

APPROVED MINUTES TOWN OF MAPLE

TOWN BOARD MEETING

February 9, 2023

The February Town Board meeting was brought to order by Town Chair 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 3 other residents. Dustin gave notice that he will not be able to attend the March regular meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES/FINANCIAL REPORT:

Marty made a motion to approve the January 12th meeting minutes after one addition, Jon seconded. MC. Under New Business (1) will be added "A motion was made and seconded to approve the agreement".

Tanya presented the financial report as of 1/31/23. The reports were emailed to the Town Board prior to the meeting. Dustin made a motion to accept the financial report as presented, Marty seconded. MC Our annual loan payment to BCPL for our loans for the grader and dump truck are due by 3/15/23.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

OLD BUSINESS: The Clerk was not notified of any old business that required action by the Board

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Hiring individual(s) at the town solid waste/recycling center and methods of ensuring accountability:

It is anticipated that David will no longer be working after 4/30/23. Steve Westerlund has indicated that he is willing to take over responsibilities though other people will certainly be needed. The position pays \$15/hour. The opening will be posted in the usual places around town. Also discussed was ensuring accountability with the funds collected. A number of options were brought up including: accepting only checks, having a lock box for cash/checks collected and possibly having a card reader for payments-though none of those options was perfect. Dustin will check on requirements/costs for card readers and report back.

2. Procedures for possible outcomes after the election of town officers at the 4/4/23 election:

Because of nominations made at the recent Caucus, a number of scenarios could be the result after the election. If a candidate is elected for 2 positions, that person can only accept one, which will leave one position vacant-and the new Board would have to fill it (and not necessarily the person with the next highest number of votes). Exact procedures are being explored so as to be prepared. A roll call vote will be required.

3. Approval of Bonita Martin to audit the 2022 financial records:

David suggested Bonita as a reliable person to audit the records-she has an accounting degree from UWS and has done work in the field. Marty made a motion to approve the selection, Dustin seconded. MC

4. Consider the need to raise rental rates for use of the Community Center:

David told the Board that current rates are not covering costs. On motion by Dustin and second by Jon (MC) the rates will be increased as follows:

Hall rental \$50

Cleaning deposit \$35

Sign request \$20

The new rates are effective immediately.

COUNTY SUPERVISOR:

County Supervisor Scott Luostari reported on activity at the county level. County committees have been meeting again. Superior Days is coming up 2/21-22. There will be a sled dog race on the Tri County Corridor on 2/18 in the Iron River area. The trail will be closed from 9-1. Snowmobile trail conditions can be found at WI Snowmobile Trail Report on Facebook. The Highway Dept continues to be short of drivers. Tessah Behlings, Coordinator, will be leaving the Zoning and Land Use department. That department continues to work on campground rules. Douglas County has 220,000 acres that may be eligible for carbon tax credits. Bayfield County has already entered into a contract. The contract for the operation of the fairgrounds has been extended for 3 years.

FOREMAN'S REPORT:

Roger has been plowing and sanding the past month.

Equipment: A back-up camera has been installed on the dump truck. New batteries were needed and were purchased for the equipment. There hasn't been any word as to the recall for the dump truck. It was decided to enter into a maintenance agreement with Fabick for the grader-there is no added cost and it provides for a much lower hourly rate.

Roger will be on vacation 2/16-2/24.

Marty asked that lights at the park should be turned on even though skating is poor this year. He felt the lights help to deter vandalism. Dustin will contact Larry Brown.

VFD:

The Department responded to 6 call the past month which consisted of 1 LZ set-up and 5 EMR calls in Poplar.

The 2% Fire Dues certification has been completed by the Fire Chief.

The trucks and equipment seem to be in good working order

TOWN PLAN COMMISSION: No report.

ADJOURNMENT: On motion by Dustin and second by Jon the meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tues. February 21-Primary Election, Polls open 7am-8pm

Wed. February 22, Fire Dept. training and monthly meeting. 6:30pm, Fire hall

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

Tues. April 4-Spring Election

Respectfully submitted,