

PROPOSED  
Village of Maple Rapids  
Regular Council Meeting  
April 5, 2023

**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, Amanda VanEtten, Zackery Manning, Heidi Holland, Mitch Leiby, Paul Sorah  
Absent: None  
DPW: Mike Townsend  
Fire Chief: Kelby Leiby

Motion made by Bill Schmidt to approve March 1, 2023 regular council meeting minutes as written.  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Amanda VanEtten. Motion carried.

Motion made by Bill Schmidt to accept the resignation of Anna Maier. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Amanda VanEtten.  
Motion carried.

Motion made by Bill Schmidt to appoint Diana Henry as Interim Clerk. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Zackery Manning.  
Motion carried.

Motion made by Daryl Trefil to adjust the agenda to go into closed session for personnel issues at  
end of meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Schmidt. Motion carried.

**COMMENTS & CONCERNS:**

Bill was presented a property survey from a village resident wishing to put a portable storage shed on his property. Bill will meet with the property owner. Linda Blemaster has been contacted by a group of ladies that would like to paint the downtown mural again. The council is okay with this. Daryl will donate the cost of the materials for the repainting of the mural. Clinton County Commissioner Dave Pohl, presented a summary of what is going on in the county. Village resident wants to know what can be done with all of the trash on the corner of Oak and Main.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

David Esterline presented a special use permit form. He needs to get a couple more signatures from adjacent property owners.

Motion made by Bill Schmidt that we grant temporary special use permit under 7-30 commercial-residential mixed-use contingent on getting all adjacent signatures. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Zackery Manning. Motion carried.

Rich Kathrens of Spicer Group gave update on bridge. We had applied for funding from MDOT in 2020 which we received approval for bridge work. Since that time, we had another inspection and they have found more issues. Mr. Kathrens said we need a super structure replacement of the bridge. Mr. Kathrens has contacted MDOT and completed the application for funding. A discussion took place about changing the weight limit on the bridge. As owners of the bridge, we can make whatever weight limit we want. Diana and Mindy proposed the idea of combining the clerk and treasurer into one position. Along with a part-time assistant position. After a discussion it was decided to contact our lawyer about the possibility of doing this.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

We need to have two special public meetings for the project's proposal c2ae are working on. There will be a special public meeting on April 26<sup>th</sup> and May 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the community center.

## **Planning Commission: Paul Sorah**

Met on March 15<sup>th</sup>. Next meeting on May 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm

## **Community Center:**

A new calendar has been added to the village website showing bookings. Call the village office 989-682-9227 to inquire about booking the center.

## **FIRE: Kelby Leiby**

Fire report was presented for March:	Fire Runs 0	2023 Total 0
	Medical Runs 3	2023 Total 19

There have been issues with one of the garage door openers. It has been looked at. There is a possible exhaust leak with the over head furnace. Our SCBA cylinders have been tested. New service agreements have been approved with Lebanon, Essex, and North Shade Townships. Kevin Schmidt has been promoted to Lieutenant. The department will receive training on electric vehicles. The base cost of the new rescue unit is \$46,385.00. This does not include a topper, lighting, and misc. equipment.

Motion made by Bill Schmidt to approve up to \$65,000 for new rescue vehicle including equipment. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul Sorah. Motion carried.

## **DPW: Mike Townsend**

Mike received an estimate for the water storage tank rehabilitation. Total cost \$128,855.00. Bill will check with Adam from c2ae to see if this can be added to the Grant Preparedness Plan. They have been doing some painting at the lift station.

## **PRESIDENT: Daryl Trefil**

Daryl contacted Simon Brothers about the status of the repairs on the backhoe. It is currently still down. Talked about all of the junk around town. Need to work with lawyers on ordinances and increase the fines. Fines rates should be separate and not part of the ordinance.

## **TREASURER: Mindy Thomas**

Reviewed the financials for March. The All-Area Meeting will be held in Muir on April 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. The return of the Maple Rapids Lamplighter Festival will be on September 23, 2023

## **CLERK: Diana Henry**

Diana was contacted by a potential buyer of a dwelling in town. It's currently a duplex, they would want to change it back to a single-family dwelling. Nothing has to be done on are end. If they did work that would require a permit from the county. They would need to meet with the village zoning commission.

## **AMBULANCE: Bill Schmidt**

The budget has been approved by all of the municipalities.

## **MISC:**

Sidewalk committee will meet and will take a look at what can be done this year.

Motion made by Bill Schmidt the Village Council of Maple Rapids move to meet in closed session Pursuant to Public Act 267 of 1976, Section 8 Sub-Section A of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268(a), to discuss personnel matters at 10:02 p.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Zackery Manning.

Roll Call

Yeas: Bill Schmidt, Amanda VanEtten, Zackery Manning, Heidi Holland, Mitch Leiby, Paul Sorah

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

Motion made by Bill Schmidt that the Village Council of Maple Rapids moves out of closed session at 10:33 p.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Zackery Manning.

Roll Call

Yeas: Bill Schmidt, Amanda VanEtten, Zackery Manning, Heidi Holland, Mitch Leiby, Paul Sorah

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

Motion made by Bill Schmidt effective Monday, April 10, 2023 if an employee is late for work the first time will get one day off, second time will get a week off, and the third time will get fired during a period of a month.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul Sorah. Motion carried.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Paul Sorah supported by Heidi Holland to adjourn.

Motion carried.

Adjourned at 10:47 p.m.

Submitted by: Diana Henry, Interim Village Clerk

Upcoming meetings: Regular Council meeting May 3, 2023 7:30 p.m.

Special Public Meeting CWSRF Projects April 26, 2023 6:30 p.m.

Zoning Commission May 17, 2023 6:30 p.m.

Special Public Meeting DWSRF Projects May 24, 2023 6:30 p.m.