



Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
July 21st, 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 Tom Hackenmueller, Treasurer Judy Neumann, and Clerk Esther Doran were present.

The minutes from the June 16th, 2020 regular board meeting and the minutes from the July 7th, 2020 special meeting minutes were read by Chairman Neumann. A motion was made by Gindele, seconded by Hackenmueller to accept the minutes, as read. Motion carried.

The Checks 3397-3430 were presented to the Board for approval and payment. A motion was offered by Gindele and seconded by Hackenmueller to approve and pay the checks as presented.

Melanie Herrington came before the board to discuss an addition that they want to add on to their house. They are over the 25% limit that is suggested by Wright County. They will be removing some concrete sidewalk to reduce the overall coverage. There was a motion made by Gindele, seconded by Neumann that due to the change in the coverage being reduced if it stays under the 25% maximum coverage the board approves the variance.

Dan & Cheryl Jones came before the board with a request for a new driveway. The driveway that is proposed is too narrow and curvy, they are asking to extend the entrance from 16ft to 23 ft. The board asked about drainage issues and they said that drainage won't be an issue with making the driveway bigger. The board gave approval for the home owners to make the driveway bigger.

William Couette came before the board regarding Donnelly Dr. to see what can be done or if they can make Donnelly a closed road. Couette had some thoughts that if it's a closed road there would be benefits for the people living on that road and the township. He is concerned with how much traffic is on that road. Some people in the audience had concerns about access to Donnelly if they close that road. The board discussed that it is hard to get a road closed, therefore the board suggested that it would be easier to try and get a slower speed limit put on that road.

Mike Reich addressed the board in regards to seal coating a small section on 53rd right next to the cemetery along highway 55. He presented the bid to the board to see if they had any interest in getting that done. The board wants to make sure that that road is even a township road before they make a decision.

The Supervisor's wants the clerk to apply for two reimbursements and refunds related to COVID expenses.



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Gravel hauling and crushing were discussed, 15,000 yards of gravel were paid for but the township was shorted a couple hundred yards. The supervisors got that straighten out with the gavel crushing company. Dust Control was discussed the board will be looking into what roads need dust control yet this year.

Tom Scheelk's neighbor is putting his fence and propane tank on his neighbor's land. Scheelk has asked him to move his stuff over to his own property. There was a motion made by Gindele and seconded by Hackenmueller to send a letter to remove fencing and all other property off of the two neighbor's land. The letter will be mailed out once the township receives a survey.

William Ebnet came before the board to discussion an issue with the edge of the road into the ditch, it sank down over time. He requested that the township fill that in with dirt. The Supervisor's had a chance to go look at this issue from the last meeting and they decided that they will fill it in with some dirt.

Norman Varner brought road issues up before the board. He asked if a water truck could be bought to help with the roads. The board said they have discussed the possibility of buying a water truck and are still considering buying one or maybe borrowing one from another township.

A complaint was brought to the attention of Tom Hackenmueller regarding junk on 3853 62nd St. There was a motion made by Hackenmueller, seconded by Neumann to send a letter to the resident that has an excess amount of junk sitting on the property.

The Supervisor's interviewed several people for the full-time maintenance position. After the interviews were completed the board discussed the applicants. The board decided that because they didn't have enough grader experience, they decided not to offer the job to those applicants.

A list of election judges names were presented to the board. There was a motion made by Hackenmueller and seconded by Gindele to approve the election judges as presented.

As no additional business was brought before the board, a motion was offered by Neumann and seconded by Hackenmueller to adjourn the meeting at 10:09 PM. Motion carried.

Attest,

/s/
Esther Doran
Clerk, Maple Lake Township

/s/
Thomas Neumann
Board Chairman, Maple Lake Township