



Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
March 17th, 2020, 6:30 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 February 18th, 2020 regular board meeting were read by Chairman Neumann. There was a correction by Gindele to add “to use half the volume of liquid calcium chloride once to cut the cost.” A motion was made by Gindele, seconded by Neumann to accept the minutes, with the correction. Motion carried 3 to 0.

The minutes from the February 28th, 2020 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.

The minutes from the March 5th, 2020 special 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.

Maple Lake Township’s attorney Mike Couri was present at the meeting. Thomas Hackenmueller owns land in Maple Lake Township and Silver Creek Township, the attorney addressed that under Minnesota law he is a resident of Maple Lake Township and can be a supervisor here.

The clerk gave Thomas Hackenmueller the certificate of election and Hackenmueller was then sworn in and is now a supervisor for Maple Lake Township.

Brent and Bobbi Kramer were present at the meeting and brought a concern to the board because the previous maintenance employee dug up the front of their driveway. The property owner’s driveway is in the right of way. Mike Couri said that that unfortunately that the driveway is in the right of way and the township does not have to pay to have their driveway redone. The board expressed that they were sorry that it happened but that they are not legally responsible.

The board asked the attorney Mike Couri about what to do with the rocks that a resident has been placing in the right-of-way and are a potential hazard for people driving and for the township’s maintenance employees. There was discussion about what would be the best to do with this situation and how many rocks should be removed. There was a motion by Neumann to make the rocks a foot and a half lower than the road and it was seconded by Gindele. Mike Couri made a suggestion to have our maintenance employee meet with the property owner to make sure that enough of the rocks are being taken out so that they aren’t a hazard anymore. There was a motion made by Neumann and seconded by Gindele to have a letter sent to the property owner and have the letter state that if the owner doesn’t

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get in contact with the township and remove the rocks within 10 days the township will have them removed and the owner will then be billed for the cost. Motion carried 3-0.

The Buss' want to have their land property re-assessed, as it wasn't done properly years ago. The township has a problem with their quiet title action because they are asking for some of the township's right-of-way. The township plows snow and it goes onto their land but it's actually in the right-of-way. The township has right-of-way because the township has been throwing snow on their land for years so the township has right to throw snow onto the Buss' property. Mike Couri made suggestions about making an agreement with the Buss' attorney to ask for 3 ½ feet of right-of-way and 2 feet of snow storage. There was a motion made by Gindele and seconded by Hackenmueller to have Mike Couri make an agreement to ask for 3 ½ feet of right-of-way and 2 feet of snow storage. Motion Carried.

Dust Control bids were discussed. There was a motion made by Neumann and seconded by Gindele to approve the bid by Central Minnesota Dust Control.

Gravel bids were discussed. There was a motion made by Gindele and seconded by Hackenmueller to approve the bid from Bjorklund.

There was discussion about whether the township should put in a cul-de-sac on Fiedler Ave. The board came to the conclusion that at this time they will table it till the next meeting till the supervisors have time to look at it.

There was a motion made by Neumann and seconded by Gindele to add 10% on for the cost of culverts and mailboxes.

There was a water issue on 72nd and Dempsey, a resident made a complaint that the township has completely covered a culvert and there was discussion about what should be done about the water. The resident wants the township to add another culvert and reshape the ditch.

The board decided that they don't want to pay for master locks as the cost was high and just pay the bill for what Russell's re-keyed already.

Coty Eckerman, the maintenance employee, brought before the board to get a tool to get the blade off easier and safer. The board decided to table this till the next meeting till they know how much this tool costs.

Gindele asked about agreements that we have with other townships and the roads that Maple Lake and other townships share. The board will look into the agreements and see if they need to be updated or changed.



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Checks 3292-3339 were presented to the Board for approval and payment. A motion was offered by Hackenmueller and seconded by Neumann to approve and pay the checks as presented. Motion carried 3 to 0.

As no additional business was brought before the Board, motion was offered by Hackenmueller and seconded by Gindele to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 PM. Motion carried 3 to 0.

Attest,

/s/

Esther Doran
Clerk, Maple Lake Township

/s/

Thomas Neumann
Board Chairman, Maple Lake Township