

PROPOSED  
Village of Maple Rapids  
Regular Council Meeting  
August 2, 2023

**CALLED TO ORDER:**

Pro-Tempore Bill Schmidt called meeting to order at 7:30 pm.  
The meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

**ROLL CALL:**

Council Present: Heidi Holland, Mitch Leiby, Paul Sorah  
Absent: Daryl Trefil, Amanda VanEtten, Zackery Manning  
DPW: Mike Townsend  
Fire Chief: Kelby Leiby

Motion made by Paul Sorah to approve July 5, 2023 regular council meeting minutes as written.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Mitch Leiby. Motion carried.

Motion made by Paul Sorah to approve July 5, 2023 closed session meeting minutes as written.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Mitch Leiby. Motion carried.

**COMMENTS & CONCERNS:**

Clinton County Commissioner David Pohl went over his report on current matters at the county. Village resident asked about what the easement was on their property. A discussion took place between the resident and council. A resident shared her concerns with a possible issue with the village and a fence being replaced by a resident.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Matt Holland from Gabridge & Company went over our 2022 audit. We received the highest level of assurance. The council and Jami Anderson from Granger had a discussion about the current service and other issues. On July 22<sup>nd</sup> a group from the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and volunteers from the village met at the cemetery and replaced three Civil War Veterans headstones.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Amanda, Bill and Paul have been looking over the ordinances. There are some that need to be vacated. They will continue to work on this and present a list of them at a future meeting. A possible way to deal with them would be by resolution. The resolution would state the specific ordinances would no longer be enforced.

**Planning Commission:** Paul Sorah

Next meeting will be on September 20, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the village hall.

**Community Center:** Mindy Thomas

Everything is going well.

**Festival:** Mindy Thomas

Mindy updated the council on the current plans. Next meeting is August 15, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the village hall.

**FIRE: Kelby Leiby**

Fire report was presented for July:	Fire Runs 5	2023 Total 17
	Medical Runs 8	2023 Total 48

The department has applied for the Michigan Fire Equipment Grant. Chief Leiby has hired Shawntae Wood. The new rescue truck has been delivered. It will be put into service once the EMS license is received. They are looking into doing a raffle as a fundraiser. Mindy will help Kelby with the paperwork. A resolution is required as part of the application.

Motion made by Paul Sorah that at the regular Maple Rapids Village Council meeting on August 2, 2023 that a resolution approving the Maple Rapids Fire Department to file an application for a raffle license. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Heidi Holland.

Roll call:

Yeas: Paul Sorah, Mitch Leiby, Heidi Holland

Nays: None

Absent: Amanda VanEtten, Zackery Manning

Resolution approved

Kelby would like to license another vehicle for EMS. The department needs four EMS bags with supplies for personnel.

Motion made by Paul Sorah that the department can spend up to \$4000.00 for licensing another vehicle for EMS and additional equipment. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hedi Holland. Motion carried.

**DPW: Mike Townsend**

Mike has prices on the hydrants. Depending on how they are done cost would be \$2860 to \$3260 per hydrant. Sidewalks are done.

**PRESIDENT: Daryl Trefil**

Absent

**TREASURER: Mindy Thomas**

Reviewed July financials. Mindy shared information regarding Act 51 funds that she has been talking with the State of Michigan about. Some of the funds have to be for non-motorized expenses to be in compliance. We could use expenses such as sidewalks every few years to be compliant. The council is good with the money for sidewalks coming out of streets. We want to make sure we stay in compliance with the State on Act 51 money.

**CLERK: Diana Henry**

The village received a check from an insurance company for the damage that was caused to our water line by a boring company. Clinton County Department of Waste Management would like to know if we want to continue with the recycling program for 2024. The cost is the same as 2023.

Motion made by Mitch Leiby that we continue the Rural Recycling for year 2024. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul Sorah. Motion carried.

Diana contacted our insurance agent checking on our renewal policy. She was told the company is behind on renewals. We have received a notice that the policy will be renewed with a new exclusion. It will be a total exclusion on Perfluorinated Compounds (PFC) and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS). The Village Clerk position has been posted.

**AMBULANCE:** Bill Schmidt

The staff is staying about the same. They are hoping for new ambulance by end of year.

**MISC:**

None

Motion made by Paul Sorah supported by Heidi Holland to pay bills.  
Motion carried.

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

Adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Submitted by: Diana Henry, Interim Village Clerk

Upcoming meetings: Regular Council Meeting September 6, 2023 7:30 p.m.  
Zoning Commission September 20, 2023 6:30 p.m.