

APPROVED MINUTES TOWN OF MAPLE

TOWN BOARD MEETING

October 13, 2022

The October 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 four other residents.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES/FINANCIAL REPORT:

Dustin made a motion to approve the September 8th meeting minutes, Marty seconded. MC.

Tanya presented the financial report as of 9/30/22. The reports were emailed to the Town Board prior to the meeting. Dustin made a motion to accept the financial report as presented, Jon seconded. MC Marty made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 15 Special Town Board meeting. Dustin seconded. MC Tanya was asked to create entries in the ARPA (Covid) account showing the amounts available to the town and the fire department.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Gaye commented that she has noticed as she has traveled around town that many fire number signs are not visible due to brush growing around them. David said that he will mention the importance of homeowner maintenance around the signs in the annual newsletter that comes with real estate taxes.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Update on different hosts for our town website:

Marty suggested that the WTA (Wisconsin Towns Association) endorsed website host be contacted for a quote. Tanya will check there and also with towns in the area for information as to who they use.

2. Decision on loan for the purchase of a new brusher:

An initial loan request has been sent to the State Trust Fund-interest rates went up to 5.5% prior to the filing. Marty contacted NBC about their loan rate and was told that the current rate there for a 10 year loan is 4.75 %. Marty made a motion and Dustin seconded, that a Special Town Board meeting be held on Monday October 17 to approve entering into an agreement for a 10 year loan with either the BCPL or the National Bank of Commerce depending which one had the lower interest rate.

3. Update on LRIP reimbursement for Autio road:

David gave a brief history of the project which was completed in the summer of 2021. The Town is due \$27,698.37 through LRIP (Town Roads Improvement Program) which is a cost sharing program that the State administers. The hangup to getting the money has been that an Engineer's letter is required for all projects over \$65,000-and this proved difficult to obtain-but, thankfully, was received today allowing us to move forward.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Conditional-use permit for Travis Anderson 11694 E. Lindgren Rd for a home business (hair salon):

Town Board approval is required before the Douglas County Zoning Committee will approve the permit. Gaye, as chair of the Plan Commission said that any concerns she had have been addressed. The business will be added to the list of town businesses requiring annual fire inspections. Marty made a motion to approve the conditional-use permit, Jon seconded. MC David will fax the approval to the Zoning Office.

2. FEMA approved Hazard Mitigation Plan:

The Town has been notified that a approved plan will have to be in place to be eligible for FEMA

assistance programs. The Town will likely adopt the County plan that has been developed.

The Town was notified by the WI DoT that a large culvert replacement just west of Poplar is being planned for 2025. The project will require detours off of Hwy 2 using Hwys 13 and F.

COUNTY SUPERVISOR:

County departments have been finalizing their budgets for 2023-final approval by the County Board will be October 25.

The Zoning department has been working to clean up decrepit trailer parks. Two have been cleaned up at a cost of \$40,000.

County Hwy FF paving is in progress.

The ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) has \$10 million available to clean up contaminated wells

The Superior Days committee will be meeting 10/19. The main issue will be a .5% increase in the sales tax to fund road improvements. Milwaukee county has a 1% increase for the same purpose.

County Clerk Sue Sandvick will be retiring effective 1/19/23. She has worked in the Clerk's office for 38 years and served as Clerk for 23 of those years.

FOREMAN'S REPORT:

Roger and John been grading roads and hauling gravel the past month.

The pickup was take to Superior to have a plow mounted on it and to connect the wiring.

An appointment has been made for 6 new tires for the pick-up for November 11

Lulich's is saying it will be 7-10 days for the delivery of the new brusher.

Roger said that he will be taking vacation in November.

VFD:

Mike reported on calls the past month. The department responded to 10 calls consisting of 5 EMS calls in Maple, 3 EMS in Poplar, 1 MVA in Poplar and 1 EMS call in Amnion..

Trucks and equipment seem to be in good working order.

Maple VFD was awarded a State EMS Flex grant in the amount of \$81,150.00. The money will be used to purchase a replacement Rescue rig, medical equipment, training and EMR retention.

Members of 5 local fire departments participated in Fire Prevention events at Northwestern Elementary School.

A used air tank fill station was purchased for the fire hall.

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

TOWN PLAN COMMISSION: No report

ADJOURNMENT: On motion by Jon and second by Dustin the meeting was adjourned at 8:03pm.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wed. Oct.19-VFD training, 6:30pm, Fire hall

Wed.. Oct. 26-Fire Dept. training and monthly meeting. 6:30pm, Fire hall

Tues. Nov. 8-ELECTION DAY Polls open 7am-8pm, Community Center

Thurs. Nov. 10- Town Board meeting 7pm, Community Center

Respectfully submitted,

David Grapentine, Town Clerk

A closed session was necessary to discuss the renewal of the Town Foreman's contract.

The closed session opened at 8:10. Roger pointed out that he has worked for the Town for 26 years, 14 years full time. He asked for changes to the personal time section of the contract. He currently gets 21 personal days per year and can carryover a total of 40 hours. He asked that the definition of "days" be changed to "10 hours" and that the amount of days be increased to 31 with a cap of 450 hours. He also asked that vacation days be defined as 10 hours. Wages will increase by \$1 each year of the 2 year contract. Wages for part time employees will increase \$.75 each year of the contract. Dustin made a motion to approve the changes to the contract, Marty seconded. MC

Closed Session adjourned at 9:29