

3/19/2024 Maple Ridge Township Reorganizational Meeting at the Town Hall

Meeting was called to order on Tuesday, March 19, 2024 by George E. Carlson at 6:00 PM. Pledge of Allegiance was waived. Board members present were George E. Carlson, Robert A. Anderson, Patrick J. Gerold, Sherry L. Kaiserlik and Joseph D. Rajkowski.

Others in Attendance: Steve Hass, Robert Betsinger and Paul Sanborn (came at 7:00 PM)

Motion to accept the meeting agenda was made by Robert A. Anderson and seconded by Patrick J. Gerold. Motion unanimous (3-0).

Business:

Motion to elect George E. Carlson as the Township Chair was made by Robert A. Anderson and seconded by Patrick J. Gerold. Motion unanimous (3-0).

Motion for ECM-County News Review as the Official newspaper for the Township was made by George E. Carlson and seconded by Patrick J. Gerold. Motion unanimous (3-0).

Motion to have the Township Hall as the official posting place for the Township was made by George E. Carlson and seconded by Patrick J. Gerold. Motion unanimous (3-0).

Motion to have Minnco Credit Union as the official financial institution for the Township was made by George E. Carlson and seconded by Patrick J. Gerold. Motion unanimous (3-0).

Motion to appoint Patrick J. Gerold as Vice-chair was made by George E. Carlson and seconded by Robert A. Anderson. Motion unanimous (3-0).

Motion for Resolution #1, to allow the Maple Ridge Town supervisors to do maintenance and safety work on township roads and road right of ways was made by Robert A. Anderson and seconded by Patrick J. Gerold. Motion unanimous (3-0).

Motion for Resolution #2 Establishing the Township Hall, located at 38724 Palm St. NW. Stanchfield, Minnesota 55080, as the official Polling site for 2025 was made by George E. Carlson and seconded by Robert A. Anderson. Motion unanimous (3-0).

Motion for Resolution #3 Establishing a policy for the compensation and reimbursement of town officers was made by George E. Carlson and seconded by Patrick J. Gerold. Motion unanimous (3-0).

Motion for Resolution #4 Establishing a policy for the compensation and reimbursement of town officers for time sensitive discounts for the benefit of the Township was made by George E. Carlson and seconded by Patrick J. Gerold. Motion unanimous (3-0).

Motion for Resolution #5 Establishing the use the ARPA Funds (\$3,866.03) to be used in the Lost Revenue Category was made by George E. Carlson and seconded by Patrick J. Gerold. Motion unanimous (3-0).

Motion to appoint Robert A. Anderson as the Township Road supervisor was by George E. Carlson and seconded by Patrick J. Gerold. Motion (3-0).

Motion to appoint George E. Carlson as the township weed inspector was made by Robert A. Anderson and seconded by Patrick J. Gerold. Motion (3-0).

Motion to have all Township meeting dates at the discretion of the town board was made by Robert A. Anderson and seconded by Patrick J. Gerold. Motion unanimous (3-0).

Motion to have the hourly pay for work done for the township at \$20.00/hour was made by George E. Carlson and seconded by Robert A. Anderson. Motion unanimous (3-0).

Motion to have the hourly pay for serving election judges at \$15.00/hour was made by George E. Carlson and seconded by Robert A. Anderson. Motion unanimous (3-0). Maple Ridge Township is one of the highest paying Township for election judges.

Motion to have election judge training pay at \$15.00/hour was made by George E. Carlson and seconded by Robert A. Anderson. Motion unanimous (3-0).

Motion to have the ordering of 911 signs when needed was made by Robert A. Anderson and seconded by Patrick J. Gerold. Motion unanimous (3-0).

Motion to have the Township meeting pay at \$70.00/meeting was made by George E. Carlson and seconded by Patrick J. Gerold. Motion unanimous (3-0).

Motion to have the Annual Meeting Moderator pay at \$20.00/meeting was made by George E. Carlson and seconded by Partick J Gerold. Motion unanimous (3-0).

Motion to leave the Treasurers salary for the township to stay at \$2,000.00/year was made by Robert A. Anderson and seconded by Patrick J. Gerold. Motion unanimous (3-0).

Motion to have no internet subsidy for the treasurer was made by George E. Carlson and seconded by Patrick J. Gerold. Motion unanimous (3-0).

Motion to leave the Clerk's yearly salary at \$4,400.00/year was made by George E. Carlson and seconded by Partick J. Gerold. Motion unanimous (3-0). Reasoning, meeting pay and nothing else was increased this year.

Motion to have no internet subsidy for the clerk was made by George E. Carlson and seconded by Robert A. Anderson. Motion unanimous (3-0).

Motion to set the Deputy clerk's meeting pay at \$70.00/meeting was made by Robert A. Anderson and seconded by George E. Carlson. motion unanimous (3-0).

Motion to pay 1hour (\$20.00) per month for web-site maintenance was made by George E. Carlson and seconded by Patrick J. Gerold. Motion unanimous (3-0).

Motion to set the gopher bounty for 2025 at \$1.00/pair of front feet was made by George E. Carlson and seconded by Robert A. Anderson. Motion unanimous (3-0).

Motion to leave the Snow Removal Policy as it is was made by George E. Carlson and seconded by Patrick J. Gerold. Motion unanimous (3-0).

Motion to have all Township permits for drive ways to come in person to a regular meeting with the request and have utilities able to send a letter of request was made by George E. Carlson and seconded by Robert A. Anderson. Motion unanimous (3-0). The OK for a permit will be decided at a regular board meeting, if okayed, a permit will be signed and given to the requestee.

Motion to approve the Town Hall rental agreement was made by George E. Carlson and seconded by Patrick J. Gerold. Motion unanimous (3-0).

Motion to have the Spring Clean-up in odd numbered years was made by George E. Carlson and seconded by Patrick J. Gerold. Motion unanimous (3-0).

Motion to donate \$500.00 to the Isanti County Safety and Rescue was made by Robert A. Anderson and seconded by Partick J. Gerold. Motion unanimous (3-0).

Motion to adjourn was made by George E. Carlson and seconded by Robert A. Anderson. Motion unanimous (3-0). Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Joseph D Rajkowski-Maple Ridge Township Clerk

Attest: _____ Date: _____ Attest: _____ Date: _____

Joseph D. Rajkowski Clerk

George E. Carlson Chair