**MAPLE GROVE TOWNSHIP**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**February 12, 2024 - 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 Beldo, Fire Chief Jason Vess.
2. **Changes or Corrections to Agenda.**
3. **Call to the Public.** – Alin Kuuttila in the audience
4. **Consent Agenda.** The Consent Agenda consists of minutes for February 12, 2024. Approval of bills for 1/04/24, through 2/07/24 - General Fund $5,557.11; Fire Department $4,645.70; Cemetery ($50.66); Transfer Station $3,897.44. MGT Community Center $6,721.26; Payroll $11,707.50. Gross Pay. Financial Statement - Attached. Motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Motioned by Gary, Supported by Joe, any discussion? AIF AYE. Motion carried.
5. **Fire Department Report –**
* Jason reported there are 3 students in fire-fighter training. All 3 are doing well.
* When they finish the training, they will have to get new gear. Estimate cost is $3,000 each.
* They also want to have medical training. There will be 11 total requesting the training. The County wide training for medical is free. Jason will be signing up with Manistee County.
1. **Supervisor’s Report**–
* The lights in the gym have been changed. It immediately saved 50%. We will also be receiving a check from Consumers Power for $900.
* Locks have been changed in the gym. The ISD has a key, as well as the pickle ball group. Wayne has a key, and there is 1 key in the box.
* Wayne fixed the kitchen door, and it can be locked now with the master key.
* The library is closed from 2/17 through 2/27 for early voting and the election.
* KND is still on the radar to get licensed and have the pre-school moved here.
* Wayne is going to meet with the Superintendent with a drawing of where all the fire alarms are located.
* The County of Manistee has contacted Wayne to talk about a contract to be the Zoning Administrator for the Village and the Township. This is 2-3 months ahead of schedule.
* A ballot box for early voting is set up.
* A company is looking for office space either here or at the old township hall.
1. **Old Business-**
2. **Siren –** nothing to be done at this time**.**
3. **Old Township Hall –** OnHold.
4. **New Business-**
5. **Resolution for BOR** – **Establishing Poverty Guidelines -**The foregoing resolution offered by Board Member Karen, and support by Board Member Fran.

Roll Call Vote motion carried unanimously.

Aye: Joe, Gary, Karen, Wayne, Fran.

Nay: 0

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

1. **Resolution for Alternate Date for March 2024 BOR-**Meeting on Wednesday March 13th, and 14th. Motion by Wayne, support by Gary. AIF/AYE, motion carried.
2. **MRA 2024 Appropriation Request-** Motion made by Gary, support by **Joe** for the request of $1080.00 for MRA request. This allows township residents to participate in the MRA at a reduced rate. AIF/AYE, motion carried.
3. **Networks North – April Meeting-**NWNW is requesting to attend the April **board** meeting. They will have an agenda packet.
4. **Meeting Room – Lockdown due to Election 2/14 to 2/28/2024-** closed for the early voting **and** election on the 27th of February.
5. **Paycheck Date Change-**Fran would like to move payroll up a week during election months. **Payroll** will be February 28th.
6. **Mileage Rate Change-Mileage** increased to .67 on January 1st, 2024. We will leave the rate at $.655 until July 1st of this year.
7. **Logo-**Karen presented a new logo that will go above the township office door. Wayne would like a picture of Cathy and the dates of her service in the hall also.
8. **Cemetery-**There have been issues with people walking dogs in the cemetery and **not** cleaning up. This will be given to the Zoning Administrator.
9. **Correspondence –** None
10. **Adjournment-** Motion to adjourn at 6:33 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Frances J. Beldo

Maple Grove Township Clerk