

Village of Maple Rapids
Regular Council Meeting
April 6, 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, Cody Fry, Mitch Leiby, Paul Sorah
Absent:
DPW: Mike Townsend
Fire Chief: Kelby Leiby

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

COMMENTS & CONCERNS:

County Commissioner Dave Pohl spoke for a few minutes. He will be our representative at the end of the year due to redistricting. Mr. Brian Goodenough of Foster Swift Collins & Smith PC shared information about the law firm. They have a team including Mr. Goodenough that focuses on municipal law. Our current attorney will be retiring. The owner of property on Poplar Street address the council regarding travel trailers located on his property. They are used for recreational purposes. He stated no one is living in them.

OLD BUSINESS:

Gerry Winsor asked everyone to put themselves in his and his wife's shoes. Asking what can they do with their investment? The discussion went back and forth between Gerry and the council. He stated he will let the people decide if whether he stays in the village or not. Mike Upton is still working on the Feral cat project.

NEW BUSINESS:

Two plot plans were reviewed.

Motion made by Bill Schmidt to approve plot plan for 136 Washington Street. 2nd by Cody Fry.
Motion carried.

Motion made by Bill Schmidt to approve plot plan for 508 S. Oak Street. 2nd by Amanda VanEtten.
Motion carried.

Planning Commission: None

Community Center: None

FIRE: Kelby Leiby

Fire report was presented for March:	Fire Runs 05	2022 Total 09
	Medical Runs 06	2022 Total 22

The new MPSCS system is working well. Engine 8-2 was placed in service on March 15, 2022.

The department has signed an Ice Rescue Agreement with Perrinton Fire Department for Fulton Township. Kelby attended Lebanon and Essex Township meetings. Both townships are giving the department funds from their ARPA funds for approved items totaling \$25,000. They are looking at purchasing a LUCAS CPR machine with the funds. North Shade Township asked to meet with Kelby regarding possible additional coverage the department could provide to them. Kelby has prepared three options to present to the township board.

Motion made by Bill Schmidt to authorize Chief Leiby to negotiate a contract with North Shade Township. 2nd by Paul Sorah. Motion carried.

The department needs two new nozzles, brackets and hardware. It is time for renewal of the fire reporting software. Kelby would like to change to a different program.

Motion made by Bill Schmidt to authorize \$7,000 total, \$4000 for nozzles, brackets, hardware and \$3,000 for new fire reporting software and training. 2nd by Paul Sorah. Jerry Kissling Abstain. Motion carried.

Daryl asked Diana to send thank you cards to Lebanon and Essex Townships for the funds given to our fire department.

DPW: Mike Townsend

Mike had to bring in Butcher Excavating to unplug two access points of the sewer lagoons. They were plugged by disposable wipes bounded together. The damage they cause to a sewer system can be very costly. The JD 1585 needs to have the windshield replaced.

PRESIDENT: Daryl Trefil

Mitch and Daryl have been working with Clinton County Road Commission putting together the cost of road projects for 2022. The total bid was \$105,942.60. Mindy met with Mitch and Daryl to go over the funding for the project.

Motion made by Bill Schmidt to approve the road project for 2022 for \$106,000 as proposed by Mitch Leiby. 2nd by Amanda VanEtten. Motion carried.

Daryl contacted the Sheriff's Department again about getting a copy of what police activity was in the village for 2021. The officer was on vacation that handles that report. He is waiting to hear back from him. Sent some letters out concerning some properties in the village. Paul thought we should try to hire an ordinance officer to enforce ordinances.

TREASURER: Mindy Thomas

Mindy reviewed the financial reports and budget adjustments for the 1st quarter.

Motion made by Bill Schmidt to approve 1st quarter adjustments as presented. 2nd by Cody Fry. Motion carried.

A check mailed to a vendor in February has not been received by them. The check is still outstanding and appears it was lost in the mail. Council said to go a head and put a stop pay on it and reissue. The All Area Meeting is scheduled for April 25th at 7:00 pm at the community center in Pewamo.

CLERK: Diana Henry

There are nine water meters left to replaced. Mike will need to work with the plumber on some of these. Need to purchase stamps before next water bills and village tax notices are mailed. The total cost will be \$1160.00 for stamps.

Motion made by Cody Fry to purchase the stamps for \$1160.00. 2nd by Mitch Leiby. Motion carried.

AMBULANCE:

They will be contacting businesses to see if they are willing to contribute to an equipment fund. Some municipalities are contributing part of their ARPA to CAASA. The new fiscal year started April 1, 2022. All municipalities approved the budget. They are working on a five-year plan to present to each municipality.

MISC:

Sidewalk committee will be meeting.

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 9:42 p.m.

Submitted by:

Diana Henry
Village Clerk

Upcoming meeting:

Regular council meeting May 4, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.