

# APPROVED MINUTES TOWN OF MAPLE

TOWN BOARD MEETING

December 8, 2022

The December Town Board meeting was brought to order by Town Supervisor Marty Laakso at 7pm in Jon TePoel's absence. Also present were Supervisor Dustin Soyryng, Treasurer Tanya Colby and Clerk David Grapentine as well as Town Foreman Roger Colby, Fire Chief Mike Lundeen, Plan Commission member Gaye Erkel and 1 other resident.

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

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

Tanya presented the financial report as of 11/30/22. The reports were emailed to the Town Board prior to the meeting. Marty made a motion to accept the financial report as presented, Dustin seconded. MC

## **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Update on selection of a new host for our town website:

Wendy Corry, Computing Done Right, presented a proposal to host our town's website. She does a number of towns in the area including Amnicon, Bennett and Lake Nebagamon. She said that she can set up, build and host a website for us for \$1,000 which includes \$23/month hosting. Marty made a motion to approve an agreement with Ms Corry, Dustin seconded. MC

2. Update on application for a loan to finance the purchase of our new brusher:

Marty has been in contact with Dean Fries at NBC. Mr. Fries said that the loan paperwork is in the final steps on their end. The interest rate will be 4.62%

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Set date for the Town Caucus to nominate individuals for the Town Board positions: Chair, Supervisor (2), Town Treasurer and Town Clerk. The election will be held Tuesday April 4, 2023:

According to State Statutes the caucus must be held between 1/2/23 and 1/21/23. It was decided to set Thursday January 12 at 6:30pm as the date and time for the Caucus. It will be held at the Maple Community Center

## **COUNTY SUPERVISOR:**

County Supervisor Scott Luostari was not present.

## **FOREMAN'S REPORT:**

Roger has been plowing snow, sanding and brushing roadsides the past month. There were some electrical problems with the snowplow on the pick-up. Roger cleaned up the electrical connections and it is working now. He also changed the CV joint on it and in the process found that the tie rod was binding. After it is replaced, the truck will need to be aligned again. Roger requested a back up camera for the dump truck. He said that it can be very dangerous plowing intersections along Hwy 2. Brian Luostari, Gary Saari, Derrick Soyryng and Dustin Soyryng will be available to plow snow as needed this winter. They will be paid the regular substitute rate.

## **VFD:**

The department responded to 14 calls the past month which consisted of 5 EMR and 1 MVA without injuries, 2 alarms, 3 EMR and 1 MVA in Poplar without injuries, 1 EMR in Lake Nebagamon and 1 mutual aid fire in Lakeside. There have been 109 responses so far this year.

Trucks and equipment seem to be in good working order.

State EMS Flex Grant: there was somewhat of a glitch getting the money transferred to our bank account, but that seems to have been solved. Money is to be used for Medical equipment, Apparatus, Training and EMS retention bonuses.

Old Class B firefighting foam was brought to the Brule fire station on 12/14 to be picked up by the State.

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 Marty the meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Wed. December 21, VFD training, 6:30pm, Fire hall

Wed... December 28-Fire Dept. training and monthly meeting. 6:30pm, Fire hall

Thurs. January 12, TOWN CAUCUS, 6:30pm, Community Center

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

Respectfully submitted,