

# **Maple Ridge Township Regular Meeting Minutes**

May 26, 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, May 26, 2015** at the **Maple Ridge Community Building**. Board Members present were Trustee Bill Toyra, Supervisor Judy Trudell, Clerk Sue Sicotte, and Treasurer Barb Nummilien. Janet Pattan was absent.

## **II. Pledge of Allegiance Recited**

## **III. Approval of May 26, 2015 Agenda:** None-Stood as written

## **IV. Consent Agenda:**

*Regular Meeting Minutes April 28, 2015,*

*Payment of Bills in the amount of \$30,961.86 General Fund & \$2,347.45 Rock Water System for a total of \$33,309.31.*

*Treasurer's Report-Rock Water System Revenues for April were \$4,341.37 expenses of \$9,186.36 leaving a Net Operating Balance of \$10,465.75 of this amount \$8,003.17 is in Restricted Funds Account.*

*Clerk's Report-Township General Fund Revenues for April were \$4,323.91. Expenses were \$8,439.91; of this amount \$40.00 was for the Liquor Law Enforcement account. The General Fund Operating balance is \$122,877.61; \$75,000.00 is in a CD at First Bank in Gladstone, leaving a Net Operating balance of \$47,877.61; of this amount \$3,172.67 is in the Liquor Law Enforcement account.*

*Trustee Reports: Liquor Law Report*

*Supervisor's Report-None*

Motion by Sue, supported by Bill to approve the items in the consent agenda. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

## **V. Public Comment:**

*Brenda Henning and Lucy Lampinen* reminded everyone present that there was going to be a Feeding America Program food truck coming to the Community Center parking lot on Thursday May 28, 2015 from 10am – 1pm. spread the word to family and friends-this will be a free food distribution for anyone wanting to take part in it.

*Ted Bartczak* commented on the road work to be done on Cedar Lane, how to access information on the Maple Ridge Township website, and protocol for asking questions & getting answers from the board, and writing structure of the minutes in regards to comments made during the Public Comment portions of Board Meetings

## **VI. Unfinished Business**

- a. *Dugout and Fence Project:* Work is completed at a cost of \$3,308.26: this is \$116.74 under budget.
- b. *Passport Grant Project:* Tennis Court pavement has been removed, gravel laid, and now waiting for the ground to settle. The Restroom is just about done, needs another coat of paint, fixtures installed, landscaping, and paving to be done.
- c. *Meter Installation, Meter Readings, Billing, and Letter:* 10 Meters are left to install-we ordered 12 more. Meters were read by Gladstone the first week in May, only few had to be adjusted. Judy has been in touch with Gladstone in regards to doing the Water System Billing, the contract has been drawn up and is currently being reviewed by the Gladstone City Manager and then it will be sent to Maple Ridge for review and approval. The June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 billing will be done by Gladstone. A draft of the letter being sent to the Water Customers was reviewed and will be sent out in June, this is in regards to the repairs and improvements done on the Water System and the new billing system.
- d. *Road Contract* for Cedar Lane and Dust Control have been signed and submitted.
- e. *150<sup>th</sup> Committee:* Judy gave an update on the events held and future planned activities of the 150<sup>th</sup> Sesquientennial Committee.
- f. *Beautification Committee:* Judy met with Kathy Wojda and they would like to get banners for display on the light poles around town. They have contacted WE Energies to get permission to utilize the poles and are awaiting a reply.

- g. *DCTA Meeting/Picnic*: The next DCTA meeting will include discussion on the Equalization issues that have been currently disputed by the Townships. The Annual picnic is scheduled for July 23, 2015-location to be announced.
- h. *Audit*: June 15, 2015 will be the date to turn in all needed paperwork to Ray Payment for our Audit.
- i. *Taxable Value-L4029 Report*: Judy informed everyone that the L4029 report is available for review-the taxable value has increased by 3.8%.
- j. *FOIA Request*: Judy gave a reminder of the FOIA request recently submitted that needs to be answered.
- k. *Job Descriptions for Groundskeeper & Water Operator*: Motion by Sue, supported by Bill to approve the amended job descriptions for the Groundskeeper and Water Operator. All Ayes. Motion carried.  
Motion by Bill, supported by Judy to pay Ron Koski \$30.00 per time to cut the grass at the St Nicholas Cemetery, for up to 10 times this year. All Ayes. Motion carried.  
Judy will let Mike O'Neal know that he can pursue getting pricing on the purchase of a blower for the grounds keeping duties. We will also need to keep in mind a new mower will probably need to be purchased for next summer.
- l. *Water Ordinance and Rates*: Motion by Bill, supported by Judy to approve the amended Water Rate Schedule for 2015. Roll Call Vote: Barb, Sue, Judy, & Bill All Ayes. Motion carried. The Water Ordinance was tabled till the next scheduled meeting.

## **VII. New Business**

- a. *Hannahville Grant*: Motion by Sue, supported by Bill to accept the \$3,200.00 from the Hannahville Indian Community Grant Judy was able to procure. Roll Call vote: Judy, Barb, Sue and Bill All Ayes. Motion carried.
- b. *Zoning Contract*: Motion by Bill, supported by Judy to accept and pay the contract for zoning in the amount of \$574.50. All Ayes. Motion carried.
- c. *MTA Dues*: Motion by Sue supported by Bill to pay \$499.47 for the annual membership dues to MTA.
- d. *Equalization Contract*: Payment of this bill was put on hold to allow for Daina's review and get any questions answered if needed.  
Board Consensus to include a Broadband Survey with the Summer Taxes per a request from CUPPAD.
- e. *Water Tower Inspection*: Dick Supina and St Germain have been notified. The Inspection will be held on June 19, 2015.
- f. *Superior Trade Zone Meeting*: There will be a Superior Trade Zone meeting held at the Rock Lion's Club on June 16, 2015 at 12:00pm for anyone interested in attending.
- g. *Park Names*: Judy questioned if the two community parks had official names. Motion made by Bill, supported by Sue to name the park on East Maple Ridge 37<sup>th</sup> Road-(Rock Memorial Park). All Ayes. Motion carried.

## **VIII. Public Comment**

*Deb Mitchell* commented on the possibility of getting some of the local kids clubs to help with the Cemetery cleanup and grounds keeping in the township, if the Rock Water System billing being contracted out to the city of Gladstone was going to cost more, and she had concerns on a Ready to Serve fee/Finance Charges on her billing-stating a request had been made to remove the meter in September 2014.

*Ted Bartczak* commented on the selection policy that was used to select the Auditor who does our Bi Annual audits, Consent Agenda & the policy of the board in regards to questions and obtaining answers from the board, he currently owns 4 lots in the Rock Cemetery and would like to know who to contact and the procedure for transferring lots.

## **Adjournment**

Supervisor, Judy Trudell adjourned the meeting at **9:10 p.m.**

Unapproved Minutes submitted by: Susan Sicotte & Judy Trudell