

APPROVED MINUTES  
TOWN OF MAPLE

TOWN BOARD MEETING

June 9, 2022

The June 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 County Supervisor Scott Luostari, Town Foreman Roger Colby, Fire Chief Mike Lundeen, Plan Commission member Gaye Erkel and 1 other resident

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES/FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Marty made a motion to approve the May 12<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes after 1 addition, Dustin seconded. MC. Added will be: "Roger found a Boss plow on the internet at a good price. A motion was made and seconded for Roger to purchase it."

Tanya reported on bank balances as of 5/31/22. The financial reports were emailed to the Board prior to the meeting. Marty made a motion to accept the financial report as presented, Jon seconded. MC DOG OWNERS-PLEASE LICENSE YOUR PETS! FORMS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE BULLETIN BOARD AT THE POST OFFICE, ON THE TOWN WEBSITE OR BY CALLING TREASURER TANYA COLBY AT 715-292-4647 OR CLERK DAVID GRAPENTINE AT 715-363-2678

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Finalize lease agreement with Western Lake Superior First Respdners for land around the disbanded Dahlberg L&P tower off Dump road:

David completed a lease contract using the template that the Plan Commission provided. The land around the tower comes to 2.41 acres. The Jon signed the document which will be forwarded to Dave Miller (Western Lake Superior First Responders) for his signature.

2. Pass a resolution to set a weight limit of 4 tons for Gonschorek Loop road under the authority of WI Statutes 86.02 and 349.16 due to the narrow nature of the road, the existence of 2 failing culverts and an inadequate base on the road:

The Town Board approved the resolution that was provided by the Town Clerk on motion by Jon and second by Dustin. MC The Board signed the document which will be forwarded to the school district.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Hire a person to do lawn mowing this summer and re-evaluate current pay rate:

Dylan Soyring found a full time job for the summer and can no longer mow for us for the rest of the summer. Roger said that Jake Luostari has indicated that he would be willing to do the job. The Board discussed the current enviroment of rising pay rates. Dustin made a motion and Jon seconded that Jake Luostari be hired to do the mowing at the Town Park and Community Center and that the pay rate be increased to \$15/hour. Jon seconded. MC

2. Decide on a method to sell our old dump truck and lawn mower:

The pick-up has undiagnosed electrical problems. I was decided to take the truck to Olson's in Poplar for repair before putting it up for sale. Cost to be limited to \$300 in labor + parts. The Jayzee mower will be posted locally with a minimum price of \$400.

3. Approval of renewal of class "A" beer and alcohol licenses for Maple Ridge/Aroma's:

Payment has been received for both 2021 and 2022 as well as personal property taxes that were due. Marty made a motion to approve the renewal (to June 30, 2023). Dustin seconded. MC

**COUNTY SUPERVISOR:**

Scott reported on activity at the county level. Travel Superior sent a contingent to Las Vegas to promote travel to the Superior/Douglas County area. There have been positive contacts in prior years making the trip worthwhile. Expenses were funded from the Land & Development budget.

The Land & Development committee voted to extend, for 3 years, the contract with the Head of the Lakes management group for the fairgrounds.

The Transportation committee met on 6/1. Work on Hwy FF to Hwy H is scheduled for this fall. Work on Hwy 13 is set for 2023. Design and engineering work for Hwy H continues. Scott thinks the State should take it over and extend Hwy 27 to Hwy 13. The Highway department still has openings for its summer work crew.

**FOREMAN'S REPORT:**

Roger has been grading and gravelling the past month. 20 loads were added to the parking area of the town park. The backhoe has been fixed. Calcium chloride has been sprayed on Wuori road as a dust control measure. The service is available to residents for a fee-applications can be found on the bulletin board at the Post Office. Roger purchased the Boss plow for the pick-up that was available. It is in very good shape-all that is needed are the mounts. There have been ongoing problems with a party blocking Hendrickson road. Jon will contact the Sheriff's department about it.

**VFD:**

Department members responded to 10 emergency calls the past month which included 1 call for clearing storm damaged trees from the roads, 1 motor vehicle accident, 4 EMR calls to Poplar, 1 structure fire in Lakeside, 1 helicopter landing zone in Lake Nebagamon and 2 alarms.

Jason Moniot has continued working on oil changes and repairs on the trucks. EAM (Emergency Apparatus Maintenance) was in town performing the every other year service on the Engine and the pump. Mike said that there has been irregular operation issues with the electrical system-he figures it is either the voltage regulator or the alternator. 4 sets of well used turn out gear were donated by the City of Superior. A used air bottle fill station is available from North Shore Compressor that Mike would like to purchase. There are 15 old aluminum air tanks that North Shore Compressor will be buying from us.

New members are always welcome. If interested please call Mike Lundeen at 715-815-0826.

**TOWN PLAN COMMISSION:** No report

**ADJOURNMENT:** On motion by Dustin and second by Jon the meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Wed. June 22-VFD training, 6:30pm, Fire hall

Wed. June 29-Fire Dept. training and monthly meeting. 6:30pm, Fire hall

Mon. July 4-Happy Holiday!

Thurs. July 14- Town Board meeting 7pm, Community Center

Respectfully submitted,