

**MAPLE GROVE TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
APRIL 12, 2021 - 7:00 PM**

1. **Call to Order.** The Maple Grove Township Board was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Supervisor H. Wayne Beldo, Treasurer Cathryn Jezowski, Trustee Gary Bowling, Trustee Joe Barnett, and Clerk Fran Beldo.
2. **Changes or Corrections to Agenda.** Under New Business would like to add resolution to the Manistee County Commissioners regarding planning.
3. **Call to the Public.** – None.
4. **Consent Agenda.** The Consent Agenda consisting of minutes of regular meeting March 11, 2021, approval of bills for March 2021 in the amount of \$11,866.25 and payroll for March, 2021 of \$7,282.29. Consent Agenda as presented. Motioned by Jezowski, second by Barnett. AIF. Motion carried.
5. **Fire Department Report. A. Fire Chief's Report.** - No report from the Fire Chief, except that he did get the grant request for \$8,000 and the item has been ordered.

The old tanker is sitting outside the Fire Department and looking for a new home. Discussion about requesting bids for the purchase – minimum bid is \$1500. The tank is still could and a decision was made to request \$1500. Motion to put it on Facebook Market place for \$1500 minimum. Motion by Gary, second by Wayne. AIF Aye. Motion carried.

6. **Supervisor's Report.**
 - A. **Zoning Administrator** – Report distributed. Zoning Administration will be getting busier because several places need attention. As far as the blight ordinance is concerned the Joint Planning Commission is working on the Joint Master Plan and then the Joint Zoning ordinances. Several building permits have been issued. The Zoning Board is meeting to consider a Rustic Campground and provide horseback rides, weddings, dances, etc. Property is the old Louie Lenz place – 9 mile and Yates Rd. The 29th of April is a Public Hearing, where we will discuss, also people living within 300 ft from this site will receive a letter. Zoning Board Meeting asked several questions regarding noise, curfew, traffic, fire vehicles, etc. Answered all questions and Zoning Board felt it would be nice thing to have out there. Only short-term camping sites – no more than a week.
 - B. **Supervisor's Report** – Items to discuss are below.
7. **Old Business.**
 - A. Siren – Supervisor working on installing siren at Old Township Hall
 - B. Old Township Hall – Supervisor going to clean the inside to evaluate what is there. Also looking at outside of building to paint and repair. Looking for volunteers to help do work in this building. A company that is now working on the Lighthouse. Will try to contact the company and have information at the next board meeting.
8. **New Business**
 - A. Aerial Photos supplied by the Manistee Planning Commission having done an equalization, if we participate for \$2000; we will get photos using the BS&A Software or thumb drives. Township has not had aerial views for quite some time. Question was asked “What are uses of these photos?”

Wayne stated that the Assessor through the BS&A software, they can look at a house, through the software and drill down to see not only the house but other buildings. It also can give measurements of building. If there is something new, Assessor can then go to the property and access. Motion by Wayne to participate in aerial photos, second by Jezowski. AIF Aye. Motion carried.

- B. Cemetery** – As of now 2 cremains per grave site or 2 with full burial (vault). Wayne would like to change the rule to allow 4 cremains per grave. Bowling made motion to have a minimum of 4 cremains per gravesite, Second by Barrett. AIF Aye. Motion carried.
- C. Proposal for QuickBooks Conversion and Training** – Have not received the email from the Accounting Firm that Marilla is using, but when I talked with them, she stated the conversion would be around \$1,500 which would include several training classes. Hope to have information for next Board meeting.

However, did find something out about our current accounting software from Sage – our license is expiring, and if I cancel the subscription too soon, I will only have a read only access. After talking with Sage, I found out I can do a month-to-month or quarterly subscription.

- D. Cathy Jezowski – Miscellaneous Items** - Cathy stated she is tired of must pay for everything for the Village such as assessing, recycle, water for the Fire Department is \$200 per quarter and \$120 for the Office especially when we are only open 2 days a week. It is time for the Board to discuss with the Village on these costs. Village receives 11 mills to operate the Village. Wayne stated that we all live in Maple Grove Township and does not like the idea of double dipping but agrees we should not pay the water bill. Wayne to attend next Village Board meeting to discuss the Township and Fire Department prefers not to pay water bill. Motion made by Jezowski to have Wayne discuss that the Township pays no water bills, Second by Fran, AIF Aye. Motion carried.
- E. Manistee Resolution – COVID continuation** – Manistee County has provided us with a resolution that they have past for the COVID 19 continuation of emergency order. Jill suggestion that our Township pass this resolution. The resolution will allow them to have Zoom meeting, perform emergency things, etc. Question do we need something like this here? Discuss was that it was not important for us locally, but we can support the County. Item to be table currently.
- F. Resolution for Board of Review** – Resolution in packet for alternate dates for the Board of Review for July and December. Date in is July 19th and December 13th if necessary, for the Board of Review. Wayne made motion to accept these dates, Support by Bowling. Roll called – Jezowski, Yes; Bowling, Yes; Barnett, Yes; Wayne, Yes and Fran, Yes. Motion carried.
- G. Transfer Station** – Transfer station employees are front-line workers to and exposed to all the people coming there. Motion by Jezowski to give workers \$300 for hazard pay, Support by Barnett. AIF Aye.
- H. Recycling Announcement** – Two flyers sent by the County for recycling. They will be placed outside in the announcement board and placed on website. The Bay Area Recycling has also included a flyer that will be posted.
- I. School** – A donation was received from mBank for the school. Wayne had a discuss with John Cribbs from the Kaleva Telephone Company. John is willing to front the \$100,000 for the school. Not only that, but he is willing to match dollar for dollar donation until the monies are paid back with his return to be only \$50,000. John believes the Community Center will be good for the community. Wayne told him he would have to talk to the Township Board, and our attorney. Discuss was held regarding the \$100,000. Donations are slow coming in and Township would prefer not to get a loan.

Question on interest and how quickly repayment is due. Wayne stated nothing of that nature was discussed. Wayne felt the loan would be paid off before 10 years. Motion by Bowling to move forward with John Cribbs, Second by Barnnet. Jezowski concerned about the monies. Wayne stated that things have leaked out and that is one thing he requested of the School Committee. Township Board has ultimate approval about everything those moving in and activities. The School Committee is the think tank. Board has final approval on everything. Roll call: Bowling, Yes, Barmett Yes, Wayne, Yes, Jezowski, Fran, Yes. AIF Aye.

- J. Budget – Discussion on Budget will begin next month.
- K. Manistee County Planning Commission – Presently they are one member short, contracting with other townships and villages to do their zoning administration and enforcement. It has now gotten to a point where the County Commissioner have told them that is all they can do is zoning enforcement they do not have time for planning. Wayne sits on the Recreation Committee and have been told by the Planning Commission they have no time to do the County Planning and they cannot take on another township for zoning. Wayne would like a resolution or letter sent to state that the Planning Commission is vitally important for the County and Townships they should spend money on planning people not zoning enforcement. They individuals working for the Planning Commission can do the planning in the County. Wayne moves to have a letter sent to the commissioners. Would also like the letter to state that Maple Grove Township would be interested in requesting grants and associated funding for the Planning Department. Support by Bowling, roll call, Bowling, yes; Barnett, yes, Wayne, Yes; and Fran, yes. AIF Aye.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm. Next meeting April 12, 2021 at 7 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Frances J. Beldo
Maple Grove Township Clerk