

Maple Ridge Township Regular Meeting Minutes

April 28, 2015

I. Call to order

Supervisor, Judy Trudell called to order the regular meeting of the **Maple Ridge Township Board** at **7:00pm** on **Tuesday, April 28, 2015** at the **Maple Ridge Community Building**. Board Members present were Trustees Bill Toyra & Janet Pattan, Supervisor Judy Trudell, Clerk Sue Sicotte, and Treasurer Barb Nummilien.

II. Pledge of Allegiance Recited

III. Guest: Jody Norman, Manager, Delta County Road Commission addressed the Board and Public in regards to the upcoming Proposal 1 road funding on the ballot for the Special Election on May 5, 2015. He also commented on an MDOT proposal to close a railroad crossing in the township and the funding to be used to do road repairs to Old M35.

IV. Five Minute Recess.

V. Approval of April 28, 2015 Agenda: None-Stood as written

VI. Public Comment: None

VII. Consent Agenda:

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Payment of Bills in the amount of \$8,261.60 General Fund & \$9,136.35 Rock Water System for a total of \$17,397.95.

Treasurer's Report-Rock Water System Revenues for March were \$3,425.20, expenses of \$7,325.03 leaving a Net Operating Balance of \$15310.74 of this amount \$4000.00 is in Restricted Funds Account.

Clerk's Report-Township General Fund Revenues for March were \$11,376.72. Expenses were \$6,886.36; of this amount \$40.00 was for the Liquor Law Enforcement account. The General Fund Operating balance is \$126,993.61; \$75,000.00 is in a CD at First Bank in Gladstone, leaving a Net Operating balance of \$51,993.61; of this amount \$3,212.67 is in the Liquor Law Enforcement account.

Trustee Reports: Liquor Law, Recreation, and Cemetery

Supervisor's Report-None

Motion by Janet, supported by Judy to approve the items in the consent agenda. Janet, Sue, Judy, and Bill-All Ayes. Barb-Nay. Motion Carried.

VIII. Assessor's Report: Daina gave a written copy of her report to each Board Member and an update on her recent activity.

IX. Unfinished Business

A.Ammend Water & General Budgets::

Maple Ridge General Fund:

Motion by Janet, supported by Judy, to take \$360.00 from Building/Grounds and put it into Township Board/Trustee Account. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Barb, supported by Sue to take the \$47.84 in Dividend Funds from the T/A account and put them into the General Fund dividend account. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Judy, supported by Janet to take the donation money of \$3,175.00 from T/A account and put it into the General Fund Recreation Account. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Judy, supported by Janet to add the \$2,596.00 of Undesignated Income to Center Fuel/Heat account in the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year Budget. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Rock Water System

Motion by Sue, supported by Janet to take \$243.00 from Operator Wages, \$54.87 From Office Supplies, \$427.01 from Contracted/Misc. Labor, \$220.04 from Testing Fees, \$98.10 from Telephone, \$65.91 from Payroll Taxes, \$247.60 from Pension, \$440.00 from Insurance, \$6,604.56 from Repairs/Maintenance, \$495.00 from

Travel/Training, and \$1,932.07 from Restricted Funds for Improvements totaling \$10,828.16 and put \$10,298.84 into Meters, \$28.00 into Dues, \$196.53 into Utilities, and \$304.79 into Treatment Supplies. The remaining \$4,003.17 designated for Restricted funds for Improvements be moved to the current Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget Restricted Funds Savings Account-giving that account a total of \$8,003.17 for the current Fiscal Year. Judy, Sue, Janet, and Bill-All Ayes. Barb-Nay. Motion Carried.

B.Center Floor: Motion by Janet, supported by Sue to give Judy permission to spend up to \$225.00 to get the floors waxed. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Daina's Salary: Motion by Janet, supported by Bill to amend the Salary Schedule for 2015-2016 to a salary of \$950.00 per month for the Assessor as per her contract. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

X. New Business

A. Dugout and Fence Progress: Work is almost complete.

B. Tennis Court, Parking Lot, Restroom Progress: Smith Paving is supposed to be getting started soon, Miss Dig has been out to mark, and the permit to put in the bathroom has been taken care of as well.

C. Let Run, Meter Installation Meter Readings, Billing : Let Run will be discontinued the last day of April 2015. 85 Meters have been installed to date, 15 are left to install-we will need to order more. Judy will see if we can get the same pricing as we had to purchase the first 100. Judy has been in touch with Gladstone in regards to doing the Water System Billing, they are working on getting a contract ready. She had a couple sample copies of billing options to choose from, as well as informed the Board/Public of the optional ways customers will be able to receive their bills and the pay them.

D. Letter of Support for the Central U.P. Aquaculture Net Pen Pilot Project: Board Consensus to support the project.

E.Cemetery Clean Up/Flowers: Motion by Sue, supported by Janet to hire Jake Kossow to do some cleanup work at the cemetery. Wage will be same as the Groundskeeper for up to a total of 20 hours. Work will start at the Front and then to the East. All Ayes. Motion Carried. Judy mentioned that there is a need for donations of Artificial Flowers to put on graves at the cemetery.

F. Cedar Lane: Motion by Janet, supported by Sue to allow Judy to get the contract signed to do work on Cedar Lane. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

G. Job Descriptions for Water Operator & Groundskeeper: The job descriptions for the Water Operator & Groundskeeper were reviewed and suggestions given as to what if anything should be added or deleted.

During discussion of the Maintenance issues that needed to be addressed a member of the Public in attendance started verbally addressing & criticizing the Board. Judy reminded him that he needed to wait for the Public Comment period of the meeting. He refused and continued speaking. The Supervisor recessed the meeting at 9:05pm. When he again refused to wait for his proper time to address the Board, the Supervisor was forced to maintain control of the situation by Adjourning the Meeting at 9:07pm.

Items:9(G) Job Descriptions for Water Operator & Groundskeeper, 9(H) Water Ordinance & Rates, #11 Items Removed from the Consent Agenda, and #12 Public Comment, were not able to be covered at this regularly scheduled board meeting.

XI. Adjournment

Supervisor, Judy Trudell adjourned the meeting at **9:07 p.m.**

Unapproved Minutes submitted by: Susan Sicotte & Judy Trudell