

PROPOSED
Village of Maple Rapids
Regular Council Meeting
July 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:

DPW: Mike Townsend

Fire Chief: Kelby Leiby

Motion made by Bill Schmidt to approve June 7, 2023 regular council meeting minutes as written.
2nd Zackery Manning. Motion carried.

COMMENTS & CONCERNS:

Village resident asked about where and what type of fencing can be used in the village. This is covered under zoning section 308. Bill Schmidt stated a fence can be put on the property line of adjoining property and across the back. The property owner needs to make sure they know where the property line is at. They also questioned trash and clutter in their neighbor's yard. Daryl stated he sends letters out but many times they are ignored. Property owner at 322 E. Main Street stated they had a survey of their property. Also asked if they need a permit to install a fence. A permit is not needed to install a fence in the village. Need to follow zoning ordinance 308. Village resident asked about grass clippings that are not in containers and are still being picked up by DPW. Grass clippings and yard waste (anything rake able) need to be placed in biodegradable bags or in a container that is easily emptied. This will be addressed later.

OLD BUSINESS

Meeting John Mann and Dick Williams on July 22, 2023 at 9:00 am to place the new headstones at the cemetery. We will provide the sand. They will bring the landscape bricks. Discussed the clerk position. It was decided to post again for the position. Daryl is meeting with Spicer about on the condition of the bridge.

Motion made by Zackery Manning that we lower the weight limit on the bridge to 40 tons.
2nd by Paul Sorah. Motion carried.

Diana spoke with Granger. Jami Anderson will be at our August meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

The bathrooms at the ballfields were vandalized.

Planning Commission: Paul Sorah

Next meeting will be on July 19, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the village hall.

Community Center: Mindy Thomas

Everything is going well. The parking lot needs to be looked at.

Festival: Mindy Thomas

Mindy updated the council on the current plans. Check out the village website for a complete list of activities.

FIRE: Kelby Leiby

Fire report was presented for June:	Fire Runs 6	2023 Total 12
	Medical Runs 10	2023 Total 40

Firefighter Tim Maier retired after twenty-nine years of service. Jon Welch completed FF 1 and 2. He is now a certified firefighter. The department has applied for a DNR grant. The contract with GESA has been renewed. Hired Josh Blake, and looking at another application for the FD.

DPW: Mike Townsend

The backhoe was picked up on Monday. It is running great but found a hole in the fuel tank. Mike has ordered a new one. The two water leaks have been repaired.

PRESIDENT: Daryl Trefil

Daryl asked Mike about mowing at the lagoons.

TREASURER: Mindy Thomas

Reviewed June financials. Mindy went over budget adjustments for the 2nd quarter.

Motion made by Paul Sorah to approve the 2nd quarter budget amendments as presented. 2nd by Amanda VanEtten. Motion carried.

CLERK: Diana Henry

Nothing to report.

AMBULANCE: Bill Schmidt

They are doing good. Looking at when to order the next ambulance since they take so long to get.

MISC:

The sidewalks replacements are going well. Randy Ryan returned the keys to the community center. Carol and Randy would like to thank the council for the use of the building.

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 9:05 p.m. 2nd 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 Paul Sorah that the Village Council of Maple Rapids moves out of closes session at 9:15 p.m. 2nd by Heidi Holland

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

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 9:34 p.m.

Submitted by: Diana Henry, Interim Village Clerk

Upcoming meetings: Regular Council Meeting August 2, 2023 7:30 p.m.

Zoning Commission July 19, 2023 6:30 p.m.