

**MAPLE GROVE TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
July 8, 2024**

- 1. Call to Order.** The Maple Grove Township Board was called to order. Roll call was taken with the following members present Supervisor H. Wayne Beldo, Treasurer Karen Roy, Clerk Fran Beldo, Trustees Joe Barnett, and Gary Bowling. Absent: Jason Vess, Fire Chief.
- 2. Changes or Corrections to Agenda:** None.
- 3. Call to the Public:** Wayne mentioned that Alin Kuutilla is running for office.
- 4. Consent Agenda:** The Consent Agenda consists of minutes for June 10th to be completed. Approval of bills for June 6th through July 9th, 2024. - General Fund \$6,485.26; Fire Department \$3,800.21; Cemetery \$324.95; Transfer Station \$11,221.61; MGT Community Center \$3,736.74; Gross Payroll \$8,865.00. The Treasurer's Financial Statement was included. Motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Motioned by Gary, Supported Joe, any discussion? AIF AYE. Motion carried.
- 5. Fire Department Report** –Don't know that there is much going on, except the septic tank pulled over the fire department and also had. Andy Salmon, from Salmon Sewer over their roto rooting the drains. Everything is clear. Now we will see how it goes. There were trees taken off of the drain field, so hopefully that will help.
- 6. Supervisors Report –**
 - Brought in a portable air conditioner that was at that estate sale. It works perfectly. It was donated and so we have another air conditioner should we need it.
 - The Garden Club ladies got tired of the kinked hoses, so they replaced them with two new ones. Wayne brought in two more, so they now have good hoses that these hoses were donated.
 - Parking Lot - Waiting for a call back from Jake Riggs to get that garden taken out. Then we can proceed with getting the parking lot fixed.
 - I have not talked to 911 yet about what they want to do, I will get that information report back to you.
 - Charlie also ordered some window locks so that we could put another. Air conditioner in The Art Room. He has ordered window locks to take care of this.
- 7. Old Business**
 - A. Siren** – nothing to be done at this time.
 - B. Old Township Hall:** Charlie is working on replacing lights in the Wuoksi Building and ordered window locks for the MGTC.
- 8. New Business:**
 - A. KCFA Angels** - Have you had time to read the articles that I sent to you KCFS Angels? So, you cannot know what is going on with them. They are a nonprofit that would take the place of the ISD and their special needs adults. So, while you read it over and see what your thoughts about the contract they are offering and what your opinion was and all that?

The best I can explain is they would like to be able to do things like play cards, artwork or help with the food pantry. They like an atmosphere that is not threatening and something that is easy for them. They love the fact there is a gymnasium and will coordinate with us on a schedule. Wayne is pretty happy about that possibility. They would like to start in August. Since the ISD is going to move out on August 15th. So, it would be a good transition and that room could be theirs.

They would occasionally need a room for some special interview or something. They have also asked if they could put a coffee pot in our break room for breaks. Wayne thought that it would be all right too. They would pay for six months at a time. They would like a three-year or a 5-year lease.

Joe asked, where are they presently located? Answer: They are in Lansing and Interlochen, and they would like to expand here.

Karen asked, how many people are they talking about having? Answer: How about 6 to begin with? Yes. And there may be 6 1 day and 6 the next or 6 in the morning, 6 in the afternoon.

Gary asked do we want to get into a three-year lease or just for one year with an option to renew it. Wayne stated he would like to a 3-year lease, so we do not have to worry about it anymore, and every six months we will receive a check. They are offering \$600 per month. They will be utilizing one (1) room.

But with the increase in the. Amount of. Lights and air conditioning, do we think that that amount is going to cover? What the cost is my concern?

Be comfortable with the year and then at the end of the year, you know we can see it is costing us extra costing us more than what the 600 is you know is it not, you know three years is just a long?

Joe made a motion that we advance for the one-year lease, at \$600 per month. Second by Gary. Any discussion, AIF. Aye.

B. Blight Ordinance - Need to set a date for a public hearing, so the Village and Township. Those have to stand alone with the Township having one and the Village has one. Would like to set a date for the hearing sometime in August around the 13th. Wayne will be contacting Networks Northwest to find out the exact timeline for having this hearing.

Do you need a motion on that or? Yes, Karen made motion, Fran supported AIF, Aye motion carried.

C. Board of Review - There will be a July Board of Review. BOR will be on the 16th at 4:30. There are only a couple of poverty exemptions.

9. Adjournment – Karen made motion to adjourn Supported by Gary. AIF Aye at 6:15 PM. Next meeting is August 12th, at 6:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Frances J. Beldo
Maple Grove Township Clerk