

## APPROVED MINUTES TOWN OF MAPLE

### 1. TOWN BOARD MEETING

April 13, 2023

The April Town Board meeting was brought to order by Town Chair Jon TePoel at 7pm. Also present was Supervisor 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, Supervisor elect Allison Johnson, Clerk elect Rachel Lintula and 7 other residents.

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

Marty made a motion to approve the March 9<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes with one correction, Jon seconded. MC. The date for the Board of Review will be corrected to May 4.

Tanya presented the financial report as of 3/31/23. The reports were emailed to the Town Board prior to the meeting. Dustin made a motion to accept the financial report as presented, Jon seconded. MC

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

The Forestry Dept has requested an updated ATV map. The Town Board at last year's Annual Meeting gave it's support to opening up all roads to ATV use but never formally approved it. Dustin made a motion to that effect and that the town will purchase the necessary signage. Jon seconded. MC

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

##### 1. Filling the Supervisor vacancy on the Town Board:

Roger pointed out the State Statute that states that the new board is not in office until after the Annual meeting. The vacancy on the Town Board will be filled at the May regular meeting.

##### 2. Required Board of Review training:

Allison and Rachel were looking into options for attending a session of the training prior to the May 4 Board of Review. Jon said that he was checking into viewing it online.

##### 3. Required NIMS (National Incident Management System) training;

The Board was informed as to the training that is required and how to access it.

##### 4. Approval of the Douglas County Hazard Mitigation Plan:

David informed the Board about the need to approve the County plan. Postponed until next month.

##### 5. Individuals interested in working as solid waste/recycling attendants and any changes to the method of collecting fees:

Jack Johnston, 4777 S. Wuori Rd, said that he is interested in subbing as needed. Steve Westerlund will be the main person. Dustin made a motion to hire Jack, Jon seconded. MC The Board decided to leave the method of collected garbage fees as it is.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### 1. Report on results of April 4 election:

There were 234 voters for the election, which is a lot for a Spring Election. Eight new residents registered to vote. Town office winners were as follows: Town Chair-Dustin Soyring; Town Supervisor-Dustin Soyring and Allison Johnson; Town Treasurer-Tanya Colby; Town Clerk-Rachel Lintula. Dustin opted to accept the Town Chair position leaving an opening for Town Supervisor. Results were posted around town and on the town website.

##### 2. Lawnmowing for 2023 season:

Roger wasn't sure if Jake Luostari was interested in mowing this summer or not. Jack Johnston said that he would be interested if there is an opening for him.

3. Bids for 2023 gravel:

Roger said that the gravel for 2023 is in a stockpile. It was decided in future years to get bids or estimates from other suppliers as required by law.

4. Set date for annual Town Board road tour:

With a new board taking office later this month it was decided to postpone setting a date until the May meeting

**COUNTY SUPERVISOR:**

Scott gave an update on affairs at the County level. Hwys 13 and U were both closed because of the rapid snow melt and high water. A good job was done by all to get things open again The Highway department is still looking for additional workers. The current County Administrator would like to retire, and due to resignations there are 2 openings on the County Board. The Tri County Corridor Commission is looking at repairs and retressling on the Corridor.

**FOREMAN'S REPORT:**

Roger did the whole gamut the past month-plowing, sanding, steaming and grading. The melting snow created all kinds of havoc. Dustin helped by checking roads for washouts. Luckily, we were able to avoid severe road damage. The pick-up was repaired (bad injectors) and the grader needed a new tire. Bad sections of Wuori road were discussed as well as possible solutions

**VFD:**

Department members responded to 13 calls the past month. This included 6 EMR calls, 1 MVA and 2 Misc calls in Maple, 2 EMR calls in Poplar and 1 EMR and 1 structure fire in Amnicon. The department will have a vehicle extrication training next with an equipment demo. There will be an EV (electric vehicle) training this coming Saturday at the Town of Superior. Northland College will host an EMS camp for girls (Rescue Divas) 7/30-8/3. Town officers continue to search for a vehicle to replace the current Rescue. The department has 6 months in which to find one.

**TOWN PLAN COMMISSION:**

Gaye reported on the Douglas County Zoning Conference that she, David and Marty attended. Lots of good information. About 75 people attended-mostly County Board members and local municipal officers

**ADJOURNMENT:** On motion by Marty and second by Jon the meeting was adjourned at 8:32pm.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Tues. April 18, Annual meeting

Wed. April 19, Fire department extrication trailing, 6:00

Wed. April 26, Fire department training and monthly meeting, 6:30

Thurs. April 27, Open Book, 6-8pm

Thurs. May 4, Board of Review, 6-8pm

Thurs. May 11, Town Board meeting, 7pm

Respectfully submitted,

David Grapentine, Town Clerk