

Village of Maple Rapids
Regular Council Meeting
March 2, 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, Cody Fry, Mitch Leiby, Paul Sorah
Absent: Jerry Kissling
DPW: Mike Townsend
Fire Chief: Absent

Motion made by Bill Schmidt to approve February 2, 2022 regular council meeting minutes as written. 2nd by Amanda VanEtten. Motion carried.

COMMENTS & CONCERNS:

Ross and Natalie Schmidt potential buyers of a commercial building downtown had some questions about the building they are looking to purchase. One half of the building would remain with the same occupancy but the other half would change. Bob Holland asked if we looked further into the flashing speed limit signs. We did receive a quote of \$5799.00 for two signs. No further action was taken on them. He asked if any report was received for police activity in the village for 2021. We have not received one. Bob asked what can be done about getting the speed limit coming into town on Maple Rapids Road reduced. Daryl just recently spoke with the county regarding this. Another village resident asked about the number of trailers located behind a home on Poplar Street.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mike Upton called Daryl and Diana regarding the feral cats in town. He is going to be trapping them and taking them to be spayed or neutered. There is no cost to the village.

Motion made by Paul Sorah that we adopt Resolution No.: 2022-03-02 stating the Village of Maple Rapids hereby adopts the Park and Recreation Plan 2022-2027. Supported by Bill Schmidt.

Roll Call

Ayes: Amanda VanEtten, Cody Fry, Bill Schmidt, Paul Sorah

Nays: None

Absent: Jerry Kissling

Abstain: Mitch Leiby

Resolution declared adopted

Doris Parker from Habitat for Humanity contacted Diana asking for contact information of some property owners in the village. Council would like Mrs. Parker to give Diana the property addresses she is looking at and have her contact them to see if they would like to participate in the Rock the Block event. Mrs. Parker also asked if the village would be able to donate any funds to the project. Mindy will check with the CPA to see if that would be allowed. Last month council tabled the weapons ordinance. Bill has continued to review it and suggest that we should have our attorney look at it. There was a lot of discussion between council and property owners in attendance regarding this ordinance and possible changes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bill has been looking at two areas for possible village expansion of utilities. He spoke with Adam from C2AE about any grants that might be available. Council asked Bill to get a quote from C2AE for the cost of putting together the information needed for available grants. Paul is concern about the condition of the dwelling located at 323 E. Main Street.

Planning Commission: None

Community Center:

They have purchased some new tables. Rentals have slowed down.

FIRE: Kelby Leiby

Fire report was presented for January:	Fire Runs 02	2022 Total 04
	Medical Runs 05	2022 Total 16

All of the radios have been programmed to be used on the MPSCS, the switch is March 8. Kelby attended the North Shade and Fulton Township meetings. He reviewed the year-end fire report and discussed any needs they might have from the department.

DPW: Mike Townsend:

The backhoe needs a new hydraulic pump. The cost of the pump is \$2010.00. Tate and Mike have started doing the annual servicing of equipment.

PRESIDENT: Daryl Trefil

The Tallman bridge will be out as of April 15th for 90 days. This will increase traffic in the village. Mitch asked about Chip Seal for this year. Daryl has spoke with the county this week and they are updating the previous quotes from last year. He has been in contact with the bankruptcy court again letting them know about the equipment that we have in our possession. The bathrooms at the ballfields need painting, light fixtures replaced and cleaning.

TREASURER: Mindy Thomas

Mindy reviewed the financial reports.

Motion made by Bill Schmidt to approve the final budget adjustments for 2021 as presented.

2nd by Paul Sorah. Motion carried.

The Village of Pewamo will be hosting the All Area Meeting this year.

CLERK: Diana Henry

Kelby gave Diana the title to the fire truck that was purchased from Dallas Township. She has made an appointment to transfer the title to the village. Received the ACT 51 report in the mail from MDOT. We received a copy of a letter our insurance company adjuster sent out regarding the water main break on January 29, 2022. Diana received a note from a resident inquiring about some damage to her driveway last year from a water main break. A letter will be sent to the resident.

AMBULANCE:

CAASA still have a few municipalities that need to approve the budget. They are having issues retaining employees.

MISC:

Mike is checking into some different flashing barricade lights. Linda Blemaster asked if she could paint the Lamplighter. Council is fine with it. Amanda told Mike that she has noticed the DPW employees wearing their safety vest and she appreciates it.

Motion made by Paul Sorah supported by Bill Schmidt to pay bills.
Motion carried.

Motion made by Paul Sorah supported by Bill Schmidt to adjourn.
Motion Carried.

Adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Submitted by:

Diana Henry

Village Clerk

Upcoming meeting:

Regular council meeting April 6, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.