

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting April 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 March 17th, 2020 regular board meeting were read by Chairman Neumann. A motion was made by Gindele, seconded by Hackenmueller to accept the minutes, as read. Motion carried 3 to 0.

Checks 3340-3370 were presented to the Board for approval and payment. There was discussion as to why the township is paying for dogs that get picked up in the township. The board decided that they would contact animal control and see if the township should still be paying for that. A motion was offered by Hackenmueller and seconded by Neumann to approve and pay the checks as presented. Motion carried 3 to 0.

Supervisor Neumann brought up that our attorney Mike Couri said there will be a court hearing on June 2nd in regards to the Buss lawsuit. Mike Couri is waiting to hear back from the Buss' attorney before he can proceed.

Neumann applied for a grant but he hasn't heard anything back about that yet.

There was discussion about rocks that are a hazard and in the township's right-of-way that need to be removed. The township mailed a letter to the resident last month to have them contact the township to discuss getting them removed. They did contact the township but they are still in the right-of-way. The board decided to send another letter to the resident stating that they need to have the rocks removed by May 18th and have it inspected by our maintenance employee.

The board discussed whether they should put a cul-de-sac on Fielder Ave and at this time they felt it best to leave it as is.

The township discussed getting a different packer or roller and decided that they don't want to purchase a new one at this time. The township purchased granite chips at a reduced cost, there was discussion on how much should be bought. The garage doors in the maintenance building were fixed and new seals were put around the doors.

This spring there was standing water on a section of Estes Ave and the board discussed options on how best to fix this problem. Different options were discussed and the board agreed the road needs to be built up to prevent water on Estes Ave.



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Maple Lake Township is currently paying a fire fee on a small piece of land that doesn't have any buildings on it. The Township will contact Wright County to see if they can get that fee removed from that parcel of land. There was also discussion about the township lake properties and talked that they need to be cleaned up and brush removed so the public can have access.

There was a complaint made by a resident about another resident who they think has too much junk on their property. The township feels it's best to just leave it as it is. There was another complaint about too much gravel in the ditches, the board discussed that and they looked and they didn't think there was that much to be concerned about because there wasn't much gravel.

The board discussed about if they should hire a second full-time maintenance person or to go with what they currently have. They discussed some pros and cons to a second full-time person. At this time, they decided that they will just go with two part time people instead of hiring a new person.

Road conditions in the township were discussed and ways to improve them. Dust control was also discussed.

Coty Eckerman, the maintenance employee, brought before the board a price of \$1,700 on a tool to get the blade off easier and safer. The board decided that since this is a safety issue, they thought it was worth the money to purchase it. There was a motion made by Gindele, seconded by Hackenmueller to purchase the piece of equipment so Coty can safely remove the blade.

The township hall floor needs to be stripped and waxed. The board members asked the clerk to get a quote on how much it will cost. There will be more discussion on this at the next meeting.

As no additional business was brought before the board, a motion was offered by Gindele and seconded by Hackenmueller to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 PM. Motion carried 3 to 0.

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Esther Doran	Thomas Neumann
Clerk, Maple Lake Township	Board Chairman, Maple Lake Township