

Village of Maple Rapids
Regular Council Meeting
December 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, Mitch Leiby, Paul Sorah
Absent: Amanda VanEtten, Cody Fry, Jerry Kissling
DPW: Mike Townsend
Fire Chief: Kelby Leiby

Motion made by Bill Schmidt to approve November 3, 2021 regular council meeting minutes as written. 2nd by Paul Sorah. Motion carried.

COMMENTS & CONCERNS:

Newer resident addresses the village council with a formal complaint about the condition of the property located next to hers. There is junk all over the yard and it just keeps getting worse. She asked if the village could come in and clean it up and bill the property owner for it. Bill thanked her for coming in to voice her concerns. Bill asked Daryl to please notify the property owners that it needs to be taken care of. Village resident Jerry Winsor shared a conversation he had with one of the council members. A discussion took place with Jerry and members of council regarding his concerns.

Motion made by Bill Schmidt that any information Mr. Winsor request must be submitted by FOIA No 2nd.

Jerry asked to have added to the September 2021 minutes a statement that he stated President Daryl Trefil made. Rod Miller discussed with council what can be done about the deer issue. He stated he felt that the ordinance that was put in place limiting hunting was correct when it was done. He now feels that there are so many more deer and continues to get worse. The ordinance didn't take into consideration the long-term consequences of limiting the deer hunting within village limits. Bill and Paul have volunteered to work with Rod on a possible change to the ordinance.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Park and Recreation Committee met this month. They have some modifications that they want made to the park plan. Placing dog waste containers in different areas. There is artisan well at the point area they would like to re-establish.

Motion made by Bill Schmidt to approve the modifications to the Park Plan. 2nd by Mitch Leiby. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Wage Committee met and have proposed 2022 wages with increases for Mike and Tate.

Motion made by Bill Schmidt to approve the 2022 proposed wages. 2nd by Paul Sorah. Motion carried.

Motion made by Paul Sorah that the village will put a podium up front for comments and concerns with a time limit of five minutes. 2nd by Bill Schmidt. Motion carried.

Paul received a request from a resident that he would like street lights out by his property.

Planning Commission:

No meeting

Community Center:

Rentals seem to be back to normal

FIRE: Kelby Leiby

Fire report was presented for November: Fire Runs 01	2021 Total 26
Medical Runs 10	2021 Total 66

Preston Miller has passed his National Registry Test and is fully licensed as a MFR. St. Johns Fire is looking to enter into a Mutual Aid Agreement with us for Ice Rescue response. The department has received one new application. Kelby has heard that the State might start requiring continue education credits for fire.

DPW: Mike Townsend:

They have started working on Christmas decorations. We can't get basket until next week. Mike mention the artisan well. He was concerned that if it was going to be drinkable then the water would have to be tested daily. The idea was it would be some type of fountain and not for drinking. He has been working on the lead and cooper reports to get us in compliance with the State

PRESIDENT: Daryl Trefil

The village has received a notification from the bankruptcy court. Diana will send a copy of the letter that the village sent Mutual Data Services to the bankruptcy court by certified mail. Daryl spoke with Ferrall's on some trees that need to be cut down. He received a letter from Lansing Economic Partnership regarding grants for artwork. He has asked Amanda to work on this. The new water meters we ordered are in. Diana contacted Harlow Plumbing we will be working on getting the balance of meters replaced after the first of the year. The village received an unsigned letter with some concerns about someone that might try to mine rocks on property within the village We do have an ordinance in place regarding mining.

TREASURER: Mindy Thomas

Mindy reviewed the November financials. Budget revisions were done for the 4th quarter as of the end of November.

Motion made by Paul Sorah to approve the budget revisions for 4th quarter as of November 2021. 2nd by Bill Schmidt. Motion carried.

The 2022 proposed budget was presented.

Motion made by Bill Schmidt to approve the 2022 proposed budget as presented. 2nd by Paul Sorah. Motion carried.

The CVTRS (revenue sharing) paperwork was due and submitted today.

CLERK: Diana Henry

We received our Worker's Compensation audit for 2020-2021. There was a small refund. High Grade sent out letters letting clients know that they will be adding fuel surcharges. They anticipate the cost of their product to go up in the spring. Diana received a call about some damage that was done to a driveway when we had a water main break. Mike is going to check it out.

AMBULANCE: Bill Schmidt

They are working on the new budget. Some townships may be donating part of their American Rescue money to the ambulance service.

MISC:

There has been a dumpster on Adelaide Street for some time. Property owners are still working on the home and using the dumpster.

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 9:52 p.m.

Submitted by:

Diana Henry
Village Clerk

Next regular council meeting is January 5, 2022 at 7:30 pm