

## APPROVED MINUTES TOWN OF MAPLE

TOWN BOARD MEETING

April 14, 2022

The April 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 (Western Lake Superior Amateur First Responders), Town Foreman Roger Colby, Fire Chief Mike Lundeen and Assistant Chief Cliff Follis, Plan Commission member Gaye Erkel and Kent Makela.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES/FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Marty made a motion to approve the March 10<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes, Dustin seconded. MC.

Tanya reported on bank balances as of 3/31/22. The financial reports were emailed to the Board prior to the meeting. Dustin made a motion to accept the financial report as presented, Jon seconded. MC  
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**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Update on lease agreement with Western Lake Superior Amateur First Responders:

Dave Miller said that the purchase of the tower from Dahlberg L&P has been completed. A lease agreement for the land is almost ready to sign. A certificate of insurance is needed. Dave said that he will measure out the total amount of land needed (from Dump road and including guy wires) once the snow is gone. The town board asked that he not clear any land with a brush hog until we have received a certificate of insurance.

2. Continued discussion on where best to use ARPA funds:

The town board has a number of options for using the funds including a fire department vehicle and equipment upgrades, road improvement and town hall upgrade. The first report is due 4/30/22.

3. New town pick-up:

The town board and road foreman have been searching for a number of months to find a used pick-up. We had heard that Enbridge cycles out some of their fleet of trucks occasionally so resident Aaron Madsen (an Enbridge employee) was contacted to see if this was a possibility. Within a week a 2007 Chevrolet pick-up was delivered to our town garage at no cost to our town. Many thanks to Aaron for helping this donation work out! The truck is in very good shape. Roger said, however, that the truck does need tires and the back shocks are worn. A snowplow for truck will be needed. Roger will get an estimate for doing a small amount of body work on the bottoms of the doors.

4. Resolution to approve proposed amendments to D. C. Zoning Ordinance 8.0:

This resolution was passed at our February meeting. County Zoning said that there were formatting issues with the first version. No response from the town indicates approval so no action was needed.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Plans for the town park/baseball diamond for the coming summer:

Joe Janowicz was present. He is involved with a local kids baseball team and they will be using the field each Tues. and Wed. this summer. He asked if the town board would be willing to put some money into improving the field. Ag lime is needed for the infield. Joe said that Walt Moss has some available locally for about \$600 per load. The board suggested starting with 2 loads and see how that

goes. New bases are also needed. Dustin will check on them. Roger said the parking area needs gravel as it is quite rutted up.

2. Renewal of contract with Waste Management for waste disposal:

Waste Management offered a 5 year contract for 2 dumpsters emptied weekly with 1 additional emptied on call starting at \$400/month with a 3% increase for every year of the contract. Approved on motion by Marty and second by Dustin. MC

3. Schedule date for Board of Review:

The Board of Review will be held at the Community Center May 26 from 6-8pm.

4. Confirm lawn mowing and summer dump hours:

Dylan Soyring will be doing the mowing again this summer.

The transfer station summer hours will be Wed. 6p-8pm and Sat. 8a-6p. The summer hours will start Wed. June 1 and end Sept. 28.

5. Set date for annual town board road tour to assess our town roads:

The town board will meet to tour and evaluate the town roads on Thurs. May 5. Roger said that he thinks more gravel will be needed than what was budgeted for.

**COUNTY SUPERVISOR:**

Scott Luostari was not present.

**FOREMAN'S REPORT:**

Roger has been plowing and sanding the roads as well as steaming and dealing with undermined culverts. He has even been able to do some early grading of the roads. Sections of Blueberry and Degerman roads have been closed due to high water. Barricades that were placed on Degerman road were stolen. Roger said that Degerman road should be made a dead end road due to its poor condition and the amount of money it would take to improve seeing as it crosses a swamp. An Aid to Bridges application was submitted last year for a needed culvert replacement on Gonschorek Loop road. Marty will contact Jason Jackman, highway commissioner about the status of that application and ask about the process for making a dead end road.

**VFD:**

Department members responded to 11 emergency calls the past month including 1 down power line on the road, 4 EMR and 2 MVA in Maple; 1 fire alarm and 4 EMR in Poplar..

Jason Moniot finished working on Tender 2 and will start working on the Rescue. Alternator belts were replaced on Engine 1.

The fire dept. will be using the Community center Wed. Apr. 20 for a CPR refresher class.

The VFD annual meeting was held March 28. All officers retained their positions for another year. The town board approved Mike's election as Chief on motion by Dustin and second by Jon. MC Adam Wennersten was selected Firefighter of the Year. He also received an award for 5 years of service on the department. Cliff Walimaki received the Chief's award.

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

**TOWN PLAN COMMISSION:**

Gaye received a very nice email from Allison Johnson expressing interest in being on the Plan Commission. She has experience working for the City of Superior in their planning department. She said that she and her husband recently moved to Maple and are excited to be involved in the community. Her nomination was approved on motion by Dustin and second by Jon. MC

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

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Wed. Apr. 27-Fire Dept. training and monthly meeting. 6:30pm, Fire hall

Thurs. May 12-Town Board meeting 7pm, Community Center

Wed. May 18-Open Book, 3:30-5:30pm, Community Center

Thurs. May 26-Board of Review, 6-8pm, Community Center

Respectfully submitted,

David Grapentine, Town Clerk