



# Village of Maple Park

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Trustees on November 7, 2023

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2023  
MAPLE PARK CIVIC CENTER  
302 WILLOW STREET, MAPLE PARK  
7:00 P.M.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Village President Suzanne Fahnestock called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Village President Suzanne Fahnestock led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. ROLL CALL/QUORUM ESTABLISHED**

Village Clerk Caryn Minor called the roll call and the following Board Members were Present: Village President Suzanne Fahnestock, Trustee Tonia Groezinger, Trustee Hillary Joy, Trustee JT Peloso, Trustee Chris Simon, Trustee Cliff Speare and Trustee Jen Ward.

Also present: Interim Police Chief Karen Clifton, Village Administrator Cheryl Aldridge, Village Engineer Jeremy Lin and Village Clerk Caryn Minor.

Members of the public present are found on the meeting sign in sheet.

President Fahnestock confirmed a quorum was established.

- 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS** – Any resident wishing to address the Board may do so according to the guidelines set forth in the “Rules for Public Comments at Public Meetings” handout. Please complete a speaker request form and submit it to the Village Clerk. You may also send an e-mail to [villageclerk@villageofmaplepark.com](mailto:villageclerk@villageofmaplepark.com) in advance of the meeting. The Village Clerk will read such comments during the Public Comment portion of the meeting. Time Limit: 5 minutes per speaker.

Julie Little resident of Maple Park stood to address the Board. Ms. Little reported her observations in regard to the many trailers and junk cars parked on resident's properties in town. She re-iterated her concern how recent decisions to modify the Village's code were responsible for the deterioration of Maple Park's north section of town.

**5. DISCUSSION OF STATE COLLECTION PROGRAM (LOCAL DEBT RECOVERY PROGRAM)**

Administrator Aldridge discussed a State program that enabled the State to put tax refunds and lottery winnings on hold for municipalities to pay for items such as, unpaid final utility bills and ordinance penalties. Administrator Aldridge reported the program would be set

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up after the Village had implemented an adjudication process. She noted it would have no cost to the Village.

President Fahnestock asked for a consensus from the Board to send for a full Board approval. Consensus was obtained and this item will be sent to the Board for approval.

**6. DISCUSSION OF TRAILER ORDINANCES**

President Fahnestock advised the Trustees of the village attorney's recommendation to have the trailer ordinance reviewed by Interim Police Chief Clifton, Administrator Aldridge and the Village's building official. She noted their reporting and recommendations had been presented to the Board in a memo from Administrator Aldridge.

Discussion ensued. The Trustees recommended modifications to the trailer ordinance in the village's code that would permit gravel driveways, indefinite parking and included a requirement for said trailers to be permitted by the Village. Also, requesting their recommendations be forwarded to the Planning and Zoning Committee for their review.

**7. PROPERTY BEHIND THE DEKALB DRIVE TOWNHOMES UPDATE**

Administrator Aldridge updated the Board on the property behind the DeKalb Drive Townhome's progress using an overhead program. She noted it is not completely cleaned up because of weather but it is coming along nicely. Discussion ensued on the property's progress and future plantings.

**8. CIVIC CENTER HVAC UPDATE**

Administrator Aldridge reported most of the new HVAC system at the Civic Center is up and working well. She anticipated the contractor should be completed with the project in the next few weeks.

**9. WATER TOWER UPDATE**

Village Engineer Lin updated the Board on the water tower's progress and briefly discussed the contractor's timeline with an estimated completion date of September 2024. The Trustees inquired about the towers landscaping upon completion. Engineer Lin stated the landscaping would be discussed at a later date.

**10. OTHER BUSINESS**

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business before the Board, motion made by Trustee Peloso with 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Speare to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Caryn Minor Village Clerk

