

**APPROVED MINUTES FOR TOWN BOARD MEETING  
MAPLE, WISCONSIN  
Thursday, July 13, 2023**

The monthly Town Board meeting for the Town of Maple was called to order by Chairman Dustin Soyring at 7:00 pm at the Maple Community Center.

**ROLL CALL**

Chairman Dustin Soyring, Supervisor Jon TePoel, Treasurer Tanya Colby, Clerk Rachel Lintula, Town Foreman Roger Colby, Fire Chief Mike Lundeen, Planning Commission member Gaye Erkel, Town Assessor Michael Schauntz, Recreation Committee chair Kristi Essen and half a dozen community members were in attendance.

There being a quorum present, the meeting was in order.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION by Supervisor TePoel, seconded by Soyring, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of June 8, 2023 and June 15, 2023.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**MOTION by Chairperson Soyring, seconded by TePoel, and carried unanimously to approve the Treasurer's Report.**

**BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT**

Town resident Alyssa Kemnitz raised several questions about road maintenance, gravel bids and application. Chairman Soyring spoke to the various questions and concerns.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. *Fill Town Supervisor Vacancy per WI statute 17.25.*

The Supervisor vacancy - left after Allison Johnson's resignation - was noted verbally at the June 8th meeting, and included in the "Future Business" heading of the agenda. The board opted to follow earlier procedure and posted the vacancy shortly after the meeting at the three posting locations in town. The posting solicited letters of interest - due July 11 by 4 pm to Clerk Lintula - from residents interested in serving on the board. The board received one letter of interest from resident Thad Lintula.

**MOTION by Supervisor TePoel to appoint Thad Lintula to the vacancy left by Johnson's resignation; motion seconded by Soyring and the motion carried unanimously.**

2. *Review and discuss the adoption of a Town Board meeting Code of Conduct.*

The board reviewed a Town Board Meeting Code of Conduct document and decided to consider the document more fully before potential adoption by resolution at the next meeting.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. *Notice of Community Work Day on Saturday, July 15 from 9AM - 3PM.*

Clerk R. Lintula and Treasurer Tanya Colby spoke about the upcoming workday, the donations procured from local businesses and encouraged town residents to come out and paint the town. Colby also welcomed Kristi Esssen to the newly formed Recreation (e. g. The Fun) Committee.

2. *Review and discuss authorizing funds for paint and other supplies needed for the July Community workday; expenditures not to exceed \$500.*

**MOTION by Chairman Soyring to approve \$500 in COVID funds for paint and other supplies for the community work day; motion seconded by TePoel and carried unanimously.**

3. *Review and discuss the approval of the Liquor License application for Aroma's Bistro.*

**MOTION by Chairman Soyring, seconded by TePoel, and carried unanimously to approve the renewal of Aroma's Bistro liquor license.**

4. *Review and discuss signing a resolution that outlines the board's opposition to the Wisconsin Assembly and Senate proposal of AB292 and SB289, laws that stipulate an email requirement in assessment practices.*

Michael Schautz, the Town of Maple's assessor, was present and gave an overview of the proposed laws. In short, the proposed laws will allow a homeowner to request email notification of assessment values, in addition to the standard mailed notice. The proposed law and requirements will likely increase the assessment cost for small municipalities. The board opted to review the proposed resolution of opposition at a future date.

5. *Review and discuss changing current dump hours, in light of needing additional dump attendants; interview any potential candidates.*

Chairman Soyring noted that after talking with the primary dump attendant, Steve Westerlund, no changes are needed at this time. Soyring also noted that a bear has been dragging garbage - on multiple occasions - from the garbage dumpsters. An electric fence will be installed as a deterrent until the bear can be removed by the appropriate entities.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. *County Supervisor*

County Supervisor Loustari was not present to give a report.

2. *Town Foreman*

Town Foreman Roger Colby reported that Degerman Road has been reopened and the culvert reinstalled; however, exposed corduroy continues to be an issue and the road will require additional gravel. He continues to grade as weather permits, though the lack of rain has made grading difficult given that grading without moisture creates washboards in the road.

He and Clerk Lintula collaborated to apply for aid from the Wisconsin Disaster Fund to offset the cost of the spring flooding event; estimated aid is \$13,000 for \$20,000 of sustained damages. Supervisor

TePoel noted that other LRIP and WisDOT programs might be available to repair other roads that require repair.

### *3. Fire Department*

Fire Chief Lundeen noted that the Department responded to 14 Emergency Calls in the last month.. In Maple there were 2 EMS calls and 2 Structure Fires with a rescue. Poplar had 5 EMS calls and Lakeside had 1 EMS call. Additionally, the department responded to a Mutual Aid call to Amnicon for an ATV accident.

Trucks and equipment seem to be in good working order. However, on Engine 1 the air conditioning unit is not working, as the cooling fan motors are not working. Lundeen has EAM coming to fix and to do the truck service and pump test.

Pomasl Fire Equipment has two trucks worth looking at and the department will look at them on July 14, and pick up the extrication equipment at the same time. The department's Emergency Medical Service License and all EMR's have been renewed for the next 3 years.

Thanks to Cenovus Energy (Husky Energy) and Lakehead contractors for their donation of office furniture and refrigerators.

As always, the VFD seeks folks for both EMS and FD volunteerism. If you're interested in joining the department, please stop by on any of our Training or Meeting nights, which are the 3rd Wednesdays of the month and last Monday or Wednesday of the month. New members are always welcome.

### *4. Town Plan Commission*

Erkel observed that the commission has not met and needs additional members before it will convene again.

## **FUTURE BUSINESS**

- 1. No future business to address at this time.*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION by Supervisor TePoel, and seconded by Soyering, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM.**

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Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Lintula  
Clerk, Town of Maple