

**MAPLE GROVE TOWNSHIP
Board Meeting
January 13th, 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, Clerk Fran Beldo, Treasurer Karen Roy, Trustees Joe Barnett, Gary Beldo, Fire Chief Jason Vess.
- 2. Changes or Corrections to Agenda.** None
- 3. Call to the Public.** – None
- 4. Consent Agenda.** The Consent Agenda consists of minutes for December 9th, 2024. Approval of bills for 12/11/24, through 1/08/25 - General Fund \$8,675.74; Fire Department \$3,398.00; Cemetery; Transfer Station \$4,665.78. MGT Community Center \$5,032.32; Payroll \$11,707.5. Financial Statement - Attached. Motion made by Joe to accept the Consent Agenda as presented, supported by Karen. Any discussion? AIF AYE. Motion carried.
- 5. Fire Department Report –**
 - Jason is having an event on January 20th to honor Alan Sherburne, and he is inviting the board members to come.
 - All training material from Alan has been copied.
 - Garage Door #1 broke and Cadillac Garage has replaced the spring and top panel. The bill goes to MMR.
 - One more bill for fire gear will be coming.
 - Gary is ordering new medical supplies. He is also looking at new coats for fire department staff. Trophy Trolley in Traverse City still has our logo. The cost is between \$100-\$150 per coat.
- 6. Supervisor's Report–**
 - Wayne met with the MI Tax Tribunal and Central Cabins LLC. Everything is taken care of. We will be receiving one more bill from our attorney.
 - The trash compactor is broken. Republic Services came out to look at it, and the cylinder is leaking oil. They are getting it fixed.
 - If not fixed by Saturday, we will need 2 compactor trucks.
 - Wayne has a meeting on January 15th with a person that will make us an online schedule for the community center. Fran will be setting up a meeting to talk about the website and make it more robust.
 - Board Of Review school is on the 17th. BOR must be re-certified every 2 years.
 - The generator test with the State of Michigan is Tuesday, January 14th. There will be one more bill coming for this. The generator is operational. If power goes out right now, we will have power here.
 - Wayne is meeting later this month with the WIC (women, infants, children). They would like to have a couple of days a month to meet with clients in the area, so they do not have to drive to Manistee.
 - Michigan Works will be here Thursday to do some education. They will be setting up times for that.
 - The Amish came and took all the old tables that were in here.

- The new racks for the tables will not go through the doors. They will go through this end of the storeroom.
- Marilla Township has contacted me, and they are going to try and get a Revenue Sharing Board Grant for their fire protection.
- The building at the transfer station ceiling will be patched and re-insulated, and the wood stove will be removed. We have purchased a new electric heater for the building.
- The Village of Kaleva is talking about the trailhead having bathrooms and showers. They have been getting bids. They would like a letter of support from the Township. Wayne will draw up a letter.
- KCS Angels are incredibly happy here. They will be reaching out to the Food Pantry to volunteer.

7. Old Business

A. Siren – Nothing to be done at this time, waiting for a quote on cement.

B. Old Township Hall (Wuoksi) – On hold

C. Generator Startup – January 15th.

D. Fire Department – Disability Insurance, Sick Time, etc.

- Fran **reported** she has been talking with other Fire Departments in our area, and none of them have any insurance. If you would like AFLAC, it would be at your own expense. Karen suggested having a representative from AFLAC come and speak to the Fire Department. Gary and Jason will send a memo to the department. Also, a discussion on whether you are hurt or off work because of surgery, please bring a note from the doctor to return to duty.

8. New Business-

A. February Reimbursement – Fran found out that for the February reimbursement for early voting should have been sent to the State. She sent an invoice to the 9 townships that participated in the early voting. Fran has heard from one township that said they are not going to pay the monies that were divided equally to each township. We are waiting to see what townships will be sending the reimbursements. She stated that she is doubtful she will get the full \$5000 that would be owed.

B. Changing Date for Payroll – Payroll will be the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Wayne made a motion to move payroll to the 3rd Wednesday of the month, effective January 22nd, 2025. Support by Gary. AIF/AYE, motion carried.

C. Karla Kasten – BARC – Karla brought the recycling contract for the township. She also talked about having dinner at the community center titled Dinner in The Dark. Where everyone is blind folded while eating. She will get more information on it.

Wayne is going to bring in crushed black top at the recycle station as so as the weather breaks. Sherry is now taking care of the recycle trailer.

9. Adjournment- Motion to adjourn at 6:41 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Frances J. Beldo
Maple Grove Township Clerk