckling, rotting wall. Supervisor TePoel noted that he'd gotten preliminary numbers on a concrete slab for the garage addition.

Chief Lundeen indicated that he'd reached out to A.G O'Brien about installing an exhaust system in the fire department building; however, before the company could offer a proposal, an engineered plan was required. A.G. O'Brien suggested using Andrew Nelson to draft the required plan and Lundeen gave Nelson's bid to the board.

NEW BUSINESS

1. *Review and discuss adopting prices for calcium chloride for the 2024 season.*

After consulting Foreman Colby, the board determined no price increase was necessary and no action was taken.

2. *Review bids for Dump Road Chip sealing project.*

Both Scott Construction and Fahrner Asphalt Sealers presented sealed bids to the board. **MOTION by Supervisor Lintula to accept the lower bid presented by Scott Construction; seconded by TePoel and motion carried unanimously.**

3. *Review and discuss future LRIP applications for town roads.*

Chairman Soyering noted that the LRIP application process has changed somewhat in the last year; at this point, towns are waiting for

more information and guidance from relevant organizations. Foreman Colby observed that the High School Road, Haukala Road, and the Bardon Creek bridge approach are candidates for future LRIP projects. No action was taken.

4. *Review and discuss adopting a fireworks permit form, accessible online.*

MOTION by Supervisor Lintula to adopt the drafted fireworks permit application, with the form amended to include guidance to check current fire restrictions; seconded by TePoel and motion carried unanimously.

5. *Review assessor's contract, effective in 2025.*

Chairman Soyering noted that the assessor's contract increased given that next year is a re-evaluation year and requires a significant, additional workload. In addition, the software cost has increased as well. The contract will be renegotiated in 2026. **MOTION by Supervisor TePoel to approve the assessor's contract; seconded by Lintula and motion carried unanimously.**

6. *Review Class "A" Liquor and Class "A" Beer License for Martinson Holdings.*

MOTION by Supervisor TePoel to approve the Class "A" Liquor and Class "A" Beer License for Martinson Holdings; seconded by Lintula and motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. *County Supervisor*

County Supervisor Loustari was unable to attend the meeting but sent the clerk an email that outlined the following updates. County Hwy UU has been pulverized and paved and design work continues the slide area of Hwy.U and Hwy H.

The county board met on May 6 and all committee assignments were made by the county board chair. There were three committee meetings on June 6th. The executive and administration committees met separately and then together. The capital project funding was on the agenda. The county had \$ 6.72 million in requests from all departments and the county had \$ 2.75 to work with. The funds come from strong sales tax, interest income and savings on current projects. The next county board meeting is scheduled for June 20th. The zoning committee met on June 12th and on the agenda was a zoning request for a Dollar Store on Hwy 35.

2. *Town Foreman*

Foreman Colby noted he has continued to grade and remove downed trees. He was also able to purchase a spare rim for the grader for \$36. Rain has delayed calcium chloride applications to Wuori Road. In terms of machinery, the grader died on Wuori Road – a Fabick representative came and found and replaced a burnt resistor.

3. *Fire Department*

The Department responded to 16 calls this past month: 3 EMS to Maple, 1 EMS to Lake Nebagamon, 2 EMS to Poplar, 1 CO check to Poplar and 2 Alarms. The department also gave Mutual Aid to Brule (chimney fire), Highland (EMS), Lake Nebagamon (EMS), Lake Nebagamon for an EMS call, Poplar for 2 EMS calls as well as responding to 2 MVAs.

Trucks and equipment seem to be in good working order.

David Grapentine resigned as the department's Secretary / Treasurer; Leah Raboin assumed the role.

As always, folks interested in joining the department are encouraged to attend any VFD 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. *Finalize the town garage loan.*

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Supervisor Lintula to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm; motion seconded by TePoel and motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Rachel Lintula, Clerk

