

## Village of Maple Park

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Approved by the Village of Maple Park Board of Trustees on 05/04/21.

# PUBLIC HEARING TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 2021 MAPLE PARK CIVIC CENTER 302 WILLOW STREET, MAPLE PARK 7:00p.m.

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

President Curtis called the Public Hearing to order at 7:00p.m. and asked for a roll call to establish a quorum.

#### 2. ROLL CALL/ESTABLISH QUORUM

Village Clerk D'Amato called the roll and the following answered present: Village President Kathleen Curtis, Trustee Jen Ward, Trustee Suzanne Fahnestock, Trustee Christopher Higgins, Trustee Brandon Harris, Trustee Christian Rebone. Trustee Dalton was absent. Quorum established.

Also present were Village Administrator Dawn Wucki-Rossbach, Public Works Director Lou Larson, Police Chief Dean Stiegemeier, Village Attorney Kevin Buick, Village Engineer Jeremy Lin, and Village Clerk Terri D'Amato. Present via remote call in was Village Treasurer Cheryl Aldridge.

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

#### 3. DISCUSSION OF APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

President Curtis asked if there was any questions or discussion needed on the proposed Appropriation Ordinance. President Curtis reviewed the Fiscal Year budget memo from Treasurer Aldridge to the board and attendees. No questions or comments heard.

#### 4. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business before the Public Hearing, motion by Trustee Harris with 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Ward to adjourn. Motion carried on a voice vote. Public Hearing closed at 7:03p.m.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING AGENDA TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 2021

**Immediately Following the Public Hearing** 

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#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

President Curtis called the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 7:05p.m. and asked for a roll call to establish a quorum.

Members answering present were President Curtis, Trustee Fahnestock, Trustee Harris, Trustee Higgins, Trustee Rebone, Trustee Ward. Trustee Dalton was absent.

Also present were Village Administrator Dawn Wucki-Rossbach, Public Works Director Lou Larson, Police Chief Dean Stiegemeier, Village Attorney Kevin Buick, Village Engineer Jeremy Lin, and Village Clerk Terri D'Amato. Present via remote call in was Village Treasurer Cheryl Aldridge.

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#### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Curtis led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### 3. ROLL CALL/QUORUM ESTABLISHED

President Curtis 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 email to <a href="willageclerk@villageofmaplepark.com">villageofmaplepark.com</a> in advance of the meeting. The Village Clerk will read such comments during the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

Ron Blum – Addressed the board with concerns regarding the proposed parking restrictions on recreational vehicles. Wanted to know what avenues he would have available to address his current situation.

Administrator Wucki-Rossbach explained that he would have to file a petition to appear before the Zoning Board of Appeals requesting a code change variance. Administrator Wucki-Rossbach will follow up with Mr. Blum.

#### 5. APPOINTMENTS

- Motion to appoint Russell "Rusty" Kubis to the Plan Commission to a 3-Year term expiring on April 30, 2024
  - Motion to appoint Russell "Rusty" Kubis to the Plan Commission to a 3-year term expiring on April 30, 2024 from Trustee Rebone with 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Ward. On a roll call vote Trustee Fahnestock, Trustee Harris, Trustee Higgins, Trustee Rebone, Trustee Ward voted yes. Motion carried.
- Motion to appoint Jodi Brummel to the Zoning Board of Appeals to a 5-Year term expiring on April 30, 2026
  - Motion to appoint Jodi Brummel to the Zoning Board of Appeals to a 5-Year term expiring on April 30, 2026 by Trustee Higgins with 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Harris. On a roll call vote Trustee Fahnestock, Trustee Harris, Trustee Higgins, Trustee Rebone, Trustee Ward voted yes. Motion carried.

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- Motion to appoint Cathy Mathews to the Zoning Board of Appeals to a 5-Year term expiring on April 30, 2026
  - Motion to appoint Cathy Mathews to the Zoning Board of Appeals to a 5-year term expiring on April 30, 2026 by Trustee Rebone with 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Harris. On a roll call vote Ward, Trustee Rebone, Trustee Higgins, Trustee Harris, Trustee Fahnestock voted yes. Motion carried.
- Swearing in of new appointees to the Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals

Village Clerk D'Amato swore in the new appointees to their positions.

#### 6. MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA / ADDITIONS-DELETIONS

#### **CONSENT AGENDA – OMNIBUS VOTE**

All items listed on the Consent Agenda will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless requested by a Board member, in which event the item(s) will be removed from the Consent Agenda. Prior to a vote on the Consent Agenda, members of the public may request that a Trustee have an item removed from the Consent Agenda.

