

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

Thursday, April 10, 2025

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

**ROLL CALL**

Chairman Dustin Soyering, Supervisor Jon TePoel, Supervisor Thad Lintula, Clerk Rachel, Treasurer Tanya Colby, Foreman Roger Colby, Fire Chief Mike Lundeen, County Supervisor Scott Loustari and a handful of community members. 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 March 13, 2025.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Kent Makela noted that the Community Center sign has not been updated in recent history and inquired as to why that was the case. Chairperson Soyering observed the item was on the meeting agenda.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. *Review and discuss amending the budget to accommodate additional expenses related to the winterizing and repair of Engine 2.*

Engine 2 needed more work than anticipated. Additional repairs included valve settings, rebuild valves, service fluids, replace suspension springs, hoses, wiring, etc. Discussion included using the funds from sale of Fire Department equipment last year, and using the FD Capital Project monies to fund the difference, with funds being reimbursed of the next three years.

**MOTION by Supervisor Lintula, seconded by TePoel to use the funds from the sale of Fire Department equipment last year, and to use a portion of the Fire Department Capital Project monies to fund the difference, with the Capital Project funds being reimbursed to the Fire Department over the next three years. Motion carried unanimously.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. *Update on Spring Election results and introduction of clerk – in training, Shereen Johnston.*

Clerk Lintula noted that the Town of Maple once again had good voter turn-out for the April 1, 2025 Spring Election. Incumbent Dustin Soyering won the Chairperson seat; Jon TePoel won one of two Supervisor positions; Thad Lintula won the second Supervisor position. Tanya Colby won the Treasurer position, and Rachel Lintula won the Clerk position; however, she will be stepping down as clerk effective July 1, 2025. The board intends to appoint Shereen Johnston to fill the vacancy left by Lintula at the June meeting. Clerk Lintula is in the process of training in Johnston.

2. *Review and discuss all Board of Review (BOR) members, particularly the Town Board, completing Board of Review training, given that 2025 is a revaluation year for the Town of Maple.*

Clerk Lintula commented on the need for BOR training, and suggested that all members consider completing training in some capacity, given that 2025 is a revaluation year. She provided WI DOR approved training materials to the board.

3. *Review and discuss the need for an additional janitor to clean the Community Center on a twice per month basis.*

The Town requires an additional person to clean the CC on a regular basis, given that current custodian is unable to continue in the position. Shereen Johnston noted that her daughter Iva Jukic may be interested in cleaning.

4. *Review and discuss finding an individual to update the Community Center sign; discussion to include updating and streamlining the process.*

Discussion included safety concerns associated with updating the sign, as well difficulties of using the aging, brittle letters. **MOTION by Supervisor Lintula and seconded by TePoel to suspend sign usage, until the sign can be updated or replaced with a better option. Motion carried unanimously.**

5. *Review and discuss the need to streamline waste disposal at the Community Center; discussion to include housing a dumpster on-site and potentially increasing the rental fee to cover additional costs, if necessary.*

Treasurer Colby noted the challenges of requiring users to remove garbage from the premises after use, noting that it can be difficult to determine who is responsible, if trash remains. Options include getting a dumpster on-site, so that users could dispose of garbage easily; fees could be raised to cover the additional cost. Supervisor Lintula will reach out to Waste Management to determine ease and cost.

6. *Review and discuss estimates prepared by the clerk to purchase 50 new chairs, 6 new tables, and a table and chair dolly for the Community Center, using Community Center monies from the Capital Improvements fund.*

Clerk Lintula noted the need for additional tables at the Community Center and noted that it was an expensive proposition. Chairperson Soyryng observed that Wal-Mart and Costco have several cost effective, decent quality options and that he would explore those and update the board. The board and clerk did not believe there was a need for new chairs or additional dollies.

7. *Open, review and accept bids for the 2025 Town gravel stockpile. Bid notices were posted on March 21, 2025 and April 4, 2025, both on the town website and at the three posting locations in the municipality.*

The Town of Maple received one bid from Milestone Materials. **MOTION by Supervisor Lintula to accept the bid; motion seconded by TePoel and carried unanimously.**

8. *Schedule the Annual Road Tour.*

**MOTION by Supervisor Lintula to schedule the Annual Road Tour for May 9<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00PM; the board will meet at the Community Center. Motion seconded by TePoel and carried unanimously.**

9. *Update on the ADA bathroom remodel, the Town Garage addition, and the Fire Department upgrades.*

Supervisor Lintula gave an overview of the various projects and their statuses; the HWY and Fire Department are waiting for state approval of the air handling schematic; IArchitect LLC is in the process of drafting the HWY building addition, with a focus on repairing the buckling wall of the Town Garage. The ADA bathroom update is well underway and needs the new fixtures plumbed, and drywall finished. Once that's complete, the bathroom will re-open and the other will undergo much needed repairs; the repairs may fall under an insurance claim, due to water damage.

10. *Review plumbing estimate from Integrity Plumbing to replace electric baseboards in both bathrooms and the main area of the Community Center.*

**MOTION by Supervisor Lintula to table replacing the baseboards in the Community Center, until work is further along; seconded by Soyryng and motion carried unanimously.**

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. *County Supervisor*

County Supervisor Loustari gave an overview of happenings at the county level, noting that he was unable to attend the Fundamentals of Zoning Conference in Shell Lake in early March. He noted that zebra mussels have been observed in the St. Croix Flowage, and that the Transportation Committee approved the final design for the Nemadji Bridge, and that the 5 Year Highway Plan has been approved. The Annual Forestry Meeting was held March 31; many groups presented their annual reports.

2. *Town Foreman*

Foreman Colby observed that he's been plowing, sanding, grading and fixing undermined culverts. The brusher is at Lulich's for repair work that's under warranty. In addition, the grader is at Fabick so the roller can be installed and properly calibrated. Colby also noted that he secured some cold mix for patching purposes. Colby also wondered if there were grants to pave helicopter landing pads, noting that the pad is very difficult to grade. He will be using some vacation time in the next month.

3. *Fire Department*

The Department responded to 5 emergency calls this past month: 4 EMS calls in Maple; and one Wildland fire in Poplar. The trucks and equipment appear to be in good working order, though Tender #1 needs two new truck batteries and the Rescue Truck needs a new exhaust tail pipe. In addition, the roof vent on the station needs to be fixed. Finally, the department was awarded a WI EMS FAP grant for \$12,126.30, to be used on medical equipment and supplies.

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*

No members of the Planning Commission were present to give a report.

**FUTURE BUSINESS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION by Supervisor Lintula to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm; motion seconded by TePoel and motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Lintula, Clerk