

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting April 19th, 2022 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 John Pederson, Supervisor Tom Hackenmueller, Clerk Esther Doran and Treasurer Judy Neumann were present.

The minutes from the March 15th, 2022 regular board minutes were read by Chairman Neumann. A motion was made by Pederson, seconded by Hackenmueller to accept the minutes as read. Motion carried 3-0.

Checks 4137-4170 were presented to the Board for approval and payment. A motion was offered by Hackenmueller and seconded by Pederson to approve and pay the checks as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

Veit's Tree's: John Pederson will abstain from any discussion regarding this issue, since the company he works for does business with the Veit Company. Everyone agrees that there is a safety issue and something needs to be done. Attorney Mike Couri and Engineer Andrew Vistad didn't have enough time to look over the packet of information from Veit's attorney, Jack Perry. Therefore, the public hearing will be continued to a later date. There was a motion made by Neumann, seconded by Hackenmueller to continue the public hearing regarding Veit's trees until Tuesday, June 21st, 2022 at 7 pm, held at the Maple Lake Township Hall. Motion carried 2-0, with Pederson abstaining.

There was an update from the township's engineer, Andrew Vistad regarding the DNR grant for 73rd and 85th street. A bid was accepted by Wright County, it needs to be certified and then he will send it to the township for approval.

Mike Malherek (4970 County Road 8) road vacation was discussed. There is a small road there that is owned by the township and he is wondering if the township will vacate the road. Mike Couri asked if they had a legal description. Mr. Malherek didn't have an official legal description of the road. The township may have never maintained this road, if that is the case then the road would not need to be vacated. Mr. Malherek will look more into this and see what will need to be done.

Mike Couri asked the board if it would be ok if he met with home owners, regarding the portion of Donnelly Dr to County Road 55 that they want vacated. The home owners would pay for the legal fees. All of the board members agreed that Mike Couri could meet with the home owner's as long as they would pay the legal fees.

Timothy Kinsky (4406 Fillmore Ave NW) came to request a setback variance. He is planning on taking out one deck and adding onto the east side of his house a great room. The new addition would be 9 feet



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from the north property line and 14.1 ft from the southern property line. There was a motion made by Pederson, seconded by Hackenmueller to accept the variance request on 4406 Fillmore Ave NW. Motion carried 3-0.

There was a motion made by Hackenmueller, seconded by Pederson to approve the bid from Kolles for \$6.55 a yard for a total of 2,500 yards of gravel. Motion carried 3-0.

There was a motion made by Hackenmueller, seconded by Pederson to appoint Tom Neumann as chairman. Motion carried 2-0.

There was a motion made by Neumann, seconded by Hackenmueller to have John Pederson be appointed as vice-chairman and be added at Star Bank in order to sign checks. Motion carried 2-0.

There was a motion made by Hackenmueller, seconded by Pederson to approve the audio/tv bid from MP for \$3,950. The bid includes one microphone, a bigger tv and a speaker. Motion carried 3-0.

The board discussed buying a road groomer for the roads. After talking with the maintenance department, the board decided that a road groomer would be beneficial, in order to better maintain the township's roads. There was a motion made by Hackenmueller, seconded by Pederson to purchase the road groomer for \$23,240. Motion carried 3-0.

There was discussion about road and culvert issues. The board asked the maintenance department to call Mares Excavating and get a quote to repair some of the ditches.

There was a motion made by Hackenmueller and seconded by Pederson to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 PM. Motion carried 3-0.

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Thomas Neumann
Board Chairman, Maple Lake Township