

PROPOSED
Village of Maple Rapids
Regular Council Meeting
June 7, 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:
DPW: Mike Townsend
Fire Chief: Kelby Leiby

Motion made by Bill Schmidt to approve May 3, 2023 regular council meeting minutes as written.
2nd Zackery Manning. Motion carried.

COMMENTS & CONCERNS:

Linda Blemaster has the paint for the mural. Rich and Linda will be re-doing the “Welcome to” part as it was damaged. County Commissioner Dave Pohl said the taxable value for Clinton County increased by 5%. This will increase everyone’s tax bill. Property owner on Adelaide Street inquiring about a water line leak. Mike is aware of it. Council told Mike to get GA Hunt to make the repairs as our backhoe is not back yet.

OLD BUSINESS:

The street committee looked at the bridge. They provide photos for council. There are stress cracks on the concrete beams. They discussed about a weight restriction of 40 tons, which was a recommendation by Rich Kathrens from Spicer Group. Dave Pohl will make some calls. He is hoping he can help us find some funding. Rich will advise us on the steps needed to lower the weight limit.
Motion made by Bill Schmidt that the Village of Maple Rapids limit the weight on our bridge to meet the Engineer recommendations. 2nd by Mitch Leiby. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mindy presented different options for the 2023 Village Tax Rate.
Motion made by Bill Schmidt that the village set our 2023 tax rate at 12.4436 and Library at 0.7771.
2nd by Zackery Manning. Motion carried.
Council discussed the proposed land split that Assessor Beth Botke proposed.
Motion made by Bill Schmidt that we allow the land split between Parcel F and Parcel G as presented. 2nd by Paul Sorah. Motion carried.
We have some fire hydrants that are 2 – 2 ½ inch that are not setup for 5” connections.
Motion made by Bill Schmidt that we replace the older hydrants with 5” ones so all hydrants will be the same. 2nd by Paul Sorah. Motion tabled for now.
The owners of the new trailer at 447 S. Poplar would like to add a deck and ramp between the house and garage.

Motion made by Bill Schmidt that we approve the deck and ramp pending that it meets our zoning rules. 2nd Amanda VanEtten. Motion carried.

Planning Commission: Paul Sorah

There is an open position on the planning commission. They are working on getting this filled. Working on reviewing and rewriting the zoning book. The business at 233 W. Washington Street is fine to do what he is doing as a 727 home based business. Clerk will send him a copy of that section. The minimum lot size is being waived.

Motion made by Bill Schmidt that 727 home based business with minimum lot size being waived be approved at 233 W. Washington Street. 2nd by Zackery Manning. Motion carried.

Community Center: Mindy Thomas

Everything is going well.

Festival: Mindy Thomas

Mindy updated the council on the current plans.

FIRE: Kelby Leiby

Fire report was presented for May:	Fire Runs 3	2023 Total 6
	Medical Runs 6	2023 Total 30

New radios are in and being distributed to members. There are a couple of different grant opportunities available that Kelby is working on.

Motion made by Zackery Manning that the council approves Chief Leiby to apply for any grants he sees fit including the Michigan Fire Equipment Grant. 2nd by Bill Schmidt. Motion carried.

DPW: Mike Townsend

Discussed the lights at the tennis courts. There are a few street lights with issues. Mike will contact Consumers.

PRESIDENT: Daryl Trefil

Daryl is working with Rich Kathrens on the bridge issues. CMS no longer needs to use the building next to the DPW. They will be having the power disconnected. The headstones are in, Diana will get ahold of the organization that ordered them so the project can be completed.

TREASURER: Mindy Thomas

Reviewed May financials. The audit has been completed. Reviewed the MI Class investment.

CLERK: Diana Henry

Kelby's personal truck was backed into by one of our fire trucks while parked. The estimate for repairs to his truck is \$605.65. Diana asked council if they would like a claim turned into our insurance carrier or pay for the damage ourselves.

Motion made by Daryl Trefil that we pay \$605.65 for the loss. 2nd by Bill Schmidt. Motion carried. There have been some issues with Granger. Diana will contact our representative and ask them to attend our next meeting. Tabled the discussion on the Clerk/Treasurer position until next meeting.

AMBULANCE: Bill Schmidt

They did not have a quorum for last month meeting.

MISC:

The bid for sidewalk repair and replacements came in lower. The sidewalk committee has added some additional work. Next council meeting is on July 5th. There are enough members that can attend, so no need to change. Heidi had a neighbor ask her about some people out looking at the creek out in their area. They stated something about it was going to be cleaned out. If they have concerns or questions the best person for them to contact would be Phil Hanes the Clinton County Drain Commissioner.

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Paul Sorah supported by Zackery Manning to adjourn.

Motion carried.

Adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Submitted by: Diana Henry, Interim Village Clerk

Upcoming meetings: Regular Council Meeting July 5, 2023 7:30 p.m.