

APPROVED MINUTES TOWN OF MAPLE

TOWN BOARD MEETING

September 8, 2022

The September 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 and Plan Commission member Gaye Erkel.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES/FINANCIAL REPORT:

Marty made a motion to approve the August 11th meeting minutes. Jon seconded. MC.

Tanya presented the financial report as of 8/31/22. The reports were emailed to the Board prior to the meeting. Marty made a motion to accept the financial report as presented, Dustin seconded. MC

PUBLIC COMMENT:

David read a letter from School District of Maple Superintendent Sara Croney thanking the Town Board of Maple for our donation of \$600 towards the cost of the yellow wig-wag lights that have been installed on US Hwy 2 by the Elementary and Middle schools. There was recently an article in The Telegram about safety issues around busing in the district and our donation was mentioned in the article.

There will be a WTA district meeting in Cable 9/26 in Cable.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Update on sale of our old pick-up:

The truck has been sold for \$5,000 (our asking price). The money will be deposited in our equipment fund.

2. . Gov email address for town business:

Our understanding is that .gov email addresses are being recommended for towns that are directly interacting with SVRS (the statewide voter registration system) which we do not. Costs are increasing for hosting our town website. Marty will check out other options and report back at the October meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

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FOREMAN'S REPORT:

Roger reported that he has been grading, putting down new gravel on the roads, asphalt patching, replacing culverts (Midway, Heine and Linden roads) and repairing the brusher the past month. He said that 5 hoses blew, valves and the turbo leak and the boom won't stay up. The town board recommended that Roger not use the machine. He got a quote from Lulich Implement- \$148,500 for a new machine. They would give us \$25,000 for our current machine (w/loader). Our present machine is 20 years old and has 10,000 hours on it. Loan rates through BCPL will be researched. Roger said that the current rate to rent a unit is \$8000 per month (160 hours). He said that tires for the backhoe will be needed and should be added to the budget for 2023 (about \$4000). Roger has been searching for plow mounts for our new pick-up-so far none have been found.

COUNTY SUPERVISOR:

Scott reported on activity at the county level. The county equalized value is up 14.9%. The County received \$43,236 as part of the opioid settlement. The County board has approved 3 year bonding for \$7.5 million. The Hwy Dept is short 3 workers-everywhere it is hard to find workers. The Hwy department budget looks to be about \$11 million. Work to pulverize Hwy FF will start next week. The

asphalt plant is set to arrive 10/9. The Extension/Recycling committee met 9/8. A 2 year extension to the contract with Waste Management for recycling was approved. Plastics #1,2, & 7 are the only ones that are recyclable.

VFD:

Mike reported on calls the past month. The department responded to 6 calls consisting of 1 alarm, 1 MVA with injuries and 1 MVA without injuries in Maple and 3 EMR calls in Poplar.

Trucks and equipment seem to be in good working order.

There hasn't been any word on the State EMS Flex Grant that the department has applied for.

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. Sept.21-VFD training, 6:30pm, Fire hall

Mon. Sept. 26-Fire Dept. training and monthly meeting. 6:30pm, Fire hall

Thurs. Oct. 13- Town Board meeting 7pm, Community Center

Tues. Nov. 8-ELECTION DAY

Respectfully submitted,

David Grapentine, Town Clerk