

Maple Valley Township – Coral Community Center 4662 N Bailey Rd. Coral, MI 49322
Regular Board Meeting Minutes for **March 13, 2023**

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

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

Guests Present: approximately 30 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 February 13th Regular meeting and March 4th, 2023, Special Board/Budget workshop meeting Motion passed unanimously.

Public comment on Agenda items: 7:03 pm- 7:04 – Vikki Douglas has an issue she would like to address with the board.

Supervisor's Report: Discussed small claims court date for the Township is 03/16/2023 regarding the Boy Scout Building demolition in Petersen Park. Yearly budget review will be held on Saturday 03/18/2023 at 10am.

Treasurers Report: Ending Balances - General Fund \$760,814.47, ARPA Fund \$171,942.59 with additional CD's & Tax accounts Total Ending Balance \$1,852,680.87 MARIANNE REALIZED THIS REPORT IS INCCORRECT, SHE WILL SEND UPDATED RPORT WITH CORRECTIONS. **Motion** Frandsen 2nd Thornhill to approve Treasurers Report with corrections. Motion passed unanimously. Corrected Beginning Balances- General Fund \$765,147.51 Beginning Balance ARPA Fund \$182,913.94. Ending Balances General Fund \$760,814.47, ARPA Fund \$171,829.50. Total Ending Balances with CD's and Tax accounts \$1,852,567.78.

Clerk's Report: Update on Twp Office remodel/improvements: blinds are up, painting and flooring is complete, two desks have been moved into the office.

Report from County Commissioner, Pat Car: Discussed the county's income from marijuana sales in certain areas of the county. He also discussed the Opioids settlement and how it will be disbursed.

Report from Planning Commission: Roger Becker asked the board for recommendations as to what they need to be working on this quarter. First meeting will be April 6 at 7:00 pm,.

Report from Zoning Administrator – Dave Kelsey: 3 permits in February

Report from Assessor – Amanda Toomey: not present.

Report from Community Center: No Rentals for February

Report from Fire Board: Tim: 45 total calls 10 were Maple Valley Township, mostly for downed power lines.

Reading of the Bills: Ck # 9236 - #9270, ARPA Checking #1007-#1109 (plus online/CC payments) Totaling: \$166,790.39 **Motion** Knapp 2nd Frandsen to pay bills as presented. Yes: Knapp, Frandsen, Thornhill, Boes Nays: Schwandt Motion passed.

Old Business:

- A. Discussed final report from Trusted Solutions LLC and a few of the things discovered. **Motion** Knapp 2nd Frandsen to hire CPA Forensic Review. Audit would be for 5 fiscal years and would go with the recommendations of the auditor. Roll call Yes: Knapp, Frandsen, No: Boes, Thornhill, Schwandt Motion Failed.
- B. ARPA Funds Projects-Bathrooms, Trufant Ball Field: **Motion** by Thornhill 2nd Knapp to repair and fix up bathrooms in Township Hall with a budget of up to \$3500 in ARPA Funds. Motion passed unanimously. **Motion** Thornhill 2nd Knapp to use up to \$1000 of the ARPA Funds for scoreboards at the Trufant Ball Field. Motion passed unanimously.

- C. **Amble Electric Proposal-additional electrical work:** motion by Knapp 2nd Frandsen For continued work, light on flagpole in parking lot, 3 soffit lights to light up bulletin board and changing some switches in the kitchen and meeting room. Project price \$1950.00 Yes- Boes, Frandsen, Knapp, Thornhill
No -Schwandt Motion Passed.
- D. **Shred-it proposal:** disposal of electoral material that has exceeded the retention schedule minimum service charge is \$230.30 which includes one large tote. Motion by Schwandt 2nd Knapp Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

1. **Annual Meeting and Budget Review** to be held Saturday, March 18th, 2023, at 10AM
2. **Township Cleanup Day** – April 29, 2023, Will charge \$10.00 per mattress or box spring. Motion to charge Frandsen, 2nd Thornhill Motion passed unanimously. Will use Facebook, township Website and Flyers to let the residents know. If a fall cleanup is planned then we will put it on the Summer tax bills – June 15 is the deadline to have date set up to be able to put it on the tax bill.
3. **Special Election**-May 2, 2023, for 911 Surcharge renewal: Amy from Montcalm 911 discussed the importance of this increase currently 2.85 per cell line proposed increase to 3.00 per cell line.
4. **Montcalm MTA meeting schedule**-Maple Valley/Pierson Host in August
5. **Approval of 2023-2024 Board Meeting Dates** motion by Schwandt, 2nd Frandsen, motion carried
6. **Election ballot containers:** Township needs to purchase approved ballot containers. The clerk was informed that she did not need to ask approval for these purchases as they were in an already approved budget line item.
7. **Lawsuit**-small claims case March 16th 2pm
8. **Consumers Energy Grant Program:** for populations up to 10,000. Build better/strong community, April 7th is submission date. Contact Marianne Schwandt or Ann Petersen to help. Motion Schwandt 2nd Thornhill to submit an application for the Township. Motion passed unanimously.
9. Treasurer Schwandt was asked if she had a new Deputy to appoint since she let her Deputy go on March 11th. Treasurer Schwandt stated not at this time.

Public Comment: Support for a Forensic Review/Audit from many audience members. Need a blight ordinance soon. Questions about why the Deputy Treasurer was let go and there is not a Deputy Treasurer again. Renting the Old Coral Fire Barn – has there been market value of the rent done, rent is way too low. Questions directed to Treasurer about getting documentation of tax bills.

Adjournment: Motion Schwandt 2nd Knapp to adjourn at 8:24 pm. Motion passed unanimously.
Respectfully submitted: Andi Knapp MVT Clerk **Next Meeting: Monday, April 10, 2023, at 7:00 pm**