

**MAPLE GROVE TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
August 9, 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, and Gary Bowling. Absent: Jason Vess, Fire Chief.
2. Changes or Corrections to the Agenda – Wayne added the New joint Blight Ordinance needs to be read and approved to take back to the Joint Planning Commission. He received a comment back from a resident stating that the notice for the public hearing was not posted in advance for tonight's meeting. And it is not on the website. Wayne responded that it was posted 5 days in advance of the meeting. It will not be on the website until the Ordinance is approved. The Township Board will approve it tonight, and the Village of Kaleva will hold their public hearing at their monthly meeting next week. This Blight Ordinance will be 2 separate documents, one for the Township, and one for the Village. A motion was made by Gary, supported by Karen for the tentative approval of the Blight Ordinance. If the Planning Commission makes any changes, they will send it back to the board for approval.
3. Call to the Public. – Alin Kuuttilla, A. Roesler. The board entertained comments from the Alin Kuuttilla regarding the assessor.
4. Consent Agenda. The Consent Agenda consists of minutes for July 10th, 2024, to be completed. Approval of bills for July 10th, through August 7th, 2024 - General Fund \$28,576.29; Fire Department \$5,058.15; Cemetery \$3,734.84; Transfer Station \$3,992.82; MGT Community Center \$2,980.51 Treasurer's Financial Statement was included. Motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Motioned by Gary, Supported by Karen, any discussion? AIF AYE. Motion carried.
5. Fire Department Report – Gary reported about the call they had on the river. The fire department discussed getting a drone. Ken checked into the price, and it was very high. The department also investigated purchasing a boat and launching it at Woodpecker Creek.
6. Supervisor's Report -
 - The completion of the generator will be done this week. The electricity will be turned off on the 29th, and hopefully Consumers will be able to turn it back on the 30th.
 - Art Classes are every Monday evening and are well attended.
 - KCS people moved in and paid for 6 months in advance. They are setting up and inviting the community to come and look over their classroom. They are also hiring.
 - The clothing give-a-way will be held this weekend in the Community Center gymnasium.
 - Senior meals held here every Thursday are going well.
 - The Food Pantry is very busy the first Friday of every month.
 - We have had some damage to picnic tables out on the playground.
 - Charlie is measuring to get a quote to get the fence repaired so people cannot drive into the playground area.

- We are improving the camera system and placing some cameras at the far end of the baseball field.
- There was an accident at the cemetery where someone drove into the pillars and fence and tore them up.
- We are waiting for a quote from the insurance company.
- We are having a hard time matching the brick on the pillars.
- The Historical Society would like to know if we would be willing to pay for a sign that would be placed next to the old Township Hall. The quote is \$562.00. They would like us to pay half of it, or \$281.00.
- The parking lot will be striped and will be able to accommodate 42 cars. The dumpster will be placed where there is a lot less congestion.
- Discussion regarding the showers and bathrooms at the roadside park. Cost is estimated at \$700,000.

7. Old Business-None

A. Siren – nothing to be done at this time.

B. Old Township Hall (Wuoksi) – On hold.

8. New Business- The Blight Ordinance was discussed in the agenda.

9. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn at 6:55 PM. Next meeting is September 9th at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Frances J. Beldo
Maple Grove Township Clerk