

Maple Valley Township – Coral Community Center 4662 N Bailey Rd. Coral, MI 49322
Regular Board Meeting Minutes for October 14, 2024

Meeting called to order 7:00 pm / Pledge of Allegiance by Supervisor, Dan Boes

Board Members Present: Dan Boes, Andi Knapp, Tim Thornhill, Miranda Brewer, Lee Frandsen

Guests Present: approximately 15 community members

Approval of Agenda: **Motion** Frandsen 2nd Thornhill to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: **Motion** Frandsen 2nd Thornhill to approve minutes from September 9 Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Reading of the Bills: General Fund Checking Ck #9793-#9826, Road Fund Ck# 1007 (plus online/CC payments) Totaling: \$111,591.98 Discussion – need to loan the Road Fund money from the General Fund because the taxes are not collected until winter but road fund money is allocated/spent the summer prior. **Motion** Brewer 2nd Frandsen to loan the Road Fund \$29,000 from the General Fund to cover rest of road projects. Yes: Knapp, Frandsen, Brewer, Thornhill & Boes Nays: None Motion passed.

Motion Brewer 2nd Frandsen to pay bills as presented Motion passed unanimously

Public comment on Agenda items: 7:04 – 7:05 pm Things mentioned: Foster Swift Attorneys pending lawsuit against MPSC

Supervisor's Report – Township was granted a judgement against the blighted property on Paris Rd. – Township cannot enter the property until after November 3rd with clean up company. 8 dumpsters were filled at the clean up day on October 12th.

Treasurer's Report: Beginning Balances-General Fund \$21,478.27 ARPA Fund \$1,078.69 Ending Balances - General Fund \$10,735.31, ARPA Fund \$1,078.73 Total Value of all Accounts: \$2,115,881.66 Total Interest earned over all accounts for the month of September: \$10,592.31 September CCC rental fees collected \$600 **Motion** Frandsen 2nd Thornhill to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Clerk's Report: Absentee Ballot application is available for the November General Election; Clerk Election Weekend Office Hours are Saturday, November 2 7:00 am to 3:00 pm. Public Accuracy testing of the election tabulator was held on October 12th, Early "in-person" voting starts October 26th in Stanton; Be sure to turn in your absentee ballot before November 5th at 8:00 pm to be counted, of you are going to mail your ballot back be sure to put it in the mail prior to November 1, 2024, otherwise drop it off through the secure drop box or to the clerk during office hours.; Newsletter being put together to be mailed with the Winter Tax bills, need information by November 8th; date for Spring Clean-up will be Saturday, April 26, 2025 we will be charged \$700/dumpster; Clerk Knapp attended the MTA Fall Regional Meeting in Ludington it was a great review of procedures for budgeting /legislative update.

Report from Planning Commission: had 2 meetings in September, had the public hearing for the Wind / Solar Ordinance amendments & Battery Storage Facilities. Working on the mobile home ordinance. Requested to have PC meetings added to the website. Requested to be able to contact the lawyer directly – board discussed this and the PC Board liaison will be the point of contact for the lawyer.

Report from Zoning Administrator – Dave Kelsey: 5 permits for September

Report from Community Center: 1 rental for October so far

Report from Fire Board, Tim Thornhill: Fire Board put a bid on a Ladder Truck for \$10,000 – won the bid. New Ladder truck will be stored at Station 1 (Lakeview). Waiting for 1 tender truck to be delivered. 3 calls in MVT in September.

Report from Cemetery Coordinator, Julie Graham: report from Trustee Frandsen that the farmer that surrounds Trufant Cemetery has been using part of the cemetery property to access their field from Stanton Rd.– need to contact the farmer to have them use a different drive.

Report from Parks & Recreation Committee: Did not win the grant from the Montcalm Panhandle Association. Waiting until spring to put down topsoil/grass seed in Petersen Park, will also assess if more fill is needed prior to topsoil.

Unfinished Business:

- A. Budget Adjustments:** Motion Brewer 2nd Frandsen to accept corrections as presented.
- B. Rental- Municipal Building:** someone interested in renting the office space only; Aggressive Tree Service is interested in renting the entire building for \$750/month plus utilities; Offer the Road Commission rental for \$750/month plus utilities; get quote to separate the power to allow its own service.
- C. Short-Term Rental Ordinance:** MTA Legislative update stated that they think House bill #5438 may get passed in lame duck session. PC recommends adopting an ordinance for Short Term Rentals. **Motion** Frandsen 2nd Brewer to accept Short Term Rental Ordinance as presented. Roll Call Vote - Ayes: Brewer, Frandsen, Thornhill Nays: Boes, Knapp Motion passed

New Business:

- 1. **Wind/Solar Ordinance Amendments:** **Motion** Frandsen 2nd Brewer to adopt ordinance amendments to the Wind & Solar Ordinances. Roll Call Vote – Ayes: Frandsen, Knapp, Brewer, Boes Nays: Thornhill Motion passed Foster Swift (twp attorney) is looking to file a lawsuit/appeal to challenge Michigan Public Service Commission's (MPSC) October 11, 2024 Order concerning PA 233. The board agrees that we support the idea of litigation but can not commit without detail of financial commitment. Motion Brewer 2nd Knapp to send letter of intent to find out cost associated with joining. Motion passed unanimously.
- 2. **Snow plowing bids:** Received one bid for snow plowing – from Heckman & Son CCC Plowing (this includes shoveling walks & entrances) per time plowing based on 1 plus inch or your request \$45.00 or Seasonal Rate \$650.00, salting as needed or when we request \$35/application; Trufant plowing (corner of A & E Street and B street & West 2nd Street) \$45 per plow base on 1 inch or more or township request, or Seasonal Rate \$600; salting as needed \$35/application Motion Frandsen 2nd Thornhill to accept Heckman & Son Seasonal bid amount for \$1250. Motion passed unanimously.
- 3.

Public Comment: Started at 8:13 pm Things mentioned: PC needs larger maps showing zoning districts; Trufant has streetlights not working 4th & F Street, 4th & A Street; allowing potential new municipal building renter to sublease space

Adjournment: Motion Brewer 2nd Frandsen to adjourn at 8:19 pm Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted: Andi Knapp MVT Clerk

Next Meeting: Monday November 11, 2024, at 7:00 pm