

Village of Maple Rapids  
Regular Council Meeting  
September 1, 2021

**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, Jerry Kissling, Amanda VanEtten, Mitch Leiby, Paul Sorah  
Absent: Cody Fry  
DPW: Mike Townsend  
Fire Chief: Absent

Motion made by Amanda VanEtten to approve August 4, 2021 regular council meeting minutes and August 17, 2021 special council meeting minutes as written. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul Sorah. Motion carried.

**COMMENTS & CONCERNS:**

A village resident attending meeting asked if the village has any interest in selling the small lot on Water Street next to the previous ice cream store. The village will contact property owners adjacent to the parcel and offer it for sale by seal bids. Village resident has concerns and questions about his village taxes. He will be meeting with Mindy on September 2, 2021 to go over the village budget. He was advised he should contact assessor Beth Botke. He will be placed on the agenda next month. Bill Schmidt has been contacted by a resident that her aunt has a lot of Maple Rapids memorabilia. Maybe we should think about a historical committee.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Fifty-nine water meters have been completed. Diana would like to pay the contractor the balance of \$1260.83 that is owed for the fifty-nine completed meters.

Motion made by Bill Schmidt to pay the balance on the fifty-nine meters of \$1260.83. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mitch Leiby. Motion carried.

Sidewalks have been completed; the total cost was lower than the original bid. CMS is getting closer to town. Mitch will check on when we can expect the new leaf vac to be delivered.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Diana received a call about hunting geese around the lagoons. There is no hunting on village property around the lagoons. Bill will reply to the email that was received regarding solar panels.

**Planning Commission:** Wayne Wheeler

The commission had a meeting on August 18, 2021. Wayne Wheeler presented his resignation that evening effective October 1, 2021. There is another member that might also be resigning.

**Community Center:**

The community center is available to rent.

**FIRE:** Kelby Leiby (absent)

Mike Townsend presented report

Fire report was presented for August:	Fire Runs 02	2021 Total 25
	Medical Runs 06	2021 Total 42

The batteries have been replaced in the brush truck, need a new one for the rescue truck.

Fowler/Dallas Township is purchasing new fire truck and selling a unit. Our department has been looking to replace Engine 2. This truck would be a good replacement for Engine 2. The department received funds from Fulton Township to assist with purchasing fire gear.

Motion made by Bill Schmidt that the Fire Department purchase Fowler/Dallas Township Engine to replace our Engine 2 for \$12,500.00 and leaving the sale of Engine 2 to Kelby. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul Sorah. Motion carried.

**DPW:** Mike Townsend:

Sidewalks are done. Someone hit a fire hydrant on Main Street by the ball park. Mike has straightened it as much as he could. He will check the hydrant and make sure it is working properly.

**PRESIDENT:** Daryl Trefil

Daryl received an estimate to remove two trees on Main Street from Jameson Tree Service. Trying to get another estimate. The spraying has been done at the lagoons. We did not receive the Category B grant. Looking into the possibility of replacing more sidewalks this fall.

**TREASURER:** Mindy Thomas

Reviewed August financial statement. Mindy will be collecting taxes at the Village Hall on Tuesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>.

**CLERK:** Diana Henry

The Maple Rapids Ball Booster will be paying for half of the weed spraying at the ball park. There has been an issue of a past due payment owed the village. Diana has made several attempts to collect the money that is owed. Daryl will contact the party involved.

**AMBULANCE:** Bill Schmidt

Senator Gary Peters has contacted CAASA that they have been awarded a grant for \$112,000.00 for power loads and cots. The committee is looking into the best way to increase their per capita.

**MISC:**

None

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 9:34 p.m.

Submitted by:

Diana Henry

Village Clerk