

Maple Valley Township – Coral Community Center 4662 N Bailey Rd. Coral, MI 49322
Regular Board Meeting Minutes for **June 12, 2023**

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

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

Absent: Marianne Schwandt

Guests Present: approximately 25 community members signed in.

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 May 8th Regular meeting Motion passed unanimously.

Public comment on Agenda items: 7:01 to 7:05 pm Comments included: fixing the community center door gap, forensic audit.

Supervisor's Report: Coral Cemetery looked fabulous for the Memorial Day program, thank you to Andi & Dan Knapp, Julie & Bob Graham, Steve Kain & Caiti Gerke for the numerous hours volunteered. Thank you to Val Boes Gates for organizing the Memorial Day Services & the delicious root beer floats served after the event! Been in contact with the Road Commission about the drainage issue on E Street in Trufant, it will be on the list of proposed projects next spring.

Treasurers Report: No report, as the Treasurer was not present and did not forward a report to be presented to the Board. Clerk has attempted to contact the Treasurer via text and email with no response since May 12 for clarification on deposits in April & May. Tax bill files are due to the printer (KCI) by June 16th, unsure if the files have been sent yet or not. The board was given the budget vs actual report, but they were informed that the report was inaccurate due to the lack of information given to the clerk on the deposits made in April & May. A Miscellaneous Income line had to be added to the budget for the \$46,059.54 of income not knowing what line items this income needs to be allocated to.

Reading of the Bills: Ck # 9321 - #9340, ARPA Checking #1014 (plus online/CC payments) Totaling: \$48,146.88 **Motion** Frandsen 2nd Thornhill to pay bills as presented. Yes: Knapp, Frandsen, Thornhill, Boes Nays: None Motion passed.

Clerk's Report: New website address is live! www.maplevalleytwpmi.gov working on getting new email addresses & phone numbers for board members through google workspace/google voice app (that will stay with the positions). A newsletter will be going out in the tax bills, the cost of this is \$546.45 for printing by KCI. Waiting on information from Corrigan Propane, our current propane provider, on the pre buy and price lock options this will come out in late July /early August.

Report from County Commissioner, Pat Carr: Fire Department Equipment Grant applications are being filled out. The LFD asked for a letter of intent from Maple Valley Township to acquire the grant on our behalf. Letter of Intent was signed by the Supervisor. Blight Ordinance – cannot adopt a county wide ordinance. Sherriff will continue to write tickets and enforcement under the previous ordinance still on the books. Cal the Sherriff Department with blight complaints or have our Zoning Administrator get information to the Sherriff for enforcement. Still working on blight issue on Paris Rd.

Report from Planning Commission: Working on Solar Ordinance, have agreed on a great template & looking at set back distances. The Special Land Use permit issued for the MET tower is at its end of term, and will need to be decommissioned, Zoning Administrator will need to follow up on this. Ordinance Book changes need to be approved by the board; a public hearing was held with no objections. Most of the changes are text errors / page numbering and elimination of duplicate language / outdated terms or change in agency names. **Motion** Frandsen 2nd Knapp to accept the changes made to the MVT Ordinance Book. Motion passed unanimously.

Report from Zoning Administrator – Dave Kelsey: April had a couple land divisions, garage permits.
May – permits given for pole barns & garage.

Report from Community Center: one rental in May

Report from Fire Board: 3 runs in Maple Valley 1 illegal fire & 2 car accident runs

Old Business:

