

APPROVED MINUTES TOWN OF MAPLE

TOWN BOARD MEETING

January 13, 2022

The January Town Board meeting was brought to order by Town Chairman Jon TePoel at 7pm. Also present were Supervisors Marty Laakso and Dustin Soyring, Treasurer Tanya Colby and Clerk David Grapentine as well as Dave Miller (representing Western Lake Superior Amateur First Responders), County Supervisor Scott Luostari, Fire Chief Mike Lundeen and Plan Commission member Kent Makela and 4 other residents.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES/FINANCIAL REPORT:

Dustin made a motion to approve the December 9th meeting minutes, Jon seconded. MC.

Tanya reported on bank balances as of 12/31/21. The financial reports were emailed to the Board prior to the meeting. Marty made a motion to accept the financial report as presented, Dustin seconded. MC

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dave Miller said that his group is working on an agreement with Dahlberg L&P to take over their transmitter on Dump road. The land is owned by the Town of Maple. Mr. Miller requested that perhaps a lease or transfer of ownership could be considered. The town is not interested in selling the land. The Planning Commission will meet to draw up a lease for the February meeting.

Dog owners should be aware that dog licenses and up to date vaccination records are required for all dogs. Forms can be found on the bulletin board at the Maple Post Office or on the town website-www.townofmaple.com

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of a request from the School District of Maple to contribute \$600 to the purchase of flashing warning lights to be installed on US Hwy 2 east and west of the Elementary and Middle schools to increase the safety of buses entering and leaving the schools:

Marty made a motion to approve a \$600 contribution to the installation of the flashing warning lights with the caveat that the installation is actually completed. Dustin seconded the motion. MC

NEW BUSINESS:

1.

COUNTY SUPERVISOR:

Scott Luostari reported on news at the county level.

The Land & Development committee met on 12/28-issues with the race track at the Fairgrounds were discussed.

The Tri County Commission will be meeting in February. Scott reviewed the recent snowmobile/dog team accident on the corridor.

The Administration committee met on 1/6. Of major concern are staff shortages, especially in the jail. A retention/recruitment program has been developed with an estimated cost of \$170,000.

Superior Days is scheduled for 2/22-23. Six issues will be highlighted including MN/WI reciprocity.

FOREMAN'S REPORT:

Roger has been plowing snow and sanding the past month.

Equipment: the spinner motor is leaking on the sander and the exhaust manifold is leaking on the pick-up. The truck is a 2002 model, Roger will get an estimate for the repairs.

VFD:

Fire Chief Mike Lundeen reported emergency calls the past month. There were 9 calls which consisted of 3 EMR calls and 1 vehicle accident in Maple, 4 EMR calls in Poplar and 1 EMR call in Amnicon. Department members responded to 96 in 2021. 40 of those calls were in Maple, the rest were mutual aid calls to other municipalities.

Mike is still looking for someone to do minor repairs on the trucks.

The LOSA paperwork has been completed and requires the signature of the town chair.

The ice rink has been flooded.

New members are always encouraged. Call Mike at 715-815-0826

Cliff Follis, Tracy Tollers and Dennis Tollers spoke to the town board encouraging them to be proactive in replacing the fire department's older vehicles-all of which are over 20 years old. A committee will be formed to determine specifications to look for in a vehicle to replace the department's current Rescue.

TOWN PLAN COMMISSION:

Kent said he has been contacted again by the state Dept of Administration concerning the 2021 addendum to our Comprehensive Plan. Kent suggested that town board approval of the addendum be added at the end of the original plan approval and the document put on the town website.

ADJOURNMENT: On motion by Jon and second by Dustin the meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wed. Jan. 19-VFD training, 6:30pm, Fire hall

Mon. Jan. 31-Fire Dept. training and monthly meeting. 6:30pm, Fire hall

Thurs. Feb. 10-Town Board meeting 7pm, Community Center

Respectfully submitted,

David Grapentine, Town Clerk