

APPROVED MINUTES TOWN OF MAPLE

TOWN BOARD MEETING

November 10, 2022

The November 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, Alan Schiefelbein and Josh Huray (Rural Insurance), a representative from Milestone Materials and two other residents.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES/FINANCIAL REPORT:

Marty made a motion to approve the October 13th meeting minutes, Jon seconded. MC. Dustin made a motion to approve the October 17th Special meeting minutes. Jon seconded MC

Tanya presented the financial report as of 10/31/22. The reports were emailed to the Town Board prior to the meeting. Marty made a motion to accept the financial report as presented, Dustin seconded. MC

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chad Thompson was on the agenda to speak about safety issues concerning his son, Caleb. Mr. Thompson called prior to the meeting to say that they had a conflict and he and Caleb would not be able to attend. Comments were made by some of those present present that they had experienced potentially dangerous encounters with Caleb on both County road F & FF. Many wanted, at the very least, to see him wear reflective gear and have lights on his bike. David will call the Douglas County Sheriff's department to get their perspective on the situation.

Alan Schiefelbein and Josh Huray were present to update our insurance coverages. Our new brusher was added and our old pick-up and brusher were deleted. The Town Board decided to increase the deductible on buildings and personal property from \$500 to \$1000.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Update on selection of a new host for our town website:

Tanya has been researching for alternate website hosts for our town website. Computing Done Right is operated by Wendy Corry of Lake Nebagamon and is used by a number of towns in the county. She provided an estimate and will be asked to attend our 12/8/22 regular Board meeting. Tanya had contacted other providers but had not heard back.

2. Town Board signing of the renewal of the Working Agreement with the road employees:

Copies of the approved contract were available for Roger and the Town Board for signing.

3. Town Board approval of Highway access permits for Trevor Pynnonen (4574 S. Wuori rd) and Cindy and Duane Crider (11623 E. US Hwy 2):

Maps of the proposed driveways & culverts were available for the Town Board. Marty made a motion to approve the plans, Jon seconded. MC

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Candy Anderson, Milestone Materials, will be present to ask for a recommendation to approve the renewal of the Conditional-use permit for the Mikkola Quarry:

A representative of Milestone was present. The conditional-use permit and reclamation plan require Town Board approval. The Board was told that there are no changes in either the permit or the plan. As of the meeting the Clerk had not received the paperwork from the DC Zoning Office. The Town Board gave it's verbal approval on motion by Marty and second by Dustin. MC

2. Report on the results of the November 8 election:

Gaye Erkel, Chief Inspector, gave the report. There were 458 voters which included 18 new registrants. This was 75% of the registered voters in the town

3. Development of a policy for purchasing town equipment/supplies:

Marty thought that the Town Board needed a policy spelling out the procedure for purchasing new town equipment. The policy developed is as follows: "Employees or town board members are allowed to make purchases of supplies for the town if the amount is less than \$1,000 (they are encouraged to contact at least one Board member prior to the purchase). Authority to spend more than \$1000 must wait for the next regular monthly board meeting."

COUNTY SUPERVISOR:

The Douglas County budget and levy have been approved.

The clean-up of 3 run down trailer parks in the county continues. The total cost is estimated to be \$40,000-\$50,000. The properties will be sold and go on the tax rolls.

Five tax delinquent properties have been sold.

The Zoning Dept is working on revisions to Ordinance 8.0 dealing with regulations of campers and small trailer parks.

Many people have been wondering about the trailer home that ended up in the ditch on Hwy F and Harju road. No word as to who it belonged to. The County will bear the cost of clean-up and disposal.

FOREMAN'S REPORT:

Roger and crew have been grading and brushing roadsides. Gravel hauling has been completed for the year. 330 yards was put in the Community Center parking lot and 200 yards was put at the town park. There is 700 yards left in the stockpile for TePoel Drive and Blueberry road. Roger said the Town Board needs to budget for 3,000 yards in 2023.

Roger will be taking vacation time for the deer hunting season.

New tires and shocks have been installed on the pick-up. CV joint boots need to be replaced. Snow plowing equipment has been put on the grader and dump truck.

VFD:

Mike reported on calls the past month. The department responded to 16 calls consisting of 7 EMS calls and 1 MVA in Maple, 1 alarm and 5 EMS calls in Poplar, 1 EMS call in Amnion and 1 structure fire in Lakeside. Total calls in 2022-99.

Trucks and equipment seem to be in good working order.

State EMS Flex Grant update: Applications state wide have been under additional review. Some departments saw a reduction in funding. The grant for the Maple VFD stayed the same and the money should be deposited shortly.

Collection of old "Class B" foam is planned for yet this year. Sounds like we will have to take it to Brule.

Welcome to new member Grant Saari!

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 8:50pm.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wed. Nov.16-VFD training, 6:30pm, Fire hall

Mon.. Nov. 28-Fire Dept. training and monthly meeting. 6:30pm, Fire hall

Thurs. Dec. 8- Town Board meeting 7pm, Community Center

Respectfully submitted,