

Village of Maple Rapids
Regular Council Meeting
November 3, 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, Cody Fry, Jerry Kissling
DPW: Mike Townsend
Fire Chief: Absent

Motion made by Bill Schmidt to approve October 6, 2021 regular council meeting minutes and October 18, 2021 special council meeting minutes as written. 2nd by Paul Sorah. Motion carried.

COMMENTS & CONCERNS:

Richard Simpson address the council regarding the sale and purchase of the lot that the village owns adjacent to his property. He was very disappointed and upset with the council for how they handled it. He feels his wife and him deserve a written apology from the council. Jerry Winsor wants a motion made that a denial was made to him for water and sewer when he purchased his property. He was asked if it was his goal to get water and sewer to his property. He replied yes, just like it was back in 1995.

OLD BUSINESS:

A letter and email were sent to Mutual Data Services and their attorney. The email and letter to Mutual Data were returned. No forwarding address available for Mutual Data Services.

NEW BUSINESS:

Amanda VanEtten asked if a temporary storage pod can be placed on a village residents' property. It can as long as the setbacks on the property lines are followed.

Planning Commission:

No meeting

Community Center:

The center is being used quite a bit. They have purchased an additional six round tables.

FIRE:

Fire report was presented for September: Fire Runs 00	2021 Total 25
Medical Runs 05	2021 Total 56

They had a great turnout for Halloween. The county is looking to replace its Fire Safety Smoke House for a cost of \$80,000. They are trying to get a FEMA grant to replace it. It would be a 90%-10% grant with the fire departments responsible for the 10%. If eight departments agree to go in on the grant it would cost approximately \$1,000 each.

Motion made by Paul Sorah to approve \$1,000 if the grant is awarded. 2nd by Bill Schmidt.
Motion carried.

DPW: Mike Townsend:

The leaf season has started. They are waiting on hoses for the new vac. Water test results have not been received. There was an issue with the lab. They will have to be redone. Mike was able to find some water proof gear that could be used by the DPW employees while working on water main breaks. The cost would be around \$663.75.

Motion made by Bill Schmidt to approve the purchase of two water proof suits for up to \$700.00. 2nd by Cody Fry. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT: Daryl Trefil

Daryl has been working with CMS Internet to get things up and going.

TREASURER: Mindy Thomas

Reviewed the financials for October. The PPT reimbursement from the State was received for \$2475.21. \$2329.90 for the village and \$145.31 for the library. CVTRS due by the end of the month to the State. Mindy received a request for the monthly budget report, which is the financial report and the annual general ledger. She contacted the CPA and they stated the we do not have to give this information out unless council approves. The information is technically not public information. The annual audit is public information. Council approved sending the monthly financial report. They did not approve of giving the annual general ledger. Resident questioning his trash bill was advised that the bill he received was for the period of July 1 to September 30, 2021.

CLERK: Diana Henry

Diana was contacted by a village resident that had read in previous minutes that the village and the Maple Rapids Ball Boosters will splitting the cost of spraying the ball fields for weeds. They wanted to pay the share for the ball boosters, which she did. She has asked to remain anonymous. The council would like to thank her for the support given to our community youth. Expecting to receive a bill for the annual fire extinguishers inspection. Is it okay to pay when received? A copy of the bill will be brought to next month's meeting. Council was okay with this.

AMBULANCE: Bill Schmidt

They are implementing a partial benefit package for part-time employees. Working on a deal with a company to take their ambulance box and refurbish it. It would be used as a demo and then eventually they would have the option to purchase it back. They have started working on next year's budget.

MISC:

A discussion took place between the council and the DPW employees. Issues on both sides were address. The number one priority for Mike is to make sure reports are completed and turned in on time. Council would like to see Mike and Tate work with the personnel committee.

Williams Asphalt was in town this week getting ready to make repairs. There were 103 bike riders in town that participated in the Gravel Road Race.

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 9:19 p.m.

Submitted by:

Diana Henry

Village Clerk

Next regular council meeting is December 1, 2021 at 7:30 pm