



Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting  
April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 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, Treasurer Judy Neumann, and Clerk Esther Doran were present, with Supervisor Tom Hackenmueller attending the meeting online.

The minutes from the March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 regular board meeting were read by Chairman Neumann. A motion was made by Gindele, seconded by Hackenmueller to accept the minutes with the correction to change magnesium chloride to Dust Control. Motion carried.

Checks 3756-3794 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 3-0.

The Buffalo Fire Department came to renew our fire contract with them. The contract is the same at past contracts other than they added that this agreement will only expire if either the Buffalo Fire Department or Maple Lake Township wants to terminate the contract. The Supervisor's all agreed with the contract with the Buffalo Fire Department.

The Township received two bids for Desoto and Devitt Avenue to repair a culvert and reshape the ditch. There was a motion made by Neumann, seconded by Hackenmueller to accept Mares Excavating bid for \$2,450 to complete the project. Motion carried 3-0.

Greg Thomas came representing the Maple Lake Association to talk about a small parcel of land that the township owns off of Elder and 57<sup>th</sup>. Wondering if they have permission to clean that property up a little bit. On that piece of property there are ruts that have been made by 4-wheelers and other vehicles. The supervisor's decided that they can clean it up and the maintenance department would be able to come down and help with fixing it up. They also discussed possibly putting a gate up on that property but the board would have to discuss this with our attorney first to see if we can do that.

There was a motion made by Gindele, seconded by Hackenmueller to approve Bjorklund's gravel hauling bid to make sure that it was properly stated in the minutes. Motion carried 3-0.

There was a motion made by Neumann, seconded by Gindele to approve the agreement papers for 73<sup>rd</sup> and 85<sup>th</sup> Street grant. Motion carried 3-0.

45<sup>th</sup> Street was discussed because of deep ruts that were made by someone. A Wright County Sheriff contacted the township regarding the person who did the damage wondering what we wanted to have done. The Supervisor's decided that instead of having that person do work for the township they would



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rather have them pay a fine. There was a motion made by Hackenmueller, seconded by Gindele to charge \$100 as a restitution fee to repair the road. Motion carried 3-0.

There was discussion regarding Spruce and 65<sup>th</sup> Street as there might be a housing development going in. The supervisors agree that if this happens, the owners of that development should have to tar Spruce and 65<sup>th</sup> Street.

A sales representative came with bids on a new plow truck for the township. The board discussed that if they need a new truck soon, they will have to buy one now, as it will take months to be built. There was a motion made by Gindele, seconded by Hackenmueller to buy the chassis with the intention to get the other attachments added on from Towmaster for \$121,644.00. Motion carried 3-0.

The maintenance department requested a new tool box for the shop. The board said they can purchase a new one as long as they don't spend a lot of money.

There was discussion about how much money the Supervisor's should get paid when they do work for the township. There was a motion made by Neumann, seconded by Gindele to pay \$20 an hour to Tom Hackenmueller for work performed for the township. There was a motion made by Gindele, seconded by Hackenmueller to pay \$20 an hour to Tom Neumann for work performed for the township. There was a motion made by Neumann, seconded by Hackenmueller to pay \$20 an hour to Greg Gindele for work performed for the township.

On Emerson there is a homeowner that wants to widen the road to move a building over the railroad tracks. To do this he would have to widen the township road and fill dirt in the railroad tracks. The board agreed that he will have to talk with the railroad company to see if he can do that. If he does get approval from the railroad the township would want to have the permission in writing.

Ron Wolff discussed tree's that were cut down but were not cleaned up. He asked if the maintenance department can go out to Sherwood Forest and clean the trees up. The board agreed to have them go and clean the tree branches up. Mr. Wolff also brought up that the maintenance department needs to be grading further on that road, to go into Sherwood Forest by the big oak tree that is there and turn around. The maintenance department said they will now grade Crofoot to the oak tree.

Mike Malherek came to the meeting to discuss possibly purchasing a piece of land that the township owns by the old water treatment plant off of CR 8. The board said they would have to discuss this with the township attorney to see if we can sell that parcel of land.



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Jen Rasset asked the board if we knew anything regarding the American Broad Band Rescue plan. She was also wondering if we would be interested in partnering with the county to improve internet here in Maple Lake township. The board gave her permission to continue to look into this for the township.

There was a motion made by Gindele and seconded by Hackenmueller to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 PM. Motion carried 3-0.

Attest,

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Esther Doran  
Clerk, Maple Lake Township

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