**MAPLE GROVE TOWNSHIP**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**August 9, 2022 - 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, and Gary Bowling,
2. **Changes or Corrections to Agenda.** No changes. Update on Fire Truck and a new hire for Fire Department.
3. **Call to the Public.** – No one in attendance.
4. **Consent Agenda.** The Consent Agenda consisting of minutes of regular meeting,6/13/2022, approval of bills for June 13, 2022, through August 9, 2022 - General Fund $6,906.40; Fire Department $811.36; Transfer Station $6,130.61;Cemetery $6.297.95; MGT Community Center $14,744.87. July Payroll $10,071.94. Treasurer’s Financial Statement was included. Motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Motioned by Wayne, Supported Gary, AIF, AYE. Motion carried.
5. **Aura Street Township Building** – Joe stated that with the price of lumber going up what is the update on the previous Township Hall. There was an inspection of the septic tank today. A call came in last week for an update on tax information so it's moving forward. They offered and then we counter offered to $80,000, with the understanding that we would pay the closing costs of $3000. Leaving $77,000 and that's pretty good. There is a lot of work that needs to be done on that building so if they wish to do more power to them.
6. **Fire Department Report –** No report. However, Jason sent me Amara Lopez’s application. She will turn 18 on the 14th of August. Amara is Jason’s niece, and he would like her to be approved for hire. Motion by Wayne to accept the hiring of Amara to the Fire Department, Support by Gary, any discussion, AIF, AYE. Motion carried

Fire Chief also talked to Chevrolet about the truck turns out that we will pay $47,000. Cheaper by $4,000, in process.

1. **Zoning Administrator** – Report in packet. Any questions, ok.

Zoning administrators report – things are kind of well. I want to Kickstart them Wayne will be in Township tomorrow around 9:00 and spend some time on a couple of other things.

1. **Supervisor’s Report**
   1. The **Joint Planning Commission** will be the process for the master plan this month. Networks North will be here and to get it started. At the present, there are no have any ordinances right now for solar or solar farms. Supervisor will bring this up to them at the meeting. He asked the Board their opinion. Do you have any problem with ordinances that would allow like a large solar farm or something similar in the Township? Yes, and issue with wind farms. Consumers Energy has talked to me about looking at me looking for a large tract of land. They would help us in the planning process on it, but I did tell them that we would be interested in considering solar for this building and I also would like to be in touch with people that would talk to us about grant opportunities for LED lights.
   2. **Community Center** – State Police we are moving forward. Air conditioning should be in next week. Pad had been poured for it. All bathrooms are working, the air conditioners are largely in where we need them. Multiple meetings are being held, there are two tonight and two next week. The school clothing swap is going forward. We have a two-day art festival in October that is sponsored by the Art Gallery. My understanding is that vendors will be charged $30 for the two-day event and the Community Center will get half of that and pickleball would have a donation jar. So, everything is moving forward really pretty smoothly.

There are no large bills on the horizon and talking to Charlie about the five security cameras throughout the building. All entrances will be connected and have monitors in Township office and the Village office so that you will be able to see what is happening on the monitor. Charlie will be talking to the IT guy from the school about getting this taken care of so everything is going along pretty smoothly. Finally, the food pantry is doing well, senior meals doing pretty good for the warm weather. Think it will pick up this winter

Wayne talked with Chris again about getting information posted on the Township’s website. I am going to connect you via e-mail. Karen asked that we begin the process of rules and regulations. We need to know what's going on and that we can begin to hear how much they're charging, who can be in the building, we agreed early on that they had to be tax exempt, but there is absolutely nothing in place. Maybe a joint effort so that we all can agree. Have the Committee get something together so we can discuss at our next meeting.

1. **Old Business.**
2. **Siren** – nothing **to** be done at this time.
3. **Old Township Hall (Wuoksi)** – nothing to be done at this time. Anonymous donor is willing to pay half of the restoration. Estimate of $15,000.
4. **Barn** – nothing yet.
5. **New Business**
6. **Karla Kasten – Recycling**. Came to talk about the Household Hazardous Waste data and to let us know that our contract will be coming up soon. Basically, the information on household happens every year and household intake of mercury, a lot of times somebody breaks a light bulb, which is where it comes from, and we ask for that they asked for a $15 per car donation. On average it costs $83 per card to get rid of toxic materials. PA 69 Recycling information noted that our recycling numbers are rising. Will talk to Village to see if Mike Hamilton would be will to cleanup of recycling bins. If Village says no, the Township will pay Mike $50 per week. Motion by Gary, Support by Joe, AIF Aye Motion Carried. Karle gave us a few handouts. She stated that the County is offering a one- or two-year contract. Motion by Joe to lock in the two-year contract rate, Support Gary, AIF Aye Motion Carried. 738 tires were brought to the Hazardous Waste Cleanup.
7. **Cremains** – There is a granddaughter that has a grandmother on one side of cemetery and grandfather on the opposite side. She is looking to place her mother’s ashes on both. Sexton asked how much to charge Board left it to the Sexton’s discretion. For recordkeeping information will be placed on both graves. A discussion was held about the garden spot, so these lots can be sold. Bushes will be removed. A question was brought up about turning it into a wall vault.
8. **PattyB’s** – Wayne to talk with Pat regarding his Township payments.
9. **Correspondence –**Nothing.
10. **Adjournment**. Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Frances J. Beldo

Maple Grove Township Clerk