- a) Approval of Board Minutes
  - Village Board Meeting March 2, 2021
  - Committee of the Whole March 16, 2021
- b) Acceptance of Cash and Investment Report as of February 28, 2021
- c) Approval of Bills Payable and Manual Check Register # 802

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:	\$46,739.22
MANUAL CHECKS:	\$45,231.52
TOTAL:	\$91,970.74

d) Approval of Travel, Meals, Lodging for Elected Officials /Employees

Motion by Trustee Rebone with 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Higgins to approve the Consent Agenda items a.) through d.) as presented. On a roll call vote Trustee Fahnestock, Trustee Harris, Trustee Higgins, Trustee Rebone, Trustee Ward voted yes. Motion carried.

#### 7. FINANCIAL REPORT

President Curtis asked if there were any questions on the Financial Report submitted by Treasurer Aldridge. Hearing none, moved to the next agenda item.

#### 8. LEGAL REPORT

President Curtis asked if there were any questions for Attorney Buick. Hearing none, moved to next agenda item.

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#### 9. VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Administrator Wucki-Rossbach has been working closely with the IML and MetroWest regarding to protect the LGDF revenue, as there is a possible 10% decrease which could mean a reduction of approximately \$14,528.00. Trustee Harris inquired about the IML projects. Administrator Wucki-Rossbach indicated that the projects list has been sent to the representatives for consideration. No word on the ESPY grants as of yet, as the funds flow through the state.

#### 10. POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Stiegemeier indicated that as golf cart season is here, his office has setup appointment times for golf cart inspections. Dates and times are posted on the website.

President Curtis asked if there were any questions for the Chief. Hearing none, moved to

next agenda item.

#### 11. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Director Larson reported that the pump was replaced at the treatment plant on County Line road. Next fiscal year budget will include new pumps for the Lift Station and County Line Treatment plant.

Currently dealing with a blower problem at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Well #4 not yet operating, waiting on a new meter.

#### 12. ENGINEERING REPORT

Engineer Lin reported that the blower at the WWTP is the original blower. Other blower was replaced 5 years ago, and is not an expensive part. IL EPA is now testing Pfas, which is a group of manmade chemicals. Water was tested at the treatment plant and tested negative for any of these chemicals.

#### 13. OLD BUSINESS

- 14. NEW BUSINESS
  - A. CONSIDERATIONS
  - **B.** MOTIONS

#### 15. RESOLUTIONS

#### 16. ORDINANCES

### A. <u>ORDINANCE 2021-04</u> <u>AN ORDINANCE TO SUPPLEMENT THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FISCAL YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 2021</u>

This Ordinance supplements the Fiscal Year 2021 Appropriation Ordinance for the additional expenses incurred in the General Fund and the Water & Sewer Operating Fund.

Motion by Trustee Higgins with 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Rebone to approve Ordinance 2021-04, an Ordinance to Supplement the Appropriation Ordinance Fiscal Year

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Ending April 30, 2021. On a roll call vote Trustee Ward, Trustee Rebone, Trustee Higgins, Trustee Harris, Trustee Fahnestock voted yes. Motion carried.

# B. ORDINANCE 2021-05 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2021 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2022

This Ordinance adopts the annual Appropriation (Budget) for FY 2022, beginning on May 1, 2021 and ending on April 30, 2022.

Motion by Trustee Higgins with 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Harris to approve Ordinance 2021-05, an Ordinance Adopting the Annual Appropriation for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2021 and Ending April 30, 2022. On a roll call vote Trustee Fahnestock, Trustee Harris, Trustee Higgins, Trustee Rebone, Trustee Ward voted yes. Motion carried.

## C. ORDINANCE 2021-06 SUBDIVISION PLAT FOR DIEHL'S COUNTY LINE SUBDIVISION, IN THE VILLAGE OF MAPLE PARK, COUNTY OF DEKALB, ILLINOIS

This Ordinance approves a subdivision plat for the property located on East County Line Road, Maple Park, Illinois.

Motion by Trustee Rebone with 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Fahnestock to approve Ordinance 2021-06, an Ordinance Approving a Subdivision Plat for Diehl's County Line Subdivision, in the Village of Maple Park, County of DeKalb, Illinois. On a roll call vote Trustee Ward, Trustee Rebone, Trustee Higgins, Trustee Harris, Trustee Fahnestock voted yes. Motion carried.

