

Village of Maple Rapids
Regular Council Meeting
October 6, 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, Mitch Leiby, Paul Sorah, Amanda VanEtten (7:45pm), Cody Fry (8:03pm)

Absent: Jerry Kissling

DPW: Mike Townsend

Fire Chief: Kelby Leiby

Motion made by Bill Schmidt to correct the Special Meeting Minutes of August 17, 2021 correction of attendance. Mitch Leiby was absent. 2nd by Paul Sorah. Motion carried.

Motion made by Bill Schmidt to approve September 1, 2021 regular council meeting minutes as written. 2nd by Paul Sorah. Motion carried.

COMMENTS & CONCERNS:

A representative from Miss Dig 811 was in attendance. He shared information about Miss Dig 811 and Public Act 174. The Act requires municipalities to be members. He will contact member services and get back with Daryl on the cost to the village. Rod Miller has concerns of crop damage to his crops within the village limits being caused by deer and turkeys. He stated he doesn't have a solution but would like to work with the village to come up with one.

OLD BUSINESS:

Motion made by Bill Schmidt to call the loan on Mutual Data for the full amount of what is due on the loan. 2nd by Mitch Leiby. Motion carried.

The leaf vac trailer needs to be registered with the state. Diana will make an appointment and get that taken care of. Two sealed bids were received on the lot on parcel 081-000-006-001-02 located on Water Street. The first bid opened was from Richard Simpson for \$500.00. The second bid open was from Kevin & Lori Mininard and Dean & Ronda Sills for \$600.00. They are purchasing the building next door and closing on October 7, 2021. A discussion took place with the bidders and council.

Motion made by Bill Schmidt to accept the highest bid of \$600.00 for this property contingent of them closing on the property. 2nd by Mitch Leiby.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Bill Schmidt, Amanda VanEtten, Mitch Leiby, Paul Sorah

Nays:

Absent: Jerry Kissling, Cody Fry

Motion Carried

A discussion took place with the village council and village residents concerned with the amount of property taxes they pay. Gerald Winsor officially is requesting to be removed from the Village of Maple Rapids. Bill Schmidt stated it would take council approval to be removed from the village. Mitch Leiby stated his property was in the village when he purchased it. Jerry also had some questions regarding the budget.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bill Schmidt believes there is a person running a business out of their home. Bill is going to stop by the home and talk with them. Paul Sorah asked about someone living in a camper on Main and Oak. That has been turned over to the health department.

Planning Commission:

Wayne Wheeler resigned October 1, 2021. We need to get a new member and the commission needs to have a new chairperson.

Community Center:

The doors have been painted on the exterior. Rentals going are good

FIRE: Kelby Leiby

Fire report was presented for September: Fire Runs 00	2021 Total 25
Medical Runs 09	2021 Total 51

Preston Miller, Joe Martin and Colton Martin have completed MFR class. They are awaiting their National Test to get licensed. The Rainbow Lake Tower will be going live which will help our service area. The department is opening up the station for Halloween. They will be having hot dogs and candy for the community.

DPW: Mike Townsend:

The new leaf vac is in. They will have to make some minor modifications. Mike received an estimate from Ferralls Tree Service for removal of a tree on Main Street for \$1200.00 and stump removal \$200.00.

Motion made by Bill Schmidt to contract with Ferralls for the removal of the tree on Main Street for \$1200.00 and the stump removal of \$200.00. Additional \$1000.00 for other stump removals. 2nd by Paul Sorah. Motion carried.

The additional sidewalks have been poured.

PRESIDENT: Daryl Trefil

Mr. Eyde has contacted Daryl and wanted to know what our feelings would be about storage units on his property out on Hyde Road. Daryl met with Clinton County Road Commission and MDOT. They will be shutting down Tallman Road Bridge for at least 90 days. Thinking this might happen in the Spring. Asked Mike to check the outside of the water tower for possible surface rust. We received the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), checking to see what we can use it for.

TREASURER: Mindy Thomas

Reviewed financial statement for September and budget adjustments for the 3rd quarter.

Motion made by Paul Sorah to approve the 3rd quarter budget adjustments. 2nd Mitch Leiby. Motion carried.

We were approved for \$71,279.00 from the American Rescue Plan Act. We have received a check for half of it last week. The balance will be distributed approximately twelve months after the first payment.

CLERK: Diana Henry

The water sales are down from 2020. There are possible issues with 3 new meters. Diana has contacted the households and a leak does not seem to be the problem. Council okayed using the average read for the households. Additional new meters have been ordered.

AMBULANCE: Bill Schmidt

No meeting last month. CAASA is currently suppling an ambulance for the MSU football games.

MISC:

None

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Paul Sorah supported by Mitch Leiby to adjourn.

Motion Carried.

Adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

Submitted by:

Diana Henry

Village Clerk