**MAPLE GROVE TOWNSHIP**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**April 10, 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.**
3. **Call to the Public.** – Alin Kuuttila
4. **Consent Agenda.** The Consent Agenda consisting of minutes for March to be completed. approval of bills for March 14th, through April 10th ,2023 - General Fund $6684.74; Fire Department $712.15; Cemetery $-0-; Transfer Station $5,022.32. MGT Community Center $. January Payroll $12,691.10. Treasurer’s Financial Statement was included. Motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Motioned by Karen, Supported Joe, any discussion? AIF AYE. Motion carried.
5. **Fire Department Report –** Preparing for fire season. If anyone comes into the township and asks about burning, deter them for now. It’s too dry. You also must go online to get a permit for burning. The brush truck is ready. We had the first brush fire in Dickson Township last week and it burned about 5 acres. There also was a house fire Saturday night. The fire truck has a couple of rubber gaskets that need replacing. The cost is about $4.00. He asked Kenny to purchase 10. The lights are still not hooked up to the brush truck, but Jack will be working on it.
6. **Old Business-**
7. **Community Center**
* MSP have been moving things in.
* Talked with Anthony Sump – DTMB. Received floor plan with items they want for the office partitions, etc. They would like a quote on how much things will cost. Charlie will go over plans and give them a bid. If they okay it, then they will pay for it.
* Talked with Travis about the push button lock for the east door. Would like to make sure that they can exit that door.
* Internet, cameras and buzzer are all hooked up.
* Will be meeting with Central Wellness. The last room on the left has been prepared for them. They will be using it 2 nights a week. They may do more days a week in the future. Central Wellness is excited to work with us. It allows the kids to be out of the school environment.
* Seeds Program wants to use this facility as a home base this summer. They did want to do a summer camp, but licensing would take too long.
* Wayne is working with the Community Foundation to be a licensed facility.
* The kitchen is almost set to be licensed.
* Talked with Jeff Johnson that does our lawn care and for $250 starting from this fence all the way down the parking lot he will clean out the brush and take out a couple of bushes that look bad. Wayne thought that was a good price so told him to go ahead and get it done. He will also do spring clean-up in the cemetery. The cost will be about $2100 but he will remove all the leaves and loose branches. He told him to go ahead with this also.
* Board Of Review went well. There were only a few people that had actual appeals.
* Community Center Rules and Regulations have been approved by the community center group. Next step is to be sent to the lawyer.
1. **Siren** – nothing to be done at this time.
2. **Old Township Hall (Wuoksi)** – On hold
3. **New Business-**
4. **Local Road Improvements** – Potter Road: The agreement needs to be signed.
5. **Networks Northwest Contract –** They have done a very nice job with the Joint Master Plan. After the township and village board approve the draft, it will begin a 60-day public review. There will be documents available at the township, village and the library. It will also be on our website, and copies available for review at our neighboring townships; Bear Lake, Dickson, Marilla and Springdale. After that there will be a public hearing. Then it will come back to the township and village for approval. Wayne is looking for approval from the township for participation in the joint zoning ordinance with the Village. The cost is $20,000. $10,000 from Village and Township. Motion made by Gary to approve the Master Plan being sent out for public review, support by Joe. AIF/AYE. Motion carried. Motion made by Gary to pay the fees as presented of $10,000 for the new Zoning Ordinance, supported by Joe. AIF, AYE. Motion carried.
6. **New Lease Agreement for copier –** The office is leasing a new copy machine.
7. **CD’s –** Karen made a motion to take the monies that we have in current CD’s and transfer them over to higher interest CD’s and add $60,000 to the Cemetery Fund CD. Support made by Gary. AIF/AYE. Motion carried.
8. **Class –** Wayne will be taking a class April 21st called Stewards of Children. This class teaches how to use the website and learn to recognize adults that work with children, making sure they are not convicted felons, sexual predators and/or have any domestic abuse convictions. This will be helpful with the many activities that are here that involve children.
9. **Surgery** – Fran will have surgery on April 20th. She doesn’t expect to be absent very long.
10. **Adjournment –** Motion to adjourn at 6:40. Next meeting May 8th at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Frances J. Beldo

Maple Grove Township Clerk