**MAPLE GROVE TOWNSHIP**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**May 8th, 2023**

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, and Gary Bowling. Jason Vess, Fire Chief, Pam Bagley Deputy Treasurer. Absent Clerk Fran Beldo.
2. **Changes or Corrections to Agenda.**
3. **Call to the Public.** – None
4. **Consent Agenda.** The Consent Agenda consists of minutes for April to be completed. approval of bills for April 11th, through May 2nd, 2023 - General Fund $14,294.75; Fire Department $317.19; Cemetery $5,410.00; Transfer Station $560.00. MGT Community Center $15,438.00 April Payroll $7,976.15. The 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.
5. **Fire Department Report –** Eventful month. They have been dealing with many fires. One of the tankers has been leaking coolant. Koskinen looked at it and said it might be a head gasket leak. Age is a factor with the truck. It is a 1986 but only has 20,000 miles on it. Rick Kaskinen put a stop leak in it to slow the leak down, but it did not stop. Motion made by Wayne to put the truck on the schedule at McCloud’s Sales and Service to get fixed. Support by Gary. AIF, AYE. Motion carried. Jason needs to purchase a new computer. He will purchase it from Jackpine.
6. **Old Business-**
7. **Community Center**
* Wayne was in Cadillac for the State of Michigan Assessment Records Audit for Maple Grove Township. We will pass at 100% after adding 1 link to our website.
* MSP has moved in. They are looking at making an office for the Detective. Pictures have been hung in the hallway and they are looking at putting up a sign outside the building.
* The kitchen is ready to be licensed. The fire alarms are the only thing left. Hoping to get word tomorrow when that is finished. There is one refrigerator that needs repair, and Corey Andersen will be taking care of that. The license fee per year is $450. Central Wellness may use the kitchen for cooking classes.
* KND Schools and a State of Michigan approved daycare are meeting here tomorrow to look over the facility for available classroom space for 0- to 3-year-olds. It is a pilot program, and they are working on a grant for it.
* Wayne and Corey Andersen will be taking a class in Cadillac to become registered kitchen managers. The certificate is good for 5 years.
* Seeds Program is using this facility for its base of operation.
* Spring cleanup is May 20th from 8:30 to 11:30 and the third Saturday in September.
* Cemetery is done with spring cleanup. Jeff Johnson finished raking and cutting grass. Irons Tree Service was at the cemetery and cut a lot of limbs and did a really good job. Getting set for Memorial Day. The VFW will remove all the old flags and put new ones out.
* Dale Puustinen has donated two ping pong tables. We are looking for someone that would like to oversee a night during the week for ping pong.
* MSP is installing a pushbutton lock.
* A couple of stumps have been ground, and the sign that Karen made is going to be painted blue to match the outside of the building.
* Community Center Rules and Regulations has been approved by our attorney. Motion made by Wayne to start the new regulations on July 1st. Support by Karen. AYE, AYE. Motion carried.
1. **Siren** – nothing to be done at this time.
2. **Old Township Hall (Wuoksi)** – On hold
3. **New Business-**
4. **Manistee Equalization Resolution-**Resolution to allow the township clerk certificate of millage to be levied. Wayne and Fran will sign the letter. Motion made by Gary; support made by Joe. Roll Call: Wayne-Yes; Karen-Yes; Joe-Yes; Gary-Yes.
5. **Budget Hearing-** The 2023/2024 budget hearing will be held at 5:45 before the board meeting in June. Please plan on being here at that time to approve the new budget. The public hearing will also be at that time.
6. **BS&A Request-Going online with our tax system.** -Karen reported that the Township would like to be able to take tax payments online. People would be able to call and pay their taxes with their debit or credit cards. And they would be able to access the system online to make their payments. The cost would be $2,000 for 3 years, or $500.00 upfront and then $50.00 a month. We would save $300.00 if we paid the full price for 3 years. Motion made by Wayne to pay $2,000 to BS&A to be able to go online with the tax system. Support by Joe. AIF, AYE. Motion carried.
7. **Mailbox-** Karen reported that it costs $110.00 per year to have a mailbox at the Post Office. She has been looking at mailboxes that could be installed here at the Township Office. It would be bolted down. It would be much easier for everyone. Motion made by Gary to start the process of getting a mailbox at the Township. Support made by Wayne. AIF. AYE. Motion carried.
8. **Adjournment –** Motion to adjourn at 6:23. Next meeting is June 12th at 6:00 PM. Budget hearing at 5:45.

Respectfully Submitted,

Frances J. Beldo

Maple Grove Township Clerk

Transcribed by Pamela K Bagley Maple Grove Township

Deputy Clerk