



Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
July 16, 2019, 7:00 PM
Held at Maple Lake Township Hall

The regular meeting of the Maple Lake Township Board was called to order by Chairman Tom Neumann at 7:00 PM.

Supervisors Ron Wolff and Greg Gindele, Treasurer Judy Neumann, Clerk Orin Manuel were present.

The minutes from the June 16, 2019 regular board meeting was read by Chairman Neumann, there were no additions or corrections to the minutes, as read, a motion was offered by Wolff and seconded by Gindele to accept the minutes. Motion carried 3-0.

The residents of 4017 Donnelly Drive NW were seeking assurance of the use of the lake shore near their property. The Board advised the current residents that the lake shore falls within the Township right of way. The Board acknowledged that the residents could petition to use the property, and that the use of the right of way cannot impair the Township's ability to maintain the roadway. No additional action was needed by the Board.

Chairman Neumann provided feedback to the Board to regarding the change to the intersection of Gowen Ave NW and 85th Street NW/County Road 106 NW. The County will eliminate the current two access points from Gowen Ave NW on to 85th Street NW and replace it with one access centered between existing access points to form a 'Y' intersection. Chairman Neumann noted the County would bear the cost to modify the intersection because it falls within the County's right of way and that the project is scheduled to be completed before year end. No additional action was needed by the Board.

Shawn Stumpf, 5959 Devitt Avenue NW, requested the Township place additional no parking signs along Devitt Avenue NW and Desoto Ave NW. A motion was offered by Wolff and seconded by Neumann to order and install two 'no parking' signs. Motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Neumann requested the Board discuss the levy for the upcoming year. The current budget is approximately \$460,000. The Board noted that a 1% increase in the levy by \$4,600 and a 2% increase in the levy by \$9,200. Additional discussion was deferred until the August 20, 2019 meeting.

Supervisor Gindele discussed the need to hire a contract grader to help the maintenance department get caught-up on road and general maintenance. A motion was offered by Gindele and seconded by Wolff, to solicit and hire a contract grader at maximum of 40 hours. Motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Neumann discussed the possibility of obtaining a grant from the State of Minnesota to improve Ferman Avenue NW from County Road 8 NW to County Road 37 NW. A motion was offered by Neumann and seconded by Wolff, to begin the grant application process for Ferman Avenue NW.

Resident Ron Wolff, 6344 Crofoot Avenue NW, would like to vacate the portion of Crofoot Avenue NW right of way lying east of a line commencing at the southwest corner of lot 13 and terminating at the northwest corner of lot 11, all in Block 3, Plat of Sherwood forest. Mr. Wolff presented the Board with a petition to vacate, with the required number of signatures. The Board ordered a Resolution Setting Public Hearing for Vacation of Road directing the Clerk to post a Notice of Public Hearing for July 30, 2019 at 7:00 PM at Maple Lake Township Hall at least 10 days prior to the meeting date. The Board also directs the petitioner (Mr. Wolff) to cause service of the resolution upon landowners adjacent to the portion of the road to be vacated. The Resolution passed with Neumann and Gindele in favor of the Resolution. Wolff abstained.



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The Board continued discussion about the hiring of an additional/replacement maintenance person for the Township. Discussion was offered regarding the content and posting of the open position. The Board offered that the open position description should be modeled after an ad placed by Chatham Township. A motion was offered by Wolff to authorize the publication of notice for employment be placed in local newspapers and to be placed on the Township's website. No second was offered because Neumann and Gindele would like to review the notice before publishing. An amended motion was offered by Wolff, seconded by Neumann to authorize the publication of notice for employment be placed in local newspapers and to be placed on the Township's website, pending electronic review of the notice prior to publication. Motion carried 3-0.

The Board continued discussion regarding the stockpiling of gravel as the Township's current stockpile was being depleted. A motion was offered by Neumann, seconded by Wolff to screen and stockpile 15,000 yards of gravel from the gravel pit in Buffalo. Motion carried 3-0.

To continue discussions regarding general road maintenance, conflict of interest forms for general maintenance by Board members and discussing maintenance employees, a motion was offered by Neumann, seconded by Wolff to authorize the Clerk to post notice of a Special Meeting for July 30, 2019 at 7:00 PM at Maple Lake Township Hall to discuss general road maintenance, conflict of interest forms for general maintenance by Board members and discussing maintenance employees. Motion carried 3-0

Claims 873 to 890 and regular payroll claims were presented to the Board for approval and payment. A motion was offered by Neumann and seconded by Wolff to approve and pay the claims as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

As no additional business was brought before the Board, motion was offered by Chairman Neumann and seconded by Wolff to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 PM. Motion carried 3-0.

Attest,

/s/ Orin M. Manuel
Orin M. Manuel
Clerk, Maple Lake Township

/s/ Thomas Neumann
Thomas Neumann
Board Chairman, Maple Lake Township