



Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
July 18th, 2023 6:00 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 6:00 PM.

Supervisor John Pederson, Supervisor Tom Hackenmueller, Clerk Esther Wenzel, and Treasurer Judy Neumann were present.

The minutes from the June 20th, 2023 regular board minutes were read by Chairman Neumann. A motion was made by Hackenmueller, seconded by Pederson to accept the minutes as read. Motion carried 3-0.

Checks 4648-4676 were presented to the Board for approval and payment. A motion was offered by Pederson, seconded by Hackenmueller to approve, and pay the checks as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

Bruce Karvonen – (PID 210-000-151100 & 104300) came requesting two things; one a variance to have his existing shed closer to a property line and the other one for a non-commercial contractor's yard. There was a motion made by Pederson, seconded by Neumann to table Bruce Karvonen's variance until next month, to see if Bruce can obtain a letter from the railroad company stating that they are fine with the shed being close to the property line. Motion carried 3-0.

There was a motion made by Pederson, seconded by Hackenmueller to approve the non-commercial contractor's yard, based on the information that was presented. Motion carried 3-0.

Skies Limited LLC – (Ames Ave) There was a motion to accept the subdivision and add that when new driveways are made that the first 30 feet of the driveway should be level with the road. The new property owners will have to apply for a driveway permit from the township before any driveways are made. Motion carried 3-0.

On 60th Street there is a property owner who placed a rock in the right-of-way and the board will be asking them to move the rock 6 feet back, then it will no longer be in the right of way.

On Bishop Ave, at the dead end, that portion of the road has not been maintained by the township in over 25 years. The board asked Mike Couri, the township attorney, if they need to start maintaining that again. Mike Couri said that since that portion of the road has not been maintained in over 25 years, the township cannot maintain it anymore. The township cannot do anything on that section of Bishop Ave as it is an abandoned portion of the road.

Desoto Ave- One of the property owners on Desoto asked that the township use conbit and that he will maintain it. The attorney said that since it is a township road there would be some liability that the township would have, if they let this person maintain the township road. The township maintenance



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department must be the ones laying the material down on the road, no one else. The property owner can pay for the material.

Mike Couri then starting discussing Donnelly Dr improvement options. The board would assess the total cost back to all the property owners who live on Donnelly Dr. The tar in Donnelly has lasted a long time and hopefully it will last just as long if the road gets re-done. Home owners were wondering if a traffic counter could be put down to see how many cars drive on that road. The board said they will look into getting a traffic counter. The township will also look into replacing all of the culverts that run under the road on Donnelly Dr and possibly paying for the cost of the new culverts. After further discussion was had, the attorney asked for a count to be made for the two options for Donnelly Dr, the first one was to re-do the asphalt on Donnelly by raising their hands if they want this option. 35+ property owners raised their hand in favor of re-doing the asphalt on the road. The second option was to go back to a gravel road, no one raised their hand for that option. The next step is to obtain a feasibility study from the township engineer.

There was a motion made by Pederson and seconded by Hackenmueller to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 PM. Motion carried 3-0.

Attest,

Esther Wenzel
Clerk, Maple Lake Township

Thomas Neumann
Board Chairman, Maple Lake Township