**MAPLE GROVE TOWNSHIP**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**March 13, 2023**

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, Clerk Fran Beldo, Treasurer Karen Roy, Trustees Joe Barnett, and Gary Bowling. Jason Vess, Fire Chief
2. **Changes or Corrections to Agenda.** None.
3. **Call to the Public.** – Dursa from Manistee Recreation Association talked about what is available, who in our Township is attending and our contribution for the calendar year. Dursa state 14 children have been participating.
4. **Consent Agenda.** The Consent Agenda consisting of minutes for January 9th to be completed. approval of bills for February 14th, through March 7th,2023 - General Fund $3,963.49; Fire Department $2,247.22; Cemetery $-0-; Transfer Station $5,169.99. MGT Community Center $. January Payroll $8,120.20. Treasurer’s Financial Statement was included. Motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Motioned by Joe, Supported Karen, any discussion? AIF AYE. Motion carried.
5. **Fire Department Report –** Flashlights arrived. He has eight of them and will be assigning 6 of them out to fire-trained personnel. The remaining 2 will be spares. Jack McKinley is wiring up the light bar. Jason got wire from Troy Gale who works for Portage Wire. It should be done this week. Also making sure that the pump runs and is ready for grass-fire season. Report writing is good. Jason, Wayne and Angi are writing majority of reports.
6. **Zoning Administrator** – Waiting for the weather to break. There are a couple of blight places that will be addressed. Met with the Village attorney regarding Kapps and Omar. Proposal to continue zoning when the Master Plan is finished. The cost will be $10,000 from the Village and $10,000 from the township. It will be a combined zoning ordinance. Continuing to issue land use and special use permits. It looks like the Township and the Village will continue to grow. Discussion on what is being done with the wage that was paid to the previous zoning administrator. Wayne and Dan are not getting paid for stepping into the ZA position. Right now, the funds are being saved. Will table the discussion until next budget meeting. Putting in language about solar, wind, short-term rentals and tiny homes in Master Plan.
7. **Old Business-**
8. **Community Center**

* Things are going well here. We have been receiving more bookings for parties. Pickleball and open gym have been very active. The complaint regarding the bathrooms being trashed has been resolved. Open gym has been watching the bathrooms. So far so good.
* Summit fire is getting with the phone company so they can monitor the fire alarms.
* We will be receiving a donation between $500 and $700 dollars to go towards the new vacuum. The estimate for the vacuum is around $800.
* Steve Klamik and David Hoeh rebuilt the carpet cleaner. This saved the township about $4,000. They have been cleaning all the carpeting.
* The State Police have put in new cameras. Also, an intercom system from the outside to inside. People will be able to buzz them when they need to see them. Kaleva Telephone Company will be providing the internet. They are moving in more equipment as they go along.
* Seeds Program will not be holding Summer Camp here. The licensing from the state (LARA) would take too long. This has prompted Wayne to keep talking about licensing with the State. If we get licensing for the kitchen, summer camp, and day care, this would make us look more attractive to the MRA.
* Wayne talked with the Community Foundation regarding things that can go on in here and not upset our tax-free status.
* Community Center Rules and Regulations next step is to take to the attorney. Karen said that we hope to go live on July 1st.

1. **Siren** – nothing to be done at this time.
2. **Old Township Hall (Wuoksi)** – Martha West Edwards has been working on a picture titled The Women of Kaleva. This will go in the window at the Old Township Hall. Wayne would like to get the heat working in the building. Heat is off, and the water is drained. On hold for now. Waiting for the okay when funds can be made available.
3. **Cemetery –** Wayne and David met with Irons Tree Service out at the cemetery to see what trees need to be removed. Talking right now about limbing certain things before Memorial Day. Taking out dead limbs now. The trees that need to be removed will not be done until after Memorial Day. It should take between 2 and 3 days to complete. They charge $1100.00 per day, and they will grind the stumps and haul the mess away. Wayne will talk to Jeff Johnson about getting the spring cleanup completed before Memorial Weekend. The old flags will be removed so VFW can put the new ones out.
4. **New Business-**
5. **Assessor’s Payment** – When paying the assessor, it all comes out of the general fund. Question was asked why it can be split between all the funds. It was decided that Fran will call the MTA to get the question answered.
6. **Household Hazardous Program –** They are looking for money: The proposed amount is 835 people at 40 cents per person = $334.00. Motion by Fran support by Gary to give the Hazardous Waste Program $334.00. AIF, AYE Motion carried.
7. **2024 Elections –** The State of Michigan says that each township must have a State Approved Ballot Box for each voting center. It also needs to have a camera monitoring it. The drop box will be placed at the end of the sidewalk, and will be able to be seen by the camera. Charlie will anchor it down.

* 9 days of early voting prior to the election – Michigan passed proposal that will require each precinct to have staff working 8 hours a day for 9 days including Saturday and Sunday prior to each election. Right now, this will be Pam Bagley and Dave Beldo. Sandy Asiala will be an alternate. Motion made by Karen, support by Gary to approve payment for 2 people working the 9 days of early voting. AIF, AYE, motion carried.

1. **Thank you –** A thank you note was sent by Martha West Edwards thanking the township for all of the hard work that has been going on in the community center.
2. **MRA –** Motion was made by Wayne, supported by Gary to continue being a supporting participate to the MRA. The amount voted on is $1,000. AIF, AYE, motion carried.
3. **Adjournment –** Motion to adjourn at 6:40. Next meeting April 10th at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Frances J. Beldo

Maple Grove Township Clerk