

**MAPLE GROVE TOWNSHIP**  
**Board Meeting**  
**February 10, 2024**

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- 1. Call to Order.** The Maple Grove Township Board was called to order and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken with the following members present Supervisor H. Wayne Beldo, Treasurer Karen Roy, Trustees Joe Barnett, and Gary Bowling and Fire Chief Jason Vess.
- 2. Changes or Corrections to Agenda: None**
- 3. Consent Agenda.** The Consent Agenda consists of minutes for the regular meeting of January 13<sup>th</sup>. Approval of bills for January 8, 2025 through February 5, 2025. - General Fund \$6,042.09; Fire Department \$4,998.45; Cemetery \$-0-; Transfer Station \$2,081.63; MGT Community Center \$32,545.69; Treasurer's Financial Statement was included. Motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Motioned by Karen, Supported Joe, any discussion? AIF AYE. Motion carried.
- 4. Call To the Public – Alin Kuuttila, Eric Corey Andersen**
  - Alin commented that November 13, 2023, Board Meeting Minutes are not on the website, and she would like them posted. They will be posted, and a copy will be mailed to her.
  - Alin also said that she would like the Treasurer to present the Treasurer's report at board meetings for the public. She stated that they have been provided at other township board meetings she attends. Joe inquired about our obligations to the public and whether we are fulfilling all the necessary requirements. Wayne replied that we follow the open meetings act. We approve minutes, the board accepts the financial report. Fran will place a call to MTA and find out what they recommend for public handouts and report back. Alin also wanted to know if she will be charged when submitting FOIA requests. Fran replied yes, we charge for copies and an hourly fee for time spent on research.
  - Corey Andersen is here just to observe the meeting.
- 5. Fire Department Report –**
  - Jason reported that it had been quiet. The new instructor John just gave out the new training schedule. Training starts next Monday the 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. The schedule will be posted on the Facebook page. Tonight is the Fire Department appreciation dinner at 7:00 PM.
- 6. Supervisors Report –**
  - Wayne has met with WIC, (Women, Infants and Children) and they toured the building. They talked about meeting here 2 days a month for children's wellness visits and getting food items. This would benefit the families that normally would have to travel to Manistee. They have looked at a room, and Wayne will also coordinate with them when the food pantry meets. Gary made a motion that we allow WIC to meet here 2 days a month to service our community. Support was made by Karen. AIF/AYE, motion carried.
  - The room that was formally used by the Water Department will be used for WIC, and as an interview room by the State Police. The internet works well there, and it has already been used by zoom court appearances. Wayne would also like to put a printer in that room.

- Kris Flaherty does the minutes for the MGTCC meetings. She does them from home, and her subscription for Microsoft Word ran out. Wayne would like to share the Township Microsoft site license with her. It was agreed by the board to share the code with her.
- Heat tapes have been put on the down spouts around the building. The roof should not leak anymore because the water will not be backing up in the down spouts.
- Wayne has visited the recycle trailer many times and reported that Sherry Pringle is doing a great job of taking care of it.
- The Township and Community Center is going to have an online schedule. It will be linked to the website. Kelsey Taylor from Great Start Collaborative has worked on an online calendar, and she has provided the link to where Wayne can download it on his calendar. There will be printed copies throughout the building. It will be on Facebook, and it will be available for anyone to link it to their calendar.

## 7. Old Business

**A. Siren** – Nothing to be done at this time, waiting for a quote on cement.

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

**C. Fire Department – Disability Insurance, Workmen’s Comp, Sick Time, etc.**

- Jason reported that he talked with the department, and there was not any interest. It will be dropped.

## 8. New Business-

**A. Early Voting Reimbursement - Township**

- Fran reported that she has received reimbursement from every township but 2 regarding early voting. She is waiting to receive payment from 1 more township.

**B. Cleaning Fee for MGTCC -**

- Fran suggested that we add a cleaning fee to the contract that people fill out when booking a party. Karen suggested providing a list of things that need to be done. Empty garbage, making sure the bathrooms and kitchen are clean, and basically pick up after themselves. If those things are not done, then charge a fee. After more discussion, it was decided not to charge a fee.

**C. Manistee Recreation Association Funding –**

- The MRA is asking for \$1550.00 this year. It is up slightly, but they have more children participating. A motion was made by Gary to fund the MRA for the year 2025. Support was made by Joe. AIF/AYE, motion carried.

**D. A Resolution Establishing Poverty Guidelines for Exemptions from Property Tax Exemptions-**

- Wayne stated this is something that we do every year. It sets guidelines for people that have a very low income to apply for poverty exemption. Karen made a motion to accept the poverty guidelines as written; support was made by Joe. AIF/AYE, motion carried.

**E. Springdale Township – 2 Resolutions**

- **Recycle** – This resolutions states that we will accept recycle items from people that live in Springdale Township. A motion was made by Gary, supported by Joe to accept Springdale into our recycling program. AIF/AYE, motion carried.

**F. May 2025 Election** –Fran stated that we are having a school election this year in May, possibly August and November. Because Springdale has only 15 people that are in the KND school district, she would like them to vote here in Kaleva. A motion was made by Gary, support was made by Joe to accept the consolidation of the May 2025 election with Maple Grove Township. AIF/AYE, motion carried.

**9. Adjournment** – Motion to adjourn at 6:33 PM. Next meeting is March 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Frances J. Beldo  
Maple Grove Township Clerk