

Village of Maple Rapids
Regular Council Meeting
January 5, 2022

CALLED TO ORDER:

President Daryl Trefil called meeting to order at 7:30 pm.
The meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL:

Council Present: Bill Schmidt, Amanda VanEtten, Jerry Kissling, Mitch Leiby, Paul Sorah (7:35)
Absent: Cody Fry
DPW: Mike Townsend
Fire Chief: Absent

Motion made by Bill Schmidt to approve December 1, 2021 regular council meeting minutes as written. 2nd by Amanda VanEtten. Motion carried.

COMMENTS & CONCERNS:

A group from the Hope Bible Baptist Church including Pastor Lang attended the meeting to acknowledge the council for all they do. They sang a few carols for us. It was greatly appreciated. Gerry Winsor asked to have a statement added to the December 2021 minutes. Gerry shared some concerns. He asked the council to make a motion if they would or would not allow private septic systems within the village limits in the future. The consensus was an approval or disapproval would be based on each future case. Councilmember Schmidt left the meeting. Gerry also stated that he does not like how the council conducts its business. Rod Miller asked if any decision on the problem with the deer population has been made. He stated that he has talked with Bill. Paul and Bill are working on a possible amendment to the ordinance.

OLD BUSINESS:

Diana shared information on what needed to be done if we want to present our Park and Recreation Plan to the DNR for possible grants. First, we need to post that the draft plan is available for review for thirty days. Second hold a public hearing for the public can have input. Diana will post that the draft is available for review. At this time planning on a public hearing on March 2, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. before the regular council meeting. Daryl and Mike did go and speak with the homeowner that the village received a complaint about last month. The homeowner has picked up part of the yard. There is more work to be done.

NEW BUSINESS:

Amanda has been gathering information regarding the Public Art Grant thru Pure Lansing available for communities in Clinton County. The grant closes on February 11, 2022. It does not give us enough time meet the requirements to apply this year. Amanda is going to work on this so if future grants are available, we will be able to apply. Paul is concerned with the placement of some of the fiber optic lines. Daryl has spoken with them about the installation. It needs to be in the right-of-way.

Planning Commission:

No meeting was held. Diana will contact the current members to see if anyone is interested in being the chairperson. Also, will ask if they have any recommendations of community members that may be interested in filling any vacancies.

Community Center:

It continues to be rented.

FIRE: Mike Townsend

Fire report was presented for December: Fire Runs 01	2021 Total 27
Medical Runs 04	2021 Total 70

The pump testing has been completed on Engine 1 and Tanker 1. They have signed an Automatic Mutual Aid Agreement with St. Johns for Ice Rescue Services. The department had some ice rescue equipment donated to them.

DPW: Mike Townsend:

Mike ordered parts for the backhoe. The tires are in, hoping to get them mounted as soon as possible.

PRESIDENT: Daryl Trefil

Daryl has sent out some ordinance violation letters. Ferrall's Tree Service has been in town working. He is looking at what the cost would be to purchase some flashing speed limit signs. Paul asked if it would be possible to get an annual police report for activity in the village for 2021. Daryl will contact the Sheriff's Department asking for the information.

TREASURER: Mindy Thomas

Mindy reviewed the December financials. Mindy will make final budget adjustments once all of the 2021 final bills are in.

CLERK: Diana Henry

The W-2's are complete and have been given or mailed to everyone. The State of Michigan has changed our State Withholding Tax filing to quarterly from monthly. Mindy will look at our BS&A software to see if we need to change anything in the system.

AMBULANCE:

Diana asked everyone to bring back their copy of the proposed CAASA budget for next months meeting.

MISC:

None.

Bills:

After reviewing the bills Paul questioned two of them. We received a bill from Hutson's for shipping on a returned item. Diana will check into this. The bill will not be paid at this time. The invoice from Les Miller & Sons Aggregates for 3.97 ton of sand did not have an amount on it. It was signed by three council members with the stipulation not to pay if over \$100.00 when we receive the statement.

Motion made by Paul Sorah supported by Amanda VanEtten to pay bills.
Motion carried.

Motion made by Paul Sorah supported by Amanda VanEtten to adjourn.
Motion Carried.

Adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Submitted by:

Diana Henry

Village Clerk

Next regular council meeting is February 2, 2022 at 7:30 pm