

Maple Ridge Township Regular Meeting Minutes

May 31, 2017

I. Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor, **Judy Trudell** called to order the regular meeting of the **Maple Ridge Township Board** at **7:00pm** on **Wednesday, May 31, 2017** at the **Maple Ridge Community Building followed by the Pledge of Allegiance**. Board Members present were Trustee Bill Toyra, Supervisor Judy Trudell, Clerk Sue Sicotte, Treasurer Barb Nummilien and Trustee Sandy Beauchamp. Steve Mays was invited to attend as a facilitator for the meeting.

II. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda: The agenda stood as written with the addition: Add Treasurer Comments as number VIII (G).

III. Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Sue to accept the consent agenda and supported by Bill. All ayes. Motion carried.

A: Minutes from the April 25, 2017 Regular Meeting.

B: Payment of Bills in the amount of \$8,397.60-General Fund and \$1,602.32-Rock Water System for a total of \$10,017.92. An updated/corrected copy of the April 2017 General Fund Checklist was given to each Board Member with a grand total of \$4,765.20.

C: Treasurer's report: Treasurer's Report for April 2017-General Fund Balance \$185,413.37 Trust & Agency Balance \$1,627.48, Rock Water Balance \$41,070.61 and Tax Account- \$342.39.

D. Clerk Report: *Township General Fund* revenues for April 2017 were \$2,306.13, expenses were \$5,018.521; of this amount \$40.00 was for the Liquor Law Enforcement account. The General Fund Operating balance is \$185,413.37 with \$75,000.00 in a CD at First Bank in Gladstone, \$2,413.77 is in the Liquor Law Enforcement account leaving a **Net Operating balance of 110,413.37**. The *Rock Water System* for April 2017: Income was \$4,823.51, expenses were \$1,437.82; leaving an operating balance of \$41,070.61; of this amount \$10,835.31 is in Restricted Funds for a **net operating balance of \$30,235.30**.

E. Trustee's Reports: Liquor Law- Bill turned in his reports.

F. Supervisors' Report: Will be addressed during the meeting under the Agenda items.

IV. Assessor's Report: Due to Graduation and a busy personal schedule Jamie was excused from attending this month's meeting.

V. Unfinished Business

A. Firehall-Fire Dept. Request: Members of the Tri Township Fire Dept. were invited to attend the meeting and voice their concerns as to the ownership and modifications needed to be done at the Maple Ridge Township Fire Hall. Fire Board Chairperson Ernie Hadel addressed the Board in regards to the modifications to the garage doors that need to be done on the Firehall; to accommodate a new Fire Truck. The cost of the project is anticipated to be around \$12K-20K. The Firemen requested/proposed that the Board consider turning over ownership of the building to the Tri Township Fire Dept., due to the fact that the amount of funds needed to do the modifications would be coming out of the Fire Dept. Funds. Discussion was held as to the Pros and Cons of that decision. The Public present was invited to comment. After hearing the discussion and considering all points of view, Bill Toyra made the motion/proposal, supported by Sue Sicotte to sell the Fire Hall to the Tri Township Fire Dept. for \$1.00 with the stipulation that should the Tri Township Fire Dept. ever vacate the building that it be offered back to Maple Ridge Township for \$1.00 in as is condition at that time. The Legal Fees to draw up a contract/transfer of Ownership of the building will be paid from the Tri Township Fire Dept. funds. A Roll Call Vote was taken: Sue, Judy, and Bill All Ayes. Barb and Sandy-Nay. Motion Carried.

B. Water:

Treatment Plant: A motion by Bill, supported by Sue to use the funds from the Rock Water System Beginning cash Balance to construct the Vestibule Entry on the Treatment Tank building at a cost of approximately \$12,000. A Roll Call Vote was taken: Judy, Barb, Sandy, Sue and Bill-All Ayes. Motion Carried. A bid was received from Forslund Construction to do the work in April of 2016; Judy will contact Dean to see if he is still willing to do the work.

Hydrants: Jack Carey has agreed to repaint the 21 Fire Hydrants for \$20.00 each; the cost had been approved in a prior meeting.

Water Operator in Training: Jack Carey has also expressed interest in job shadowing with Ted Winkelbauer on the duties of the Water Operator, to see if it would be an avenue he would be interested in pursuing. Board Consensus to allow him to work with Ted.

Shut Off at Athanas': Bob Koski and Ted Winkelbauer will address this issue.

