

UAPPROVED MINUTES TOWN OF MAPLE

TOWN BOARD MEETING

May 12, 2022

The May 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 Larry Brown.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES/FINANCIAL REPORT:

Marty made a motion to approve the April 14th meeting minutes, Dustin seconded. MC. (Only correction: Dylan Soyring will be doing the mowing this summer, not Derrick)

Tanya reported on bank balances as of 4/30/22. 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 provided proof of insurance and a map of the parcel from the County Surveyor. The lease agreement will be completed for signing at the June meeting.

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

No funds have been spent up to this point. The first report to the Treasury Department was filed. Maintenance of the town roads and VFD equipment needs are to be given given priority. After the second payment, the Town will have received just short of \$80,000 in stimulus money. After discussion, Dustin made a motion, and Jon seconded, to split the money between additional gravel and purchasing a replacement Rescue vehicle for the VFD. Jon then made a motion to purchase an additional 2500 yards of gravel from Milestone Materials this year. Dustin seconded. MC Mike will search for a vehcile for the VFD that will fit department requirements and the money available.

NEW BUSINESS:

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

Larry Brown has been working on improvements at our town park. New lights have been installed in hopes that additional lighting will discourage vandalism though the amount of light is not what he had hoped. Dustin will contact Dahlberg L&P about the cost of getting more light in the area. The doors on the bathrooms are corrodng and need to be either repaired or replaced. New door are \$600 each; with the frame, \$1000. Larry suggested that the Boy Scouts might be interested in using the park as an Eagle project-the pavillion needs to be stained and the bathrooms need to be painted. Larry will contact the local troop. Roger will see about putting in some boulders to block the entrance to the skating rink to stop vandals from driving on the rink and rutting it up.

1. Report on annual town board road tour.:

The Board did the road tour on May 5. All the roads need gravel. A list was developed with amounts of gravel needed for each road.

2. 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:

Jon has been in contact with the Poplar Village board on the bus route issue. The contention is that the roads will not hold up to 20+ buses using it 5 days a week. An ordinance is required to set a road limit. Tabled to the June meeting so that an ordinance can be developed.

COUNTY SUPERVISOR:

Scott Luostari was not present.

FOREMAN'S REPORT:

Roger did plowing and sanding the past month, with some grading recently with the warming temps.

The backhoe is down-like so many things these days, parts are not currently available.

A number of road signs (especially dead end signs) need to be ordered.

The sand pit off Blueberry road will be closed-the area that Roger had been using was filled in by the Forestry Department and is no longer useable. The area was less than an acre so it does not require reclamation.

Roger will be filling some potholes on the asphalt roads-Haukkala road and Gonschorek Loop by the fire department in particular.

Roger said that the town is behind on brushing the road sides. He suggested renting a skidsteer. He checked on prices from Lulich and Fabick. He recommended using prisoners from the Gordon Prison to help with some of the work.

Roger found a Boss plow on the internet that will fit our pick-up truck at a very good price.

A motion was made and seconded for Roger to purchase it.

VFD:

Department members responded to 7 emergency calls the past month which included 7 mutual aid EMR calls to Poplar.

Jason Moniot finished the brake work on the Rescue. EAM is coming in the next month to do the service work on Engine 1 (pump, engine service and flow test) which is done every 2 years.

Brule River Garage Door was asked to readjust the station garage doors.

Mike completed a survey on disposing of old class "B" foam. There should be little to no charge for disposing of it through the State.

The County Fire Association meeting will be held in Maple on May 16.

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 8:55pm.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

Wed. May 18-VFD training, 6:30pm, Fire hall

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

Tues. May 31-Fire Dept. training and monthly meeting. 6:30pm, Fire hall

Thurs. June 9-Town Board meeting 7pm, Community Center

Respectfully submitted,

David Grapentine, Town Clerk