**MAPLE GROVE TOWNSHIP**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**November 11th, 2024**

1. **Call to Order.** The Maple Grove Township Board was called to order. Roll call was taken with the following members present Supervisor H. Wayne Beldo, Treasurer Karen Roy, Clerk Fran Beldo, Trustees Joe Barnett, and Gary Bowling. Jason Vess, Fire Chief.
2. **Changes or Corrections to Agenda.** Add Table and Chairs, Fire Department Septic Tank, Insurance Claims for Fire Department.
3. **Call to the Public.** – Friends of the Pool- Mason County, WSCC.
* The goal is to raise money for the pool to save it from being closed.
* Once the goal is met, we would like to raise funds for swim lessons for kids of all ages.
* The plumbing for the pool must be replaced, otherwise the pool is in great condition.
* Friends of the Pool is asking that we write to the trustees to include the pool in the new budget.

**Call to the Public –** Allen Sherburn

* Allen Sherburn has decided to retire from teaching. His license expires at the end of the year, and he is not going to renew it.
* He has transferred his curriculum of 46 classes to the Fire Department. The board thanked him for his many years of service to this community.

**Call to the Public –** Gary Thompson and his wife Valerie started the Neighborhood Watch in Kaleva. They currently have around 124 attendees and a Facebook page. A question was asked who deals with the problems such as safety of the kids, destruction of property if they happen at the playground here attached to the community center. Wayne replied that they should be addressed to the Township. The question was also asked if there was any follow-up to the destruction of the picnic table in the playground area. Wayne replied that it was reported to Central Dispatch, the officers checked the cameras they had. They found out who was responsible, and they visited the family. It was then left in the hands of the prosecutor.

1. **Consent Agenda.** The Consent Agenda consists of minutes for October 10/14/2024 and November 11th, 2024, to be completed. Approval of bills for 10/15/2024, through November 6th, 2024. - General Fund $4,036.71; Fire Department $3700.46; Cemetery $124.84; Transfer Station $4,897.41. MGT Community Center $5492.61; Treasurer’s Financial Statement was included. Motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Motioned by Gary, Supported Karen, any discussion? AIF AYE. Motion carried.
2. **Fire Department Report –** Karen reported that we (as the board and Fire Department) need to get creative on how we can make money for the department. The equipment is getting old, (most over 10 years old), we have 26 in the department and full equipment gear for each individual is estimated at $3500.00. Karen noted that we have insurance companies that will pay our Fire Department when they respond to things. There is a company that manages this for a small portion of that fee. It wouldn’t cost us anything, they would take it from the insurance company. This would help with some of the supplies that we need. Karen asked for permission from the board to do more research on it and report back. Wayne made a motion for Karen to investigate this and report back to the board, support made by Joe. AIF/AYE, motion carried.
3. **Supervisors Report –**

The **generator** is still sitting, waiting for the State for final inspection.

* Posts are in place around the generator.
* The fence will be installed soon.
* Gymnasium use is increasing.
* December 8th is the Christmas Market Place. There will be 20 businesses in the building, and Santa will be here.
* Wayne is looking into the process of building a changing room. Some of the cabinets have been removed from the rooms and put in the art room.
* Wayne would like to purchase a dozen tables, and 100 chairs, plus the racks. This would accommodate the many activities that are held here.
* A motion was made by Gary to purchase 12 tables, 100 chairs and 2 racks, not to exceed $5,000. Support by Karen, AIF/AYE. Motion carried.
1. **Old Business –**
2. **Siren** – Nothing to be done at this time, waiting for a quote on cement.
3. **Old Township Hall (Wuoksi)** – On hold
4. **New Business-**
5. **Septic Tank at the Fire Department**
* Wayne talked to Josh Brown and found that one of the lines was plugged.
* The plug was removed. He thinks it will be okay for a while, but he did recommend having a new drain field put in soon. We need to start looking for what the cost will be for a new drain.
1. **Village of Kaleva Reimbursement Agreement – Water Dept./Water Bill**

Wayne had a discussion with the Village, and they proposed $500 per month, and they will also pay the water bill for the building. They will also pay $250 per month for the Water Department Office. Wayne suggested that we go forward with the proposal. The new agreement begins July 1 of this year and will be renewed every year until we decide differently.

A motion was made by Joe to accept the Village of Kaleva Reimbursement Agreement, support was made by Karen. AIF/AYE, motion carried.

1. **KCS –** Move into Rooms 17 and 18 effective November 1st
* KCS is in room 20 and reimbursing us $600 per month. They would like to expand and move into rooms 17 and 18.
* They will reimburse us $600 per month, per room effective November 1st. This will be re-evaluated annually.
* They anticipate having 2 sessions per day, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. KCS is working with Central Wellness also.

A motion was made by Joe to make room 17 and 18 available to the KCS program. Support was made by Gary. AIF/AYE, motion carried.

1. **Healing Through Hope and Michigan Works**
* The upgrade on the lights is almost completed.
* Samaritan Health out of Greenville and Muskegon would like to hold a clinic here 1 day a month for individuals with mental health and substance abuse issues. They will be partnering with Healing Through Hope.
* No charge for using the Community Center for 1 day per month as of now.
* We have partnered with Michigan Works to have appointments here to help people with job resumes. Now the first Thursday of every month, they are having an afternoon class for adult education. They have 4 people as of now. They are using what rooms are available.
* Question was asked about as more groups that come in, are they carrying their own liability insurance. We should have a waiver that the groups sign.
1. **November and December payroll.**
* November 20th, and December 18th.
* The office will be closed during the holidays. Karen will hold office hours the Monday before each holiday.
1. **Adjournment –** Motion to adjourn at 7:03 PM. Next meeting is December 9th, at 6:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Frances J. Beldo

Maple Grove Township Clerk