

**MAPLE GROVE TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
May13, 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, and Gary Bowling. Absent Jason Vess, Fire Chief
- 2. Changes or Corrections to Agenda.** Motion was made by Gary, supported by Karen to accept the agenda with the change of adding a new candidate to Fire Department Report. AIF, AYE. Motion carried.
- 3. Call to the Public.** – Tim Knoper-President of Benzie/ Manistee/Wexford Dirt Birds.
 - The Dirt Birds were formed 13 months ago, and now they are pushing 100 members. They meet once a month, and their main topic at the club meeting is safety rules. Other goals for this year are educating ORV riders and to meet with all townships that their routes go through and ask for a letter of support. After each meeting they do a group ride. The smallest group was 14 rigs and the largest was 31. They have mapped out 140 miles so far. They are working with the DNR and the Forest Service. A motion was made by Joe, supported by Gary, to sign the letter supporting the Dirt Birds. AIF/AYE, motion carried.

Alin Kuuttilla – Alin announced that she is running for County Commissioner, District #2.
- 4. Consent Agenda.** The Consent Agenda consists of minutes for April 8th to be completed. approval of bills for April 9th, 2024, through May 9th, 2024. General Fund \$4,214.76; Fire Department 44,408.59; Cemetery \$1,425.18; Transfer Station \$7,712.62. MGT Community Center \$6,224.53. The Treasurer’s Financial Statement was included. Motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Motioned by Joe, Supported Karen, any discussion? AIF AYE. Motion carried.
- 5. Fire Department Report** – Gary Bowling reported that the Fire Department has a new hire Ryan Allen Sleep. Motion by Gary to accept Ryan as a new hire, supported by Joe. AIF/AYE. Motion carried.
- 6. Supervisor’s Report:**
 - Healing Through Hope is doing okay. Their Grand Opening is scheduled for the first of June.
 - The generator should be here any day. The cement is poured for the base.
 - The cement has been poured for the showers.
 - 911 & Emergency Preparedness Director attended the MGTCC meeting. They would like to move the 911 backup system here. If 911 became useless in Manistee the system could be set up here. The room at the end of the hall would be designated for them. They would like to enter into a lease agreement for reimbursement to the Center, and they would come here a couple times a month with the backup system to make sure it works. They will attend the next board meeting and Wayne will work up a lease agreement for them. Room 23 can be divided into 2 rooms. Charlie said a new opening for 911 could be created through the mechanical room.
 - Central Wellness would like to have a clinic here for kids that are the next step up from the children that are here now. They would have 3 sessions per day, 5 days a week: 6 children in each session. They would like 2 rooms.
 - We have 4 rooms that are available: 2 for KND, and 2 for Central Wellness.

- They would do a reimbursement. If we target reimbursement, we would be targeting for upkeep as well.
- This building will become self-sufficient soon.
- We have the breakroom, and the storage room that can be emptied and put in storage at the old township hall. We have the gymnasium, the kitchen, the senior meals room and the art room that are still available for meetings and activities.
- Michigan Works has a program at the library where they do adult education. They would like to expand the program. They would come here and meet with customers. Another option where they could meet would be the old SEC building next door to the post office. This could be cleaned up and made into a nice adult education room. They would work with our schedule now and would not necessarily need a room. This would be a great opportunity to open the doors for Michigan Works to our community.
- Charlie will give an estimate for the old township hall and present it at the next meeting.

7. New Business -**A. Millage Rate Resolution:**

- Verify that everything is correct. Wayne and Fran will sign the resolution. Motion by Wayne, support by Karen to approve the resolution. AIF/AYE, motion carried. Roll Call: Karen-Yes, Gary-Yes, Joe-Yes, Wayne-Yes, Fran-Yes.

B. Copy Charges:

- The office is starting to get more and more requests for copies. Motion made by Gary to charge .25 per copy for personal copies being made, supported by Joe. AIF/AYE, motion carried. This will be added to the fee schedule.

C. Budgets:

- Budget hearing will be June 10th. Discussion on fee schedule and IT Support for early voting. Fran will be back with the decision that was made by the county regarding the cost of IT Support.

8. Adjournment: Next meeting will be June 10th at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances J Beldo
Maple Grove Township Clerk