## D. ORDINANCE 2021-07 ADMINISTRATION, CHAPTER 6, VILLAGE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES, SECTION 5, COMPENSATION, OF THE MAPLE PARK VILLAGE CODE

This Ordinance amends the Village Code to adjust the compensation paid to the Village Officers.

Trustee Higgins addressed the board with his objections to Ordinance 2021-07, and read the following to the floor:

"I am against reducing the compensation for village trustees and village administrator for many reasons. While I know that currently the message not getting paid for public service is popular, I feel that this reduction will hurt the village for the following reasons:

People time is valuable. As you can see, Maple Park is already well below the
regional average compensation of similar sized communities. While I know
that all village staff are paid below regional average and all staff deserves
better pay and compensation, this small reduction in costs will not in any help

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- afford or effect the budget to increase staff wages but does provide a recognition of the hard work by the trustees and village president.
- There is risk to being on the board. By being a board member, you may be listed in a suit and even held financially responsible. While the current pay does not cover the cost of that risk, but it at least compensates someone for their time and effort.
- While I know that most people do not run to be on the board for the money, however, we have not had an election that has been competitive the entire time I have been on the board. Even this year with a village president seat open there is not a competitive race for every seat on the board. By reducing pay you are only taking away any compensation for someone's time and it will make it more difficult to have competitive elections and the residents to have a voice.
- I feel that the reduced pay could also reduce the amount of time trustees are willing to spend doing the job. Currently trustee pay is the only process to force attendance to board meetings. If trustees refuse to come to meetings and they miss 2 board meetings a year and get docked pay is no longer motivating factor, the ability to have a quorum and make sure the business of the village is done could be hindered. There is no process to remove a trustee for excessive absences and I am concerned that if a trustee refuses to attend meetings and will not resign could be a problem to have a quorum.
- By having virtually no compensation for being a village trustee or village
  president I feel you will only have people run to be on the board for personal
  gain or based on an agenda and not the good of the village, being on the board
  as a public servant is not a bad thing. We want to encourage people that want
  to help their community and not those out for personal gain or personal
  agenda.

Motion by Trustee Fahnestock with 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Rebone to approve Ordinance 2021-07, an Ordinance Amending Title 1, Administration, Chapter 6, Village Officers and Employees, Section 5, Compensation, of the Village of Maple Park Village Code. On a roll call vote Trustee Fahnestock, Trustee Harris, Trustee Rebone, Trustee Ward voted yes. Trustee Higgins voted no. Motion carried 4-1.

E. ORDINANCE 2021-08

"MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC," CHAPTER 4, "PARKING REGULATIONS,"
BY REPLACING SECTION 7-4-3, "TRAILER PARKING PROHIBITED," OF THE
MAPLE PARK VILLAGE CODE.

This Ordinance amends the Village Code with regards to approved surfaces for parking and definitions.

Motion by Trustee Fahnestock. President Curtis asked for a 2<sup>nd</sup> or discussion. No Second heard. Motion failed on the floor.

F. ORDINANCE 2021-09

"ZONING REGULATIONS," CHAPTER 9, "SPECIAL REGULATIONS," BY

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### REPLACING SECTION 11-9-3, "ADDITIONAL PARKING REGULATIONS," OF THE MAPLE PARK VILLAGE CODE

This Ordinance amends the Village Code with regards to parking regulations and permitted with regards to recreational vehicles.

President Curtis asked for a motion or discussion. No motion made. Ordinance failed for no motion.

#### 17. VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT

President addressed the board and attendees regarding her 16 years as a public servant, and her retirement from serving as Village President.

"I believe in the essence of Maple Park".

For me, this has been a labor of love. Thank you for the privilege of serving our community. To the Incoming Board Members –

Respect the employees, they take care of our town for us.

Listen to our contractors, Kevin and Jeremy, they are trying to help us improve our situation.

Partner with the business owners/stakeholders to find reasonable solutions for all involved. Appreciate your volunteers, American Legion, Lions Club, Fun Fest, Family Fund, Special Olympics, they are the heartbeat of our community.

We are Maple Park Strong

#### 18. TRUSTEE REPORT

Trustee Higgins thanked President Curtis, the Village staff, and the residents for their input and support during his tenure as trustee, and hopes to continue to serve as Village President.

#### 19. EXECUTIVE SESSION

#### 20. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business before the board, motion by Trustee Rebone with 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Ward to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:00p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri D'Amato Village Clerk