



Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
November 19, 2019, 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, Clerk Orin Manuel were present. Supervisor Ron Wolff was absent.

The minutes from the October 15, 2019 regular board meeting were read by Chairman Neumann. A motion was made by Gindele, seconded by Neumann to accept the minutes, as read. Motion carried 2 to 0.

The minutes from the November 7, 2019 special board meeting were read by Chairman Neumann. A motion was made by Gindele, seconded by Neumann to accept the minutes, as read. Motion carried 2 to 0.

The Board continued its discussion from the October 15, 2019 meeting regarding the maintenance of Culver Avenue NW. The Township ceased maintenance of the road approximately 20 years ago and the Township Board needs to determine whether Culver Avenue NW is a Township Road. A motion was made by Neumann, seconded by Gindele to table the discussion and any further action until the Township has consulted with its attorney. Motion carried 2 to 0.

Heard an update from Supervisor Neumann that the DNR grant for improvement of Ferman Avenue has been accepted by the DNR. Supervisor Neumann noted the Township will receive information in April 2020 if the Ferman Avenue project is selected by the DNR. No action was taken by the Board.

Heard an updated from Supervisor Neumann that ditch work was started on Elder Avenue NW, but the Township maintenance staff was not able to complete the project due to the falling temperatures. The project will resume in the spring when the ground thaws. No action was taken by the Board.

A motion was made by Neumann, seconded by Gindele to direct the Clerk to post a notice of special meeting on November 26, 2019 at 6:00 PM to discuss a claim for back overtime pay made by the Township's maintenance employee and to discuss the maintenance of Culver Avenue NW. Motion carried 2-0.

Heard an update from Supervisor Neumann regarding Supervisor Wolff's verbal resignation. The Board noted that if Mr. Wolff wishes to return to the Board, he can. No action was taken by the Board.



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Discussion was had by the Board regarding the appointment of one of the Township Supervisors to approve overtime, monitor road maintenance and other items that need to be approved for proper Township road maintenance. Motion was made by Neumann, seconded by Gindele to appoint Gindele as the Maintenance Supervisor. Motion carried 2 to 0.

The Board discussed replacement of emergency contacts for the security alarm monitoring and the Sheriff's Department. After short discussion, a motion was made by Neumann, seconded by Gindele to appoint Supervisor Neumann as the new emergency contact. Motion carried 2 to 0.

The Township's new grader arrived Monday, November 18, 2019. The maintenance staff noticed two items were missing from the grader, a belt to help push the snow and a rear hydraulic lift slide. A motion was made by Gindele and seconded by Neumann to order the two additional parts for a pre-tax cost of approximately \$1,800.

Discussion regarding the hiring of a part-time clerk was had by the Board. A motion was made by Gindele, seconded by Neumann to table further discussion of a part-time clerk position until the December regular meeting. Motion carried 2 to 0.

Claims 964-989 and regular payroll claims were presented to the Board for approval and payment. A motion was offered by Neumann and seconded by Gindele to approve and pay the claims as presented. Motion carried 2 to 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 2 to 0.

Attest,

/s/ Orin M. Manuel
Orin M. Manuel
Clerk, Maple Lake Township

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