

APPROVED MINUTES
TOWN OF MAPLE

TOWN BOARD MEETING

March 10, 2022

The March Town Board meeting was brought to order by Town Chairman Jon TePoel at 7pm. Also present was Supervisor Marty Laakso, Treasurer Tanya Colby and Clerk David Grapentine as well as Town Foreman Roger Colby, Fire Chief Mike Lundeen and Plan Commission members Kent Makela and Gaye Erkel. Dustin was out of town.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES/FINANCIAL REPORT:

Marty made a motion to approve the February 10th meeting minutes, Jon seconded. MC.

Jon made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 24 Special meeting. Marty seconded. MC

Tanya reported on bank balances as of 2/28/22. 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
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PUBLIC COMMENT: None

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Update on lease agreement with Western Lake Superior Amateur First Responders for the land now holding the Dahlberg L&P tower:

Kent hasn't had any further contact with Dave Miller (WLSAFR) concerning obtaining title to the tower structure.

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

The ARPA money will have to be spent by 2024 with reporting due regularly between now and then. Our greatest need at the moment is replacing aging vehicles including the town pick-up and the VFD rescue. Marty said there are also federal infrastructure funds available for projects over \$100,000. Funded 80% federal/20% local.

3. Result from bidding for a used pick-up on equipmentfacts.com:

Dustin bid on the truck from Scott Construction in Plattville. Our maximum bid was \$24,250. The truck was sold for \$35,000. There continues to be problems with our current truck. The major issue now is electrical. Roger and Dustin have been searching on the internet for used trucks and there isn't a lot available that fit our needs. Roger did find a F-350 at a dealership near Cambridge, MN that looked good. Marty made a motion to approve spending no more than \$33,000 for the truck. Roger will go to look at it early next week. He was given approval to purchase if the truck is acceptable.

NEW BUSINESS:

State law now requires that at least one member of the Board of Review attend state approved training each year. Training is offered by the WTA, both in person and virtually. Jon said that he couldn't do it; Marty said he would sign up for a training coming up in Cumberland, David was considering signing up for the virtual session.

David said that our 5 year contract with Waste Management ends this month. WM was contacted for a proposal going forward. Eagle Waste from Eagle River and Hartell in the Twin Ports will also be contacted.

COUNTY SUPERVISOR:

Scott Luostari was not present.

FOREMAN'S REPORT:

Roger has been dealing with drifting snow the past month as well as steaming culverts so water can drain properly.

The wing post on the grader broke; Roger was able to repair it.

A tank for the welder was purchased from Linde (formerly Praxair).

Roger plans to take some vacation the end of April.

VFD:

Department members responded to 7 emergency calls the past month including 1 alarm, 1 EMR and 1 CO check in Maple; 1 fire alarm and 1 EMR in Poplar; 1 EMR in Lakeside; and 1 structure fire in Cloverland.

Jason Moniot is continuing with the repair work on the trucks.

Mike asked that Jon sign the new DNR Memorandum of Understanding with the DNR and also the 2022 EMR grant application with Douglas County.

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

TOWN PLAN COMMISSION:

After many years chairing the Plan Commission, Kent notified the Board that he is resigning. He also said that he is also no longer interested in serving as our Animal Control Officer. Replacements will need to be found. Thank you, Kent, for your years of service to our community!

ADJOURNMENT: On motion by Jon and second by Marty the meeting was adjourned at 8:07pm.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wed. Mar. 15-VFD DNR wild land training in Lakeside

Wed. Mar. 15-WTA county meeting, Community Center, 7pm

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

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

Tues. Apr. 19-ANNUAL MEETING, 7pm, Community Center

Respectfully submitted,

David Grapentine, Town Clerk