

Village of Maple Rapids
Regular Council Meeting
August 3, 2022

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, Cody Fry, Mitch Leiby, Paul Sorah
Absent: Jerry Kissling
DPW: Mike Townsend
Fire Chief: Kelby Leiby

Motion made by Bill Schmidt to approve July 6, 2022 regular council meeting minutes as written.
2nd by Mitch Leiby. Motion carried.

COMMENTS & CONCERNS:

Rod Miller asked where do we stand on the deer issue. Bill did receive information back from our attorney on our weapon ordinance.

OLD BUSINESS:

Previous motion made at the July meeting: Motion by Bill Schmidt that we suspend the plot plan approval for 8688 W. Hyde Road until the issue is resolved. 2nd by Paul Sorah. Motion carried.

Motion made by Bill Schmidt to rescind the above motion from July 6 meeting. 2nd by Mitch Leiby.
Motion carried.

Clinton County did approve the building permit and there was no issue. Bill received a reply from our attorney regarding the Zoning Commission. Someone from council can be appointed to the Zoning Commission.

Daryl Trefil recommends the appointment of Paul Sorah to the Zoning Commission.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Bill Schmidt, Amanda VanEtten, Cody Fry, Mitch Leiby

Nays:

Absent: Jerry Kissling

Abstain: Paul Sorah

Motion carried.

Bill and Paul have met with C2AE. They went over a list of possible projects that grant money could be available for. There are different water and sewer projects that are being looked at.

Motion made by Bill Schmidt that we approve the C2AE Grant Preparedness Plan at a cost not to exceed \$22,600. 2nd by Paul Sorah. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Diana met with John Mann of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. His group has been in our cemetery and confirmed at least eight Civil War Veterans. One stone is broken and others are barely readable. They would like to get replacement stones for these veterans. They work with Veteran Affairs which funds the replacement stones. They are asking if we could get volunteers to help with

placing the new stones in the cemetery. We had several volunteers at the meeting willing to help with this project.

Motion made by Bill Schmidt to approve the Son of the Union Veterans of the Civil War group to order replacement stones and the village will be responsible for receiving and installing them. 2nd by Cody Fry. Motion carried.

Dan Matson is interested in purchasing a part of Louis Eyde's property by the river. He is asking for an easement using our service road off Garfield Street for access to the property.

Motion made by Bill Schmidt that we allow an easement on our service road off Garfield Street to Dan Matson to allow access to the property if he acquires the property. 2nd by Paul Sorah. Motion carried.

Planning Commission:

None

Community Center:

There are some items behind the dumpster that need to be taken care of.

FIRE: Kelby Leiby

Fire report was presented for July:	Fire Runs 05	2022 Total 27
	Medical Runs 12	2022 Total 62

The Village Tornado Siren has been updated. The department received an application from Tom Loudenbeck. He is Fire and EMS trained. Kelby has had an interview with him and recommends hiring him.

Motion made by Bill Schmidt to authorize Chief Leiby to hire Tom Loudenbeck for Fire and EMS. 2nd by Cody Fry. Motion carried.

Motion made by Bill Schmidt that we sell Old Engine 2 to the highest bidder. 2nd by Paul Sorah. Motion carried.

DPW: Mike Townsend

Mike received an estimate from H2O Towers to pressure wash the water tower for \$4000. It was done in 2013.

Motion made by Bill Schmidt that we authorize H2O Towers to pressure wash the water tower at a cost of \$4000. 2nd by Amanda VanEtten. Motion carried.

The annual flow test on the wells have been completed.

PRESIDENT: Daryl Trefil

The Tallman bridge should be completed in September as planned. There is a large stone on North Franklin that the county is concerned about. The dump truck bed is in rough shape. Daryl has gotten estimates to patch the bad areas and one too reline the bed. Council asked him to get a price for a new bed.

TREASURER: Mindy Thomas

Reviewed the financial reports. Mindy has been looking into options that would allow us to accept Credit/Debit Cards and ACH/E-Cks for utility bills and property tax payments. She has talked with a company called Govcard. They are partnered with Michigan Rural Water Association. The fees would be charged to the resident using this payment option. The initial setup cost to the village would be \$199.00.

Motion made by Cody Fry to approve the village to use Govcard AP Solution System for residents to pay village utility and tax bills. 2nd by Amanda VanEtten. Motion carried.

We received the new computer and it is all setup.

CLERK: Diana Henry

Working with MML on the Workers' Compensation Audit. Diana was contacted by Granger with concerns about some residents putting out too much trash along with too many large items. She was asked to contact the residents and remind them there is a six-bag limit along with one large item a week. She has contacted each homeowner.

AMBULANCE:

No meeting last month. The new ambulance is in. They are trying to work on a plan to offer medical insurance to their employees.

MISC:

Bill will be installing the new time clock. We have about five water meters left for replacement.

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

Motion made by Paul Sorah supported by Bill Schmidt to adjourn.
Motion Carried.

Adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

Submitted by:

Diana Henry
Village Clerk

Upcoming meeting: Regular council meeting Sept. 7, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.