

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

Thursday, October 10, 2024

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

ROLL CALL

Chairperson Soyring, 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 September 12 and September 16, 2024.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT

Gaye Erkel questioned if the Fall Fest would be held next year at the same time; at this point, the answer was in the affirmative.

OLD BUSINESS

1. *Consideration and approval of borrowing \$500,000.00 from National Bank of Commerce; with interest at 5.320%; fully amortized over 15 years; with estimated payments of \$4,054.48 each month; commencing November 5, 2024, with a final payment due on October 5, 2039.*

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

NEW BUSINESS

1. *Review and discuss the financing options for the purchase of the new grader, taking into consideration trade-in values.*

Discussion noted that the grader – ordered in May and due to be delivered a year later – was ready eight months earlier than anticipated. Also discussed were the various rates, and loaning entities.

MOTION by Supervisor Lintula to pursue the loan process with the Bureau of Public Lands Commission (BCPL); motion seconded by TePoel and carried unanimously.

2. *Review and adopt Budget Resolution No. 2024 – 10.*

MOTION by Supervisor Lintula to adopt Budget Resolution No. 2024-10, transferring funds from the surplus in the HWY outlay account to the Solid Waste outlay expense account; and the surplus funds from the treasurer expense account to the General Buildings account; motion seconded by TePoel and carried unanimously.

3. *Appoint Thad Lintula, Lauren Wiita, Arlene Bunnell, and Clynt Schmidt as election inspectors for the General Election held on November 5, 2024.*

MOTION by Supervisor Lintula, seconded by TePoel to appoint Thad Lintula, Lauren Wiita, Arlene Bunnell, and Clynt Schmidt as election inspectors for the General Election held on November 5, 2024.

4. *Review and discuss the driveway permit application for 10987 E Harju Road, submitted by Chris and Nicole Sinderman.*

MOTION by Chairman Soyryng Review to approve the driveway permit application for 10987 E Harju Road, submitted by Chris and Nicole Sinderman; seconded by TePoel and motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. County Supervisor

County Supervisor Loustari was not present to give an update.

2. Town Foreman

Foreman Colby noted that he has continued to gravel and brush the town roads, though lack of moisture has prevented grading. He will grade once the roads have adequate moisture.

Scott's Construction chip sealed Dump Road, as well as two additional sections. He also observed that he ordered the culvert for Neimi Road has been replaced, as well as the culvert on Haukila Road; both projects are eligible for the County Aid for Roads and Bridges grant. In addition, the backhoe tires need to be replaced – one has a big cut in it – the expenditure was included in the 2024 budget. Foreman Colby plans to take vacation in November.

3. Fire Department

The Department responded to 15 calls this past month: 5 EMS, 1 down tree on the road, and 4 alarms in Maple. We responded to calls in Poplar for 1 EMS, 1 Wildland Fire, Lake Nebagamon for 1 EMS, and Mutual aid to 1 EMS and 1 Gas Leak. MFD has been dispatched to 89 calls so far this year. Trucks and equipment for the most part seem to be in good working order except for Engine 2 (Water Point Pumper) is out of service due to many mechanical problems and the department is waiting for its used 2001 International 4800 4x4 Type 3 Fire Engine replacement. Twin Ports Bid sold the old rescue truck and old equipment.

Fire Chief Lundeen contacted ML Heating and Cooling to service on the heaters at the station. He came out and serviced the heaters and replaced 2 thermostats.

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.

MOTION by Supervisor Lintula to move to CLOSED SESSION, Pursuant to WI Statute 19.85 (1) g, c; seconded by TePoel and motion carried unanimously. Present were Chairman Soyryng, Supervisor Lintula, Supervisor TePoel, Clerk Lintula, and Treasurer Colby.

1. *Review Circuit Court Case No. 2023-CV-309 with town legal counsel who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the town.*
2. *Consider the employment, promotion, compensation and performance evaluation data of Roger Colby, a public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.*

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Supervisor Lintula to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 pm; motion seconded by Soyryng and motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Rachel Lintula, Clerk