

**MAPLE GROVE TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
March 11th, 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. Jason Vess, Fire Chief
- 2. Changes or Corrections to the Agenda - Fire Barn Expansion for additional equipment.**
- 3. Call to the Public.** – Alin Kuuttilla wanted to know when the January minutes will be posted on the website. They have been uploaded and are available. Dave Beldo asked about getting a new sign for the cemetery. A new sign is being ordered with the new logo and the website will also be added.
- 4. Consent Agenda.** The Consent Agenda consists of minutes for February 12th, 2024 to be completed. Approval of bills for February 8th, through March 6th, 2024 - General Fund \$6,715.18; Fire Department \$2,032.05; Cemetery \$-0-; Transfer Station \$4,373.12; MGT Community Center \$8,747.81. January Payroll \$10,197.33. The Treasurer's Financial Statement was included. Motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Motioned by Gary, Supported by Joe, any discussion? AIF AYE. Motion carried.
- 5. Fire Department Report** – Wayne reported that he is in the process of getting a quote for a 20X30 cement slab that would go on the south side of the fire department. One is for the emergency preparedness trailer, and the other is for the side by side. Wayne will connect with everyone when he gets the quote. Gary reported that everything is tight in the winter when all trucks are brought inside. Wayne will get the plans Charlie drew up for the addition and we will get the cement for now. When the revenue sharing grants become available, we will write a grant for the addition.
- 6. Supervisor's Report -**
 - Wayne met with the Emergency Management Director from Manistee County and the 911 Director and gave them a tour of the building. They know we have a generator coming and that we are installing showers. They want to know if we would consider them having their backup 911 equipment here to set up in case of an emergency and 911 emergency is not functional. If we agree, they will draw up a contract.
 - They would utilize the room next door to the MSP.
 - Wayne commented that he had promised the MSP that he would use the room next to them with something compatible with them.
 - Emergency preparedness, showers being installed, and the backup 911 Center will be a great addition to the MGTCC.
 - We will also look more attractive to region 7 for grants and equipment that we need to stock the Emergency Preparedness Disaster Center.
 - Motion made by Gary to work with 911 and getting a contract ready to bring to the next meeting. Support by Karen. AIF/AYE, motion carried.
 - Board Of Revue will be March 13th, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, March 14th, 3:00 to 9:00 PM in the library.
 - KND is still working with the State of Michigan to be able to move their pre-school to the Community Center. Copies of the fire alarm system have been

sent to them. KND took them to Traverse City and had them made into a more legible form.

- The showers are moving along. Waiting for cement to be poured.
- NWNW sent a letter to extend the completion date for the Master Plan and Zoning Ordinance to August 31st, of 2024. There will be no additional cost. It's just taking longer than expected to get everything correct. It will require signatures from Dan Holtz, H. Wayne Beldo, and a representative from NWNW. Karen made a motion to extend the completion date for the Joint Master Plan and Zoning Ordinance until August 31st, 2024. Support by Gary. AIF/AYE, motion carried.

7. Old Business-

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

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

8. New Business-

A. Healing Through Hope-Information describing the organization is in the Board Packet. Jennifer McGee, the founder, will be getting some information together on what they would like to do with the old Township Hall. Wayne will share that via email as soon as he gets it. We are still in the talking stage about how much of the building they want to use, and the reimbursement we will receive.

B. Benzie Manistee Dirtbirds – ORV club and a sub-committee of the Benzie Snowbirds sent a letter introducing themselves and asking the businesses to sign a letter of support. Motion made by Karen to sign letter of support; support made by Joe. AIF/AYE, motion carried.

C. Parking Lot – Parking Lot Striping – As soon as the weather breaks, we will be stripping the parking lot, and have 4 to 6 handicap parking spots. We will end up having 42 parking spaces. This will still allow the bus to come into the parking lot and the garbage pickup. The estimated cost is around \$3500.00 to do the sealing. We will also be doing the fire hall parking lot. A motion was made by Fran, supported by Karen to take care of the parking lot. AIF/AYE, motion carried.

D. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn at 6:24 PM. Next meeting is April 8th at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Frances J. Beldo
Maple Grove Township Clerk