



Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting  
January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020, 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.

Supervisor Greg Gindele, Supervisor Ron Wolff, Treasurer Judy Neumann, and Clerk Esther Doran were present.

The minutes from the December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 regular board meeting were read by Chairman Neumann. A motion was made by Wolff, seconded by Gindele to accept the minutes, as read. Motion carried 3 to 0.

The minutes from the December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019 special board meeting were read by Chairman Neumann. A motion was made by Gindele, seconded by Wolff to accept the minutes, as read. Motion carried 3 to 0.

Checks 3225-3258 were presented to the Board for approval and payment. A motion was offered by Gindele and seconded by Neumann to approve and pay the checks as presented. Motion carried 3 to 0.

There was discussion about switching payroll and PERA to semi-monthly instead of monthly and the board found it in the best interest of the employees and township to switch to semi-monthly payroll. A motion was made by Gindele and seconded by Wolff to approve the semi-monthly payroll. Motion carried 3-0.

There was a motion made by Wolff and seconded by Gindele to have the Township Clerk be the main contact for the Cokato Drug testing for the maintenance employees. Motion carried 3-0.

Supervisor Neumann brought to the board to have a different phone line for the Clerk and the maintenance office. There was discussion about what would be the best for the Township and different options were discussed. Gindele discussed that he was in contact with a person to have an IT person come out to the Township and see what our options were to have payroll be done on a computer instead of paper. Supervisor Gindele and Wolff both agree to do whatever is cheaper. The board thought it best to table this till the next meeting until they had more information about this. A motion to table it until the next meeting was made by Wolff and seconded by Neumann. Motion carried 3-0.

Discussed the need to change all the locks at the townhall for security purposes.

To take old records to the Historical society and have them keep and store them for us. There was some concern as to how easy it would be to find the townships records if they were taken to the Historical society. Different options were discussed. The board decided to table this till the next meeting until more ideas could be brought before the board.



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Compensation for Nancy Betzler was discussed. Nancy Betzler is the Clerk for Silver Creek Township. She has been helping the new Clerk with all the reports and end of the year reports to make sure they get done right and on time. It was decided by the board that she shall receive \$20 an hour for when she is here training the new Clerk. A motion was made by Wolff to pay \$20 an hour to Nancy Betzler for a consultant fee it was seconded by Gindele. Motion carried 3-0.

Cushing Ave tree removal bids were discussed. There were two bids for the board to consider. The board chose to go with who could come and cut down the trees earlier so that it doesn't damage the grader. There was a motion by Gindele to go with Wurm Hauling, seconded by Wolff. Motion carried 3-0.

Troy Becker a resident of the township lives on the end of Fiedler Ave brought a complaint before the board because people who come to the end of the road and turn around on his land. Which results in Mr. Becker's ditch and land being damaged. Mr. Becker was thinking it's in the best interest to have the Township put a cul-de-sac at the end of the road. Troy Becker was willing to give some land to the Township to make a cul-de-sac. This will be further discussed at a later meeting.

Troy Becker discussed getting a no outlet sign put in at the beginning of Fiedler Ave, so people know it's not a through road. The board agreed to order a sign and put the sign up on Fiedler Ave.

The board discussed the December notice that was put in the paper a day late. Neumann talked to the attorney Mike Couri and inquired about what the township has to do about the late notice and the Buss lawsuit. Neumann expressed concern about Mike Couri as he has not been getting the work done earlier.

The Tax Levy for 2021 was discussed. The board discussed the expenses this year and how to explain everything for the Annual Meeting. Granite was used on some of the township roads and comments were made by township residents about how nice the granite chips were for the roads.

Discussed reimbursing Brett Goelz for use of his personal phone for work and finding health insurance coverage. There was a motion by Gindele to pay \$50 to Mr. Goelz for using his personal phone for work, it was seconded by Wolff. Motion carried 3-0.

There was a motion by Wolff to transfer \$15,000 from the General fund to the Road and Bridge Fund seconded by Neumann. Motion carried 3-0.

As no additional business was brought before the Board, motion was offered by Neumann and seconded by Gindele to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 PM. Motion carried 3 to 0.

Approved



# MAPLE LAKE TOWNSHIP

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Attest,

/s/  
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Esther Doran  
Clerk, Maple Lake Township

/s/  
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Thomas Neumann  
Board Chairman, Maple Lake Township