Letter from John Bodnar: Judy received a letter from John Bodnar 5-19-17, in regards to a shut off request that was received 12-7-16. The water could not be turned off; due to the fact Mr. Bodner had constructed a concrete driveway over the shut off valve. It was Board Consensus to consult the township Attorney before responding to his letter

Rates: Brief discussion was held and a Special Meeting was set to discuss the rates for June 7, 2017 at 6:30pm

- C. **Updates: Insurance Claims-Dugouts/Water-etc.:** Judy spoke with Hannula Insurance Agency and the requests are still pending. The new Backboard for the Basketball Court at the park is here-just needs to be put up. Sherry Salmi and Lisa Keene will be planting the flowers in the planters and at the Welcome to Rock Signs.
- D. **Kitchen Bids:** There are no bids as of yet. Judy has sent out a few more grant requests.
- E. **Road Estimates:** Judy passed out a list of the cost and roads that will be receiving gravel this year. Board Consensus to get the contracts drawn up to do the work.
- F. **Street Lights:** Judy provided each Board Member with the cost to install the previously requested street lights. A motion was made by Bill, supported by Sue to have a Street Light installed across the road from the Community Building. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
- G. **Audit:** Judy had received a few new names of accounting firms to submit bid requests to; to do our upcoming Bi Annual Audit. After receiving more information and sharing it with the Board, it was Board Consensus to stick with Anderson Tackmann for the upcoming Audit.
- H. **Pavers/Garbage Cans for Concert Lot:** Paperwork to finish up the Grant for the park needs to be completed by the end of the month. The expected cost to complete the project is around \$1,000.00. Duane Englund will make 2 Garbage Receptacle Holders and pavers need to be purchased to construct a walkway.

VI. New Business:

- A. **Zoning Contract:** Motion by Sue, supported by Sandy to approve the Delta County Zoning Contract. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
- B. **DCTA Meeting:** Picnic Date is July 27, 2017, Cuppad handed out the Individual Township Plat Maps, County is encouraging all townships to get Property Signs on each parcel with a structure on it- the order form for the signs will be put into the Summer tax Bills.
- C. **Cemetery:** Terry Kanerva has volunteered to remove dead/dying trees at the Rock Cemetery. Board Consensus to allow Judy to get a load of topsoil for the cemetery. Thank-You to Sandy for arranging the purchase of the cemetery flags needed for Memorial Day. Motion was made by Sue, supported by Bill to hire Jamie Weber as our Grave Digger at our current rates, with an additional rate of \$350.00 for Weekend Burials. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
- D. **Yoga:** Board Consensus to allow the use of the Community Building free of charge for Yoga classes on Tuesday and Friday mornings at 9:00am.
- E. **Hilling Land Split:** Motion by Bill, supported by Sue to allow a land split of two 40 Acre parcels into a 35 Acre/45 Acre split for Gerald and Lynn Hilling. Roll Call Vote was Taken: Barb, Sue, Judy, Bill, and Sandy All Ayes. Motion Carried.
- F. **Center:** Motion by Sue, supported by Bill to allow the Senior Corporation to install an Awning on the front patio of the Community Building. All Ayes. Motion Carried. Judy will get quotes for a new door for the Patio.
- G. **Treasurer Comments:** Board was presented with a letter from Barb in regards to the checks written out of order that was discussed and resolved at the last Regular Board Meeting. She was requesting it be attached to the minutes and be made available to the Auditor. Steve Mays acting as facilitator reminded the Board that once a decision has been made by the Board-it should be respected, whether you agree or disagree with the decision. No further discussion or action was taken on this matter.

VII. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda: None

VIII. Public Comment:

Linda Maki commented on the yardwork that needs to be done in front of her house. She commented on address changes and receiving mail at her address. She stated she received a check from the Sault Tribe in her name. It was debatable as to whether she was going to turn the check over to Maple Ridge Township or cash it. Steve Mays acting as facilitator questioned Linda as to whether she was going to turn the check over to its rightful owner Maple Ridge Township. The check was turned over to Maple Ridge Township and after further investigation the check was in fact found to be written out to Maple Ridge Township with only an attention to Linda Maki. The Sault Tribe has been contacted in regards to this issue.

Steve Mays addressed the Public and Board in regards to pulling together as a community.

Ted Bartzak: requested a copy of the list of road work to be done.

Lucy Lampinen: commented on when the work at Dorothy Athanas' would be completed.

Adjournment: Supervisor, Judy Trudell adjourned the meeting at 8:55 pm.

Unapproved Minutes submitted by: Sue Sicotte, Clerk