



Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
February 18th, 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 January 21st, 2020 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 February 13th, 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.

Dan Custer our maintenance employee slipped on ice right at the Town Hall and was taken to the hospital.

John Pederson came before the board and presented where he wants to put a new driveway on Baker Ave. There was some discussion about where it will be put and how big and long the new driveway will be. There was a motion by Neumann and seconded by Wolff to approve John Pederson's new driveway. Motion carried 3-0.

Brett Goelz has resigned, and we will need to start looking for a new maintenance employee. Brett Goelz brought before the board the remainder of the insurance money and PTO that the Township has to pay him. There was a motion made by Wolff and seconded by Gindele to approve the payment of \$10,000 to Brett Goelz. Motion Carried 3-0.

Minnesota Benefit and Life Insurance Plan was presented before the board to see whether to pay it this year. There was a motion made by Wolff and seconded by Neumann to pay Minnesota Benefit and Life insurance. Motion Carried 3-0.

Minnesota Surplus Store paperwork was presented to the board to add names to the list in order to buy supplies for the Township.

The Wellhead Protection Program letter was presented to the board and they looked and read it. No discussion was had on this.

Bids for gravel and calcium chloride were discussed and what to change before we publish it in the newspaper. The board agreed to add five belly dump trucks to the gravel bid as it makes it easier to apply on the roads. The calcium chloride bid was discussed and to just do one application of the dust control this year. There was a motion made by Wolff and seconded by Gindele to do dust control only for the



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first part of the year. Using only half of the volume of liquid chloride. It was decided to apply the dust coating once instead of twice like in previous years. Motion carried 3-0.

The board discussed about getting a new computer for the clerk and giving maintenance the clerk's old computer and about backing up the computer's here more regularly. Gindele had an IT guy come in and discuss about what would be the best to do for the township. There was a motion made by Wolff and seconded by Gindele to have the IT guy order us a new computer and have him come in and install it. Motion carried 3-0.

There was an estimate that was presented to the board to change and replace the outside lights at the township hall. The board all agreed to have the lights done to have better lighting at the hall. There was discussion about if the township should get security cameras and it was decided that at this time it is not needed.

There was a motion by Wolff and seconded by Neumann to transfer in CTAS \$75,000 from the General Fund to the Road and Bridge Fund. Motion Carried 3-0.

The board has become aware of rocks that a resident has been placing in the right-of-way. The board wants to make sure that he doesn't put too many rocks in the right-of-way. The rocks are a hazard for the snowplow because it could damage the plow. The board wanted the clerk to send a letter to the resident asking them to come to the March 17th meeting.

Russell's emailed an estimate to get master locks, but the board had concerns as to the cost. The board asked that the clerk contact Russell's and get a better break down of the estimate. As the board did not have enough info there was no decision made, until they have more information.

The 2021 Tax Levy was discussed, and the budget was discussed. The Board talked about what they want to do for next year and seeing how much money will be needed for the roads and other expenses. There was a decision made to have a special meeting to discuss the tax levy further and a new maintenance employee. There was discussion about what to get for insurance for the employees at the township and what would be the best thing to do.

There was discussion about where to post a notice for a new maintenance employee. The board agreed to have the notice posted in the Messenger and the Drummer for one week and to add it to the website. The board decided that Gindele will call the guys and tell them when to go out and plow snow until a new maintenance person is hired.

Checks 3259-3291 were presented to the Board for approval and payment. A motion was offered by Wolff and seconded by Gindele to approve and pay the checks as presented. Motion carried 3 to 0.



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As no additional business was brought before the Board, motion was offered by Neumann and seconded by Wolff to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 PM. Motion carried 3 to 0.

Attest,

/s/

Esther Doran
Clerk, Maple Lake Township

/s/

Thomas Neumann
Board Chairman, Maple Lake Township