

**APPROVED MINUTES FOR TOWN BOARD MEETING  
MAPLE, WISCONSIN**

Thursday, August 10, 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, Supervisor Thad Lintula, Clerk Rachel Lintula, Fire Chief Mike Lundeen, Planning Commission member Gaye Erkel, and half a dozen community members were in attendance. Foreman Roger Colby and Treasurer were excused.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION by Supervisor TePoel, seconded by Supervisor T. Lintula, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of July 13, 2023.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**MOTION by Chairperson Soyring, seconded by T. Lintula, and carried unanimously to approve the Treasurer's Report.**

**BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT**

Town resident Collette noted concerns about calcium chloride application; Chairman Soyring spoke to the concerns.

David Grapentine wondered if the remaining COVID funds had been allocated; as yet, they have not. Grapentine also asked about improvements to the dump facilities. Supervisor T. Lintula noted that he spoke with Steve Westerlund about the various requirements and needs. He also noted that the Carpenter Local #361 apprentices could provide the labor - free of charge - and the town will provide the materials to build a new shed. Dump improvements will be included in next year's budget.

Town resident Collette expressed concerns about the town adopting a Code of Conduct, commenting that she feared it would limit town elector participation as well as be confusing. Chairman Soyring noted that the goal was to simplify the current code, adopted by ordinance in 2009 and to facilitate effective, productive meetings.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- 1. Review and discuss the adoption of a Town Board meeting Code of Conduct by resolution.*

**MOTION by Supervisor TePoel to adopt a Town Board meeting Code of Conduction by resolution; motion seconded by T. Lintula and the motion carried unanimously.**

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

**MOTION by Chairman Soyring to sign a resolution to the proposed laws; motion seconded by T. Lintula and the motion carried unanimously.**

## NEW BUSINESS

1. *Review, discuss and approve additional members of the Planning Commission.*

Planning Commission Chair Gaye Erkel spoke to the need to have additional members on the committee. Prior to the meeting, Clerk Lintula reached out to individuals recommended by Erkel and Beverly Sidlo-Toliver agreed to serve on the commission. The Planning Commission is in need of one additional member.

**MOTION by Chairman Soyring to approve Sidlo-Toliver's membership to the committee; motion seconded by T. Lintula and carried unanimously.**

2. *Review and discuss the driveway permit application of Richard Magerl on Midway Road.*

Magerl seeks to put a second driveway in on Midway Road - the current driveway outlet is Hwy 2, but for ease and safety Magerl would like to put in an additional outlet on Midway Road.

**MOTION by Chairman Soyring to approve the driveway permit application; motion seconded by TePoel and carried unanimously.**

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. *County Supervisor*

County Supervisor Loustari was not present to give a report.

2. *Town Foreman*

Town Foreman Roger Colby reported that tasks have consisted largely of grading roads and putting down gravel on washed out areas. Most work is complete. Other tasks include roadside mowing. The culvert for Gonschorek Loop came and will be installed in the near future. The town truck is in for recall and warranty work.

3. *Fire Department*

Fire Chief Lundeen noted that the Department responded to 11 Emergency Calls this past month. In Maple, there were 4 EMS calls and 2 Alarms. Poplar had 4 EMS calls. 1 Mutual Aid call to Cloverland for a Structure Fire.

The trucks and equipment for the most part seem to be in good working order. Did have EAM come and work on Engine 1, Air Conditioning, rear brakes slack adjusters replaced, leaking front driver side tire.

Pomasl Fire Equipment has a 2012 Chevy Medtec Ambulance, 4x4 with 52k miles on it; it drove well and is in our price range and the vehicle would make a good replacement for our current rescue truck. We signed a purchase agreement with them in the amount of \$55,594.

The Extrication Equipment we ordered did come in and was picked up when we went and looked at the trucks. The equipment is installed on the Fire engine and ready for use.

All Fire Extinguisher inspections are done at the fire station, town hall and garage; in addition, the first half of the year Fire Inspections are complete. There were a few violations in the town but most have already been corrected.

Other maintenance includes hose testing and looking for any bad spots and leaks under pressure. We

have 5 sections of 50 foot hose that failed the test and need replacement.

Remodeling the office continues.

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. *There will be a Fall Festival held Saturday, September 23, 2023 from 1-6. Look for more details soon!*

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION by Supervisor TePoel, and seconded by Soyring, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM.**

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Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Lintula  
Clerk, Town of Maple