



Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting  
August 20, 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 July 16, 2019 regular board meeting was read by Chairman Neumann, the minutes, as read, were corrected by Supervisor Neumann, a motion was offered by Wolff and seconded by Gindele to accept the corrected minutes. Motion carried 3-0.

The minutes from the July 30, 2019 special board meeting was read by Chairman Neumann, there were no additions or corrections to the minutes, as read. A motion was offered by Gindele and seconded by Wolff to accept the minutes as read. Motion carried 3-0.

Rick Weber, 3022 Gowan Avenue NW, Maple Lake, was present to discuss obtaining a lot line adjustment to purchase an acre of land to retain access to the lake owned by a neighbor. A motion was made by Gindele and seconded by Neumann to provide their support for the purchase of the acre and recommended the matter to Wright County.

The Board continued discussion about obtaining reimbursement for additional maintenance required as a result of traffic re-directed as a result of the Highway 55 Project. Supervisor Gindele will work with the Maintenance Supervisor to complete the reimbursement form from the State of Minnesota.

The Township received a letter from Vaughn Veit regarding replacing hard curve signs along his property on Baker Avenue NW. A motion was offered by Gindele directing the Township's maintenance staff to install the requested signs within 10 days and directed the Township Clerk to draft a letter in response to Mr. Veit's letter, seconded by Neumann. Motion carried 3-0.

Discussion regarding tax forfeited non-conservation land, identified by Wright County as Parcels 210129000021, 210129000022 and 210129000020. The Board heard comment from the president of the Sherwood Forest Association stating that the Association would like the Township to assume the property to maintain the lake access. The Board determined that it would be in the best interest of the public to convey these parcels to the Township. Discussion regarding tax forfeited non-conservation land, identified by Wright County as Parcel 210100352200 on Bishop Avenue. It was noted that most of this parcel is in the Township's right-of-way. The Board determined that it would be in the best interest of the public to convey this parcel to the Township. A motion was offered by Wolff and seconded by Gindele for adoption of Resolution 2019-08-1, Resolution Approving Conveyance to Township for Public Use (a full copy of the resolution is on file with the Township Clerk). The resolution passed with Neumann, Wolff and Gindele in favor of the resolution; no votes opposing the resolution.



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Heard from Dan Pribyl about changing the route of a township roadway on his property. Mr. Pribyl was looking to get approval from the Township Board to the County Board of Adjustment. A motion was made by Neumann to accept the plan for the road as presented by Pribyl, seconded by Gindele. Motion approved 3-0.

The meeting was opened to the gallery for public comment on the levy for the upcoming year. After some discussion about the decrease in the Township's portion of property taxes, gallery members said they would be in favor of a 5% increase over the current year's levy. The Board discussed the various issues with the roadways that would require additional levy to repair the roadway. A motion was made by Gindele to set the levy for the upcoming tax year to increase 10% over the prior year's levy, seconded by Wolff. Motion approved 3-0.

A motion was made by Gindele to amend Township procedure so that all mail be delivered to the Township Clerk, unopened, seconded by Wolff. Motion approved 3-0.

The Board conducted an interview of Brett Goelz for the full-time maintenance position. After the interview, a motion was made by Gindele, seconded by Neumann to make an offer to Mr. Goelz for the full-time maintenance position.

Claims 891-913 and the regular payroll claims were presented to the Board for approval and payment. Discussion was had about the cost of the ad for employment. After some discussion about the cost of other ads, 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 Wolff and seconded by Gindele to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 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