- A. Forensic Review proposal from Hungerford Nichols was presented to the Board. **Motion** Knapp 2nd Frandsen to accept the proposal from Hungerford Nichols starting with a retainer fee of \$7500, and up to \$20,000 that was budgeted at the Annual Budget meeting. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Knapp, Frandsen, Boes & Thornhill Nays: none Motion passed.
- B. Security Camera for Coral Park – due to vandalism on the afternoon of June 3 the board was presented with a proposal for a camera to cover Coral Park from TKS Security & Amble Electric. **Motion** Knapp 2nd Thornhill to accept the proposal from TKS Security for \$2995.00 (camera / installation/set up) & Amble Electric for \$1600.00 (data cables/fix electrical boxes in park/ add electrical box for security in park, inspection of security light) using ARPA Funds. Roll Call Vote – Ayes: Knapp, Thornhill, Frandsen & Boes Nays: None Motion Passed.
- C. Cemetery Rules – the board was presented with updated rules for the Cemetery. **Motion** Knapp 2nd Frandsen to accept changes to the Cemetery Rules reflecting current pricing for lots sold to residents \$50 one burial space & nonresidents \$400 for one burial space. One full casket burial & up to 4 cremation burials OR 6 cremation burials are only allowed in one burial space. Motion passed unanimously.

Cemetery Wells - After going to the cemeteries to turn the water on it was discovered that the new spigots that were reported to have been installed and ready to go at the September 2022 board meeting, had not been installed in fact. Dean Bartlett Well Repair was hired to come out get the wells primed and running – Coral Cemetery's well primed right up and he installed a single spigot out the front of the sexton shed, the other water lines are no longer viable. The well at Trufant cemetery could barely produce ¼ gallon of water in 15 minutes. The well in Trufant Cemetery has been evaluated by Thompson Well Drilling and it has either a plugged screen/jet or there is a hole in the drop pipe, to attempt to inspect this problem looking at a minimum of \$2000 - \$3000. With the age and condition of the hardware /location of the well it is not advised to attempt to fix the 2" well. Thompson Well Drilling will be sending a quote for a new 5" well (approximately \$8000 – \$10,000). The other suggestion is to get a 250 gallon tote on a stand with a hose attachment for gravity fed water, and to possibly have the fire department fill the tote for the use of watering flowers. Since this water is only used for May – September, instead of putting in a new well, use money towards grading and putting in new gravel on all cemetery roads (Trufant & Coral) and getting more trees, overgrown shrub/bushes removed from both cemeteries. Trustee Thornhill will look into getting a 250 gallon tote for Trufant Cemetery. **Motion** Thornhill 2nd Knapp to get bids for grading &

gravel on all cemetery drives (Coral & Trufant). Motion passed unanimously
Suggested: Deans, Pitchers, Richards, Stevens, Pleasant Valley Farm
Excavating

Motion Thornhill 2nd Knapp to accept the proposals from Amble Electric for the following: (1) move the power in Trufant Cemetery to the “new” sexton shed near the flag pole for \$4300 & (2) to inspect /repair Coral power poles downtown for holiday lights – not to exceed \$2400 utilizing ARPA funds for both projects. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

1. **Township Fall Clean Up Day set for Saturday, October 14, 2023 from 8:00 am to Noon in the parking lot of the Coral Community Center.**
2. New website is up and running!! www.maplevalleytwpmi.gov
3. Street Sweeping – **Motion** Knapp 2nd Frandsen to contact the Montcalm Co Road Commission to contract street sweeping services for Trufant – Main Street/A Street from in front of the ball field past the fire department, & Coral – Kendaville to Coral Rd. & Township Parking lot. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Montcalm MTA Meeting – Tuesday, June 20 in Stanton

Public Comment: Started at 8:15 ended 8:33 pm - Things mentioned: Brine work on Marble Rd not the best, only one pass, only covered one lane – speeding an issue on Kohler Rd & 522 approaching Trufant, would like to see radar signs. Clarity hearing for recall language on the Treasurer scheduled for Tuesday, June 13th at 11:30 in Stanton, is there a Lock box for money in Treasurer office, Cemetery rules updated on bill boards, Questions regarding Coral Days & if board knew any information, Check was made out to the MVT Tax account in March for a refund for Vicki Douglas, Vicki still has not received her refund., Cemetery corner markers need to be replaced to make sure lots are square and in line with each other, suggestion of moving veteran’s memorial park to old boy scout building location

Adjournment: **Motion** Frandsen 2nd Thornhill to adjourn at 8:33 pm. Motion passed unanimously.
Respectfully submitted: Andi Knapp MVT Clerk **Next Meeting: Monday, July 10, 2023, at 7:00 pm**