

Village of Maple Rapids
Regular Council Meeting
December 7, 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, Mitch Leiby, Paul Sorah
Absent: Jerry Kissling
DPW: Mike Townsend
Fire Chief: Kelby Leiby

Motion made by Bill Schmidt to approve November 2, 2022 regular council meeting minutes as written. 2nd by Paul Sorah. Motion carried.

COMMENTS & CONCERNS:

Plot plan presented for 447 Poplar Street. Request to remove current mobile home and replace with a new manufactured home.

Motion made by Bill that we approve plot plan for 447 Poplar Street as presented. 2nd by Amanda VanEtten. Motion carried.

Village resident asked if we have a welcome letter that goes out to new residence. Yes, we do, it is done when we are notified about utility changes. Also had a concern about the light outside of the community center. Mike and a couple of councilmembers had looked at that before the meeting tonight. A couple of people that organized the Gravel Bike Races attended the meeting to share information about the group. They had 236 people participate in the race this year.

OLD BUSINESS:

Motion made by Bill Schmidt to accept the resignation of Jerry Kissling. 2nd by Paul Sorah. Motion carried.

Motion made by Bill Schmidt to accept the resignation of Diana Henry effective March 31, 2023. 2nd by Amanda VanEtten. Motion carried.

Personnel Committee along with Diana met and interviewed three applicants. They would like to recommend one of the applicants tonight.

Motion made by Bill Schmidt to offer the position to candidate A as the committee recommended. 2nd by Paul Sorah. Motion Carried.

Bill will contact that individual.

The Wage Committee met and have wage recommendations for 2023.

Motion made by Bill Schmidt that we approve the proposed wage recommendations for 2023 as presented. 2nd by Paul Sorah. Motion carried.

Motion made by Bill Schmidt that we increase the village contribution to the fire department by 50%. 2nd by Paul Sorah. Motion carried.

Bill had a zoom call with c2ae to go over the request for the Grant Preparedness Plan. The two applications have been combined into one.

NEW BUSINESS: None

Planning Commission: Paul Sorah

Next meeting will be held on January 3, 2023.

Community Center:

Tami Parks is resigning her position effective March 31, 2023. Tami takes care of all of the rentals for the hall. This includes the contracts, meeting with renters and checking hall before and after each time it is used.

FIRE: Kelby Leiby

Fire report was presented for November:

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| Fire Runs 4 | 2022 Total 34 |
| Medical Runs 12 | 2022 Total 101 |

The pump testing has been completed. Denny Lambert has retired from the department after twenty-eight years. New portable radios are at dispatch. DeWitt Area Fire may have some 5" hose available for sale. The trucks have been re-numbered. One member will be starting fire school in January. Kelby has been looking into pager options. Mindy and Kelby have been discussing paying fire fighters through the village system. It would be paid in November each year. The same as it is now and continue to come out of the fire fund. The only thing changing is it will be handle using the village payroll system.

Motion made by Bill Schmidt that we change to where the fire fighters will be paid through the village system annually. 2nd by Paul Sorah. Motion carried.

Motion made by Bill Schmidt that Chief Leiby makes the necessary deal for twenty-two pagers for the department. 2nd by Amanda VanEtten. Motion carried.

DPW: Mike Townsend

Mike met with Ferrall's and presented the cost of removing trees, trimming, and stump removals. Total cost as presented was \$6040.00

Motion made by Bill Schmidt that we approve \$6040.00 for tree removal, stump removal and trimming. 2nd by Paul Sorah. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT: Daryl Trefil

Daryl had some questions regarding the Grant Preparedness Plan. He thinks it would be a good idea to have c2ae attend the next meeting.

TREASURER: Mindy Thomas

Reviewed the financials for November.

Motion made by Bill Schmidt to approve the November 2022 budget amendments. 2nd by Paul Sorah. Motion carried.

The proposed 2023 budget was presented.

Motion made by Bill Schmidt to approve the 2023 proposed budget as presented. 2nd by Amanda VanEtten. Motion carried.

CLERK: Diana Henry

The total outside water sales as of today is 2,287,900 gallons.

AMBULANCE:

No meeting. Working on budget.

MISC:

There are two open seats for council. A member from the Hope Bible Baptist Church thanked the council and presented each member with a fruit basket.

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 9:24 p.m.

Submitted by: Diana Henry, Village Clerk

Upcoming meeting: Regular council meeting January 4, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.