**MAPLE GROVE TOWNSHIP**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**June 12, 2023 - 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, Treasurer Karen Roy, Trustees Joe Barnett, Gary Bowling, Fran Beldo Clerk. Absent: Jason Vess.
2. **Changes or Corrections to Agenda.** Adding Zoning Administration, Cemetery Burial and Quote for brush truck.
3. **Call to the Public.** – Dan Willey. Discussion on Rules for Conceal and Carry in the Community Center a public building. Discussion on the daycare that will be in this building and open carry. Wayne responded that all of our rules that we came up with regarding this building have been approved by our attorney.
4. **Consent Agenda.** The Consent Agenda consisting of minutes for April to be completed. Approval of bills for May 3rd, through June 7th, 2023 - General Fund $10294.26; Fire Department $913.75; Cemetery $6525.75; Transfer Station $3678.27.. May Payroll $9,798.03. Treasurer’s Financial Statement was included. Motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion by Joe, Supported Karen, any discussion? AIF AYE. Motion carried.
5. **Fire Department Report –** New Hire: Keera Elaine Groenwald. DOB: 02/13/2004. Address: 11770 Potter Rd, Bear Lake MI. She is going to CMU and will be home on the weekends and in the summer. She is interested in the medical field. Background check came back clear. Motion made by Gary to accept Keera to the Fire Department. Support by Karen. AIF/AYE, motion carried. The lift for the brush truck is just under $4,000.00 plus 6 new tires. Trying for a grant for this project.
6. **Supervisor’s Report-**
7. **Community Center-**

* The kitchen passed the final inspection. This is good for a year. We can now begin using it for future events.
* Fire Alarms- Gas shut-off valve for the oven was installed today. Summitt Fire will be here tomorrow to investigate the trouble on line 2 and to test all fire alarms.
* The Spring Clean-up for May – One 50-yard truck was filled, and the other 2 trucks were filled over half full of junk. David Beldo got 6 trailer loads of metal from the clean-up and he went to 4 or 5 different houses to pick up more metal. It was a good clean-up venture for May. We will be doing another clean-up on the 3rd Saturday in September.
* Talked with Jeff Johnson who is doing all our lawn mowing. I told him that the cemetery looked good, and he’s been trimming the bushes on the corners. He will be trimming the bushes down at the end of the street so that people can see.
* Working with the KND School and the State of Michigan for a day care. It will be a pilot program for 0-3 years old. KND wants to move their head start 4-year-old day care program here. This will utilize 3 or 4 rooms. We hope by fall the 0–3-year-olds will be here, and then by December the 4-year-olds will be here.
* Working on the agreement with them as for reimbursement and usage of the building. They may have parent teacher conferences and graduations. They can use these rooms for events and still would be government rooms.

1. **Siren** – nothing to be done at this time.
2. **Old Township Hall (Wuoksi)** – On hold for now, but Wayne has some ideas when funds become available.
3. **New Business-**
4. **Zoning Administrator-** Wayne would like permission to get Mike from the Manistee County Planning Commission here to give us a talk on them becoming the zoning administrator for us. Since city of Manistee canceled their contract, the person that was doing the zoning administrating for the county has free time right now. Mike said just invite him to give a presentation to the Village and Township. Wayne will be talking with the Village next Monday, and then with the Township. He will be able to give us some directions on what is needed to have them be the Zoning Administrator for the Township and the Village. We are working on our new Master Plan and Zoning now. This will be “like” language with other townships in the county. The 63-day viewing period for Master Plan is over July 6th, on the 22nd we will be having a public hearing on the Master Plan. After that it can be published and go into effect.
5. **Manistee County Road Commission-** They signed an agreement. Everyone has a copy.
6. **Wolverine Power-** They are the overseer for 7 Rural Electric Cooperatives. They have a transmission line that comes down through the township. They have fiber optic on the line, but they need permission from us to use the fiber optic line. They have offered us a $500 check and they have given us a resolution that Fran and Wayne will have to sign that will allow them to have it on their poles that run through the township. Wayne has read the MPA and compiled laws in the packet. Motion by Wayne to allow Wolverine Power to run the fiber optic lines through the township. Support by Joe. AIF/AYE, motion carried. Roll Call: Joe-yes, Gary-yes, Karen-yes, Wayne-yes. Fran-yes.
7. **Cemetery Burials –** Wayne is having talks with Fran and Dave regarding people putting cremains in the cemetery that we do not know anything about. What can we do about this. Do we have enough signs throughout the cemetery, or do we need more. Do we need to put something on our website regarding this, and should we contact every funeral home to instruct customers that if they take cremains, they need to contact the township to tell us where they want them buried. Karen suggested having signs at every entrance. We only have 2 now. The signs read “a township representative should be present at all burials”. Karen will do signs for the entrances. Also signs that read no dogs allowed in the cemetery.
8. **Adjournment –** Motion to adjourn at 6:53 PM. Next meeting August 14th at 6:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Frances J. Beldo

Maple Grove Township Clerk