**MAPLE GROVE TOWNSHIP**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**December 11, 2023 - 6:00 PM**

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 Bowling, Fire Chief, Jason Vess-absent.
2. **Changes or Corrections to Agenda. None**
3. **Call to the Public.** – None
4. **Consent Agenda.** The Consent Agenda consists of minutes for December 11th, 2023. MGT Community Center $42,005.83; Payroll $8,970.85; Fire Dept $1,769.56; Cemetery $67.00; Transfer Station; $33,112.68; General Fund $15.986.27; Gross Pay YTD $122,493.71 Financial Statement - Attached. Motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Motioned by Joe, Supported by Karen, any discussion? AIF AYE. Motion carried.
5. **Fire Department Report –**
6. Allen Sherburne EMS Training- Still in the talking stage with getting a couple of townships together for this training. There is a lot of interest from the Kaleva Department.
7. **Supervisor’s Report**–
* A new water fountain is being put in by the ISD classroom. The state requires it if you have 100 or more students. Another drinking fountain will be installed by the gymnasium. Capability to fill water bottles. It also counts the bottles being used. The filters are $40.00, and it is estimated that they will go through 1 filter per year.
* The bid is in for electricity for the gymnasium, the cost is $3400 to replace all the lights in the gym. He will bring in the lift, it is rented for an extra day to work on the heater in there and take down the stuff on the walls. Consumers are giving us a rebate of $800 for the LED lights. They will be 100 watts instead of the 400 we have now.
* The generator is ordered. It will take about 3-4 months. The budget was trimmed down to $53,000. We are also getting the 10-year warranty which is about $1500 and about $400 for an all-weather kit. The cement work will begin soon for the generator, and it will be stationed by the boiler. It will run off natural gas, and it will be sufficient to run this building, and if we have to bring in a mobile hospital in the parking lot, it will be sufficient for that too.
* Applying for a grant to resurface the tennis courts. They will become two outside pickleball courts. There is a high demand for them in the county. The grant should cover most of the cost. Also, will work on the basketball courts at the same time.
* KND is still working on the license, have not heard anything more.
* ISD is happy to be here, and the children are adjusting well.

1. **Old Business-**
2. **Siren –** nothing to be done at this time**.**
3. **Old Township Hall –** OnHold. The water line is in. Thinking about moving the siren to Community Center. Working on signage for an outdoor museum that is being created. Working with Dan Holtz and the person that will be doing the signage. Should not be much cost involved on that.
4. **New Business-**
5. **2023 Invoice for Tax Maps and Roll** – Maintenance, Tax, Bills, and Computer Services-Motion by Wayne to pay invoice for tax maps, maintenance, bills, and computer services. Support by Joe. AIF/AYE, discussion. Motion carried.
6. **Sample Resolution for Early Voting Compensation –** Fran discussed the resolution, and the 9 days of early voting. The hours will be 9-5. There will be 3 ballots. Democrat, Republican, or just the proposals. The state will reimburse the townships $15.00 per hour for employees. There are 3 sites for early voting: Manistee Twp, Maple Grove Twp, and City of Manistee.
7. **Rental-** Karen spoke regarding the rental agreement to be discarded for Village and Township residences that want to rent the building. (Birthday Parties, gym, etc.) We have enough money coming in to cover this. This would exclude other townships. Donations are welcome. Motion by Karen to remove rental agreement for all Village and Township residences that want to hold events here at the Community Center. Support by Gary. AIF/AYE, motion carried.
8. **MTA Magazine–** The Community Center is going to be featured in the MTA magazine. We sent a write-up and pictures to the magazine, and it should be in the next month.
9. **Ballot Box-** Wayne talked with Troy Guinan that will be doing the cement work for the ballot box. There has to be a video on the box at all times. Question regarding if the ballot box can be put just inside the door. Fran will find out.
10. **Correspondence –** None
11. **Adjournment-** Motion to adjourn at 6:19 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Frances J. Beldo

Maple Grove Township Clerk