

Village of Maple Rapids
Regular Council Meeting
May 4, 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
Absent: Cody Fry
DPW: Mike Townsend
Fire Chief: Absent

Motion made by Bill Schmidt to approve March 2, 2022 special public hearing minutes as written. 2nd by Amanda VanEtten. Motion carried.

Motion made by Bill Schmidt to approve April 6, 2022 regular council meeting minutes and April 11, 2022 special council meeting minutes as written. 2nd by Amanda VanEtten. Motion carried.

COMMENTS & CONCERNS:

Ted Salisbury is having issues with people dumping brush, dirt and gravel on his property along Poplar Street. Daryl commented that he has had other complaints of piles of dirt being dumped. It is believed this is being done by the company running the cables for the new internet service. Daryl will contact CMS Internet regarding the complaints. Rod Miller asked if anything new on his deer issue. Daryl reminded him of the meeting they had with the DNR.

OLD BUSINESS:

Resolution No: 2022-05-04 was read by Daryl. The resolution authorizes the hiring of The Firm of Foster Swift Collins & Smith PC as our new attorneys.

Resolution No: 2022-05-04 was offered by Paul Sorah and supported by Bill Schmidt.

Roll Call

Ayes: Paul Sorah, Bill Schmidt, Jerry Kissling, Amanda VanEtten, Mitch Leiby

Nays:

Absent: Cody Fry

Resolution declared adopted

NEW BUSINESS:

The sidewalk committee asked for bids for replacing and repairing sidewalks throughout the village. Received one bid from Beck-Leiby Concrete. They did sidewalk work for us last year.

Motion made by Bill Schmidt to contract with Beck-Leiby for \$20,000 for sidewalks and negotiate if they or the village will buy the concrete. 2nd by Amanda VanEtten. Motion carried.

Planning Commission:

An additional person needs to be added to the planning commission. They would have to be willing to chair the commission.

Community Center:

The Community Center was used for two days during Habitat for Humanity Rock the Block. The Community Center Committee will have to pay to have it cleaned. Mindy and Diana feel the village should reimburse them for the cost of the cleaning. The amount is \$50.00 dollars. Council agreed. There has been some issues with people renting the hall and not cleaning it. They have to pay a \$50.00 deposit which they don't get back. At the All-Area Meeting held in Pewamo it was discussed the amount of deposit each community charged for their community centers. All of them stated they have increased it to \$100.00 because of cleaning issues. They are finding that most people clean them now instead of losing the \$100.00 deposit.

FIRE: Mitch Leiby

Fire report was presented for April:	Fire Runs 05	2022 Total 14
	Medical Runs 03	2022 Total 25

Mitch went over the fire report. The tanker needs some maintenance work. Hydrostatic Test need to be performed on all of the SCBA Bottles by the end of the year. Kelby is working on getting cost for the test. Kelby has been working with North Shade and Fulton Townships on new agreements. An agreement was signed with North Shade. A tentative agreement has been worked out with Fulton Township just waiting for official approval. The department needs a vent saw for Engine 8-2. The cost is \$1400.00.

Motion made by Bill Schmidt for the purchase of the vent saw along with an additional chain for a total cost up to \$1750.00. 2nd by Amanda VanEtten. Motion carried.

Daryl shared with council how well Kelby has done getting new contracts with the townships. He has had to attend several meetings with township officials working with them to come up with a plan that is good for our department and for the township residents. Daryl would like to see us give him some additional money for all the extra work he has been doing.

Motion made by Bill Schmidt that we give Chief Leiby a \$500.00 bonus for the additional work he has done and revisit his wage at the end of the year. 2nd by Paul Sorah. Mitch Leiby Abstained. Motion carried.

DPW: Mike Townsend

A culvert on Poplar near Water Street needs to be replaced. Mitch mentioned we should also look at the one on North Franklin Street before we pave this year. Mike will get a price to replace both.

PRESIDENT: Daryl Trefil

The ballfields are all ready and in good shape. We will need to have some paving done because of water main breaks. The big one will be at the corner of Maple Ave. and Union Street. Habitat for Humanity Rock the Block went very well. Diana will send out thank you letters to the different groups that helped with this project.

TREASURER: Mindy Thomas

Mindy reviewed the financial statement. We have had major issues with the computer in the Clerk/Treasurer office. The cost of a new Dell system was presented to the council.

Motion made by Bill Schmidt that we purchase the Dell Computer as presented with an increase of memory to 32GB. 2nd by Paul Sorah. Motion carried.

Mindy received some additional information regarding the ARP funds. There are some additional areas the funds can be used in. She has filed the required paperwork. The CPA will be in the office on May 9, 2022 working on the audit. The village tax rate will need to be set at our June meeting.

CLERK: Diana Henry

The workers' compensation policy will be renewing July 1, 2022. The premium decreased from 2021 by \$429.00. Received a letter from the County Clerks office. They have mailed election packets out to the local township clerks. Essex Township Clerk is the one that runs our local elections. Diana contacted the clerk asking for packets so they would be available in our office for residents. Positions up for election this year are President (2yr term) 3 Trustees (4yr term) 1 Trustee (partial term 2yr) 2 Library board (6yr term) 1 Library board (partial term 4yr term).

AMBULANCE:

They have been having issues with the ambulance fleet. They are looking at some used units. They are putting egress windows in the basement of the building so it can be used for sleeping quarters for the on-duty employees.

MISC:

Motion made by Bill Schmidt that the Village Council of Maple Rapids move to meet in closed session pursuant to Public Act 267 of 1976, Section 8 Sub-Section A of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, MCL15.268(a), to consider complaints or charges at 8:55 p.m. 2nd by Amanda VanEtten.

Roll Call

Ayes: Bill Schmidt, Amanda VanEtten, Jerry Kissling, Mitch Leiby, Paul Sorah

Nays: None

Absent: Cody Fry

Motion Carried

Motion made by Bill Schmidt that the Village Council of Maple Rapids moves out of closed session at 9:38 p.m. 2nd by Paul Sorah

Roll Call

Ayes: Bill Schmidt, Amanda VanEtten, Jerry Kissling, Mitch Leiby, Paul Sorah

Nays: None

Absent: Cody Fry

Motion Carried

Motion made by Bill Schmidt that we contact Fowler and Perrinton operators to see if they will oversee our reporting and systems. 2nd by Paul Sorah. Motion carried.

Daryl and two other councilmembers will meet with them.

Motion made by Bill Schmidt that any employee give any licenses they receive to the clerk to be kept on file. 2nd by Paul Sorah. Motion carried.

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 9:55 p.m.

Submitted by:

Diana Henry

Village Clerk

Upcoming meeting: Regular council meeting June 1, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

