

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

Thursday, September 12, 2024

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

ROLL CALL

Chairperson Soyering, Supervisor Jon TePoel, Supervisor Thad Lintula, Clerk Rachel Lintula, Treasurer Tanya Colby, Foreman Roger Colby, Fire Chief Mike Lundeen and handful of community members were in attendance. There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Supervisor Lintula, seconded by TePoel, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of August 8, 2024.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT

Rachel Lintula commented that she supported the town obtaining a \$500k loan from NBC to support capital improvement projects, observing that the town needs funds to maintain and repair aging equipment and buildings.

Gaye Erkel noted that the Cemetery Association was holding their annual fundraiser on September 21; she also asked if there were additional tables available. Supervisor Lintula noted that there were some potentially available at the town park, and that they would be delivered to the Community Center.

OLD BUSINESS

1. *Update on and discussion of the town garage loan.*

Supervisor Lintula presented the various loan term options, as communicated by the loan officer. He also reviewed the various capital improvement projects the town needs to consider, including the buckling wall on the Town Garage, the ongoing water damage at the Community Center, the need for an exhaust system for both the FD and the Town Garage, among other things. He also noted that these capital projects will not become less expensive in the future, but rather more expensive.

MOTION by Supervisor Lintula, seconded by TePoel to finalize a 15 year, \$500k loan from the National Bank of Commerce, for the purposes of capital improvement projects. Motion carried unanimously.

2. *Revisit purchasing a cell phone for town business.*

No action was taken; Clerk Lintula noted that it would be factored into next year's budget planning.

NEW BUSINESS

1. *Review of the August 13, 2024 Primary results.*

Chief Inspector Gaye Erkel observed that the Town of Maple had 135 voters cast their votes in the August Primary. The town also welcomed a high school election inspector, Lauren Wiita; tasty vittles were also provided to election workers.

2. *Review and discuss the updated proposal from Nelson Engineering, regarding air exhaust systems for the Fire Department and Town Garage.*

Clerk Lintula noted that while the town had not budgeted for this particular item, there were funds in the budget that could be reallocated to this expense.

MOTION by Supervisor Lintula, seconded by Soyring to accept the proposal from Nelson Engineering. Motion carried unanimously.

3. *Review the Tax Collection Agreement with Douglas County.*

MOTION by Chairman Soyring, seconded by TePoel to accept the Tax Collection Agreement with Douglas County. Motion carried unanimously.

4. *Review and discuss developing a remote meeting attendance policy.*

Clerk Lintula presented a sample Remote Meeting Attendance policy from the WTA, noting that it was important that the board think about developing a policy in the near future. No action was taken.

5. *Discuss the 2024-2025 Snowplowing Contract.*

MOTION by Chairman Soyring, seconded by TePoel to not increase the snow plowing fee schedule for the 2024-2025 winter season. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. *County Supervisor*

County Supervisor Loustari gave updates on county projects, committees, and zoning considerations.

2. *Town Foreman*

Foreman Colby noted that he has continued to grade, brush, and gravel the town roads.

Colby mentioned that Scott's Construction will be chip sealing Dump Road, as well as two additional sections. He also observed that he ordered the culvert for Neimi Road and that it would be replaced within the month, as part of the County Aid for Roads and Bridges grant. In addition, Colby reported to the board that he had been asked to use the town grader on a resident's road. The board had no objection, provided the work was properly billed.

3. *Fire Department*

The Department responded to 14 calls this past month: 3 EMS, 1 MVA, and 3 alarms in Maple. The Department also responded to 2 EMS, 1 MVA in Poplar, 1 EMS in Amnicon, 2 EMS in Lake Nebagamon as well as Mutual aid for 1 EMS call to Poplar. Trucks and equipment seem to be in good working order, with the exception of Engine 2, the Water Point Pumper; it needs to be replaced. Lundeen presented some information on a used 2001 International 4800 4x4 Type 3 Fire Engine that may be a good candidate. The Department hosted a Driver Operator Class at the station for the newer members that needed to take the class. The class was put on by Northwood TEC. Chief Lundeen also contacted Twin Ports Bid to help sell the old rescue truck, extrication equipment, booster reel, RV generator and other miscellaneous equipment the department doesn't use or need any more. Lundeen and Supervisor Lintula met to review and discuss needed Fire Station improvements. Brule Vally Plumbing came and replaced the outside water faucet and redid the feed pipe to it inside the office space at the station, and ML Heating and Cooling will service on the heaters at the station.

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 no items to address.

FUTURE BUSINESS

1. *Finalize the town garage loan.*
2. *Review and discuss purchasing a 2001 International 4800 4x4 KME Type 3 Fire Pumper for the Fire Department.*

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Supervisor Lintula to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 pm; motion seconded by TePoel and motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Lintula, Clerk