

Village of Maple Rapids  
Regular Council Meeting  
June 1, 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 May 4, 2022 regular council meeting minutes as written.  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Cody Fry. Motion carried.

Motion made by Bill Schmidt to approve May 4, 2022 closed session minutes as written.  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Amanda VanEtten. Motion carried.

**COMMENTS & CONCERNS:**

None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Daryl spoke with CMS regarding the dumping situation at Ted Salisbury's and other locations in the village. Sidewalks have been completed. They did a very nice job.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The plot plan for 8688 W. Hyde Road was reviewed. There are no issues with the plan.

Motion made by Bill Schmidt to approve plot plan for 8688 W. Hyde Road. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Amanda VanEtten. Motion carried.

Mindy presented figures for the tax rate for 2022. The Village tax rate for 2021 was 12.639 and the library was 0.7889. The council discussed the different rate options for 2022.

Motion made by Bill Schmidt to set the 2022 Village tax rate at 12.4436 and the library at 0.7771.  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Mitch Leiby. Motion carried.

The water committee met and presented their report to council. Bill has been in contact with C2AE regarding possible grants for possible water expansion projects.

Motion made by Bill Schmidt that the water committee meet with C2AE to discuss grant funds for water expansion and other water projects. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jerry Kissling. Motion carried.

**Planning Commission:**

Bill will reach out to MML about council members being on the commission.

**Community Center:**

The community center has been very busy with rentals.

## **FIRE: Kelby Leiby**

Fire report was presented for May:	Fire Runs 02	2022 Total 16
	Medical Runs 10	2022 Total 35

General maintenance items have been taken care of on the tanker and Engine 8-2. An emergency service agreement has been signed with Fulton Township for fire service. The department has received two new applications. Kelby has been working with Gratiot County Central Dispatch on paging options. Received two offers on Engine 2, will check a couple more places. The Lucas CPR machine has been ordered. Kelby would like to re-number the apparatus.

Motion made by Bill Schmidt that Chief Leiby can re-number the apparatuses at his discretion. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Amanda VanEtten. Motion carried.

Kelby talked about purchasing SCBA Bottles on rotation. This way we wouldn't have to replace thirty bottles all at one time.

Motion made by Bill Schmidt to purchase ten SCBA Bottles for \$10,500.00, and set up a plan to purchase ten more every five years. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jerry Kissling. Motion carried.

Motion made by Bill Schmidt that Chief Leiby has approval to hire the two applicants if they have acceptable interviews. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Amanda VanEtten. Motion carried.

Bill asked if they are planning to have the community picnic this year. They are not at this time.

## **DPW: Mike Townsend**

Mike asked about road work in the village. There are a couple of biking groups that plan on using the village for their events. Mike has marked off the area that needs to be repaved from the water main break on the corner of Union and Maple.

## **PRESIDENT: Daryl Trefil**

Daryl received a report for the Sherriff's Department showing police and ambulance activity in the village. Daryl was happy with the meeting with Rural Water. He thought it went well.

## **TREASURER: Mindy Thomas**

Reviewed the financial reports. The new computer has been ordered. Still working with CPA on a few items for the audit.

## **CLERK: Diana Henry**

The farmers market will be starting this Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at the tennis courts. Diana asked Mike to please make sure there are a couple trash cans in that area. 2022 is an election year. Diana received the nominating petitions from the new Essex Township Clerk, Tim Karasek. **The deadline to file for office is Tuesday, July 26, 2022 by 4:00 p.m. in the Townships Clerk's Office.** Anyone interested in running for office please contact Diana for a nominating petition.

## **AMBULANCE:**

They had a dedication ceremony for the new garage. They are looking at a low mileage ambulance to possibly purchase. The unit would be almost paid for from ARPA funds they have received from supporting units.

## **MISC:**

Meeting next month will be on July 6<sup>th</sup>, confirming that we would have enough council members for a quorum. Jerry Kissling had some questions. Jerry and council discussed some issues that he was looking for a better understanding of. Mr. Eyde contacted Bill about a self-contained sewer system for houses.

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 9:28 p.m.

Submitted by:

Diana Henry

Village Clerk

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