



Village of Maple Park

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Approved by the Board of Trustees
on November 7, 2023

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2023
7:00 p.m.
MAPLE PARK CIVIC CENTER
302 WILLOW STREET, MAPLE PARK**

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Fahnestock called the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Fahnestock led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL/QUORUM ESTABLISHED

President Fahnestock asked for a roll call to establish a quorum.

Village Clerk Caryn Minor called the roll call and the following Board members were present: President Fahnestock, Trustee Groezinger, Trustee Joy, Trustee Simon, Trustee Speare, Trustee Ward and Trustee Peloso

Also present were Village Administrator Cheryl Aldridge, Interim Police Chief Karen Clifton, Director of Public Works Lou Larson, Village Attorney Kevin Buick, Village Engineer Jeremy Lin, Village Treasurer Shannon Warford 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 email to villageclerk@villageofmaplepark.com in advance of the meeting. The Village Clerk will read such comments during the Public Comment portion of the meeting.*

Julie Little stood and advised the Board she was a long-time resident of Maple Park. Ms. Little reported to the Board she was concerned about all the older vehicles and trailers parked on resident’s properties on the north side of town. She acknowledged her support of adjudication for ordinance offenses, adding it would help clean up town and support the Maple Park Police Department.

Ms. Little reviewed and discussed the photos she had taken and shared with the Village Office. Those photos were distributed to the Board for their review as well. The photos highlighted

the many unlicensed vehicles and trailers parked around town. Ms. Little stated many have blocked visibility at intersections and roadways causing hazards, reiterating the importance of compliance with the village's ordinances. Ms. Little discussed how allowing changes to the village code allowing gravel driveways was a mistake and step back for Maple Park. She suggested if the Village required a fee for residents parking trailers on their property and enforced the ordinance with adjudication it would discourage these practices.

Steve Edwards a resident of Maple Park stood to discuss recent disturbing teenage behavior and activity. He reported continual behavior where teenagers drove dirt bikes up and down the streets recklessly. Mr. Edwards advised the Board of an incident while walking with his family uptown when a side by side drove very fast and close to them recklessly.

Adrienne Sivert a resident who resides on Pearl Street stood and addressed the Board. She reported similar teenage behavior by her house and at Washington Park. Underage driving of dirt bikes and golf carts recklessly and out of control. Ms. Sivert advised the Board there have been numerous 911 calls to report this behavior and recently one of the teenager's fathers had placed a very threatening call to her, discouraging her complaints about the behavior. She acknowledged this was very alarming.

Bambi Johnson a resident who resides on State Street stood and reported similar issues. She advised the Board the teenagers have pounded on her house and then sped off on their dirt bikes while she and her husband were inside. Ms. Johnson advised the Board the situation is getting worse, encouraging the Board to please help the police curb these instances by approving adjudication.

5. 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
- B. Approval of Correct Board Minutes
 - Board Meeting Minutes September 5, 2023
 - Committee of the Whole Minutes September 19, 2023
- C. Receive and File
- D. Acceptance of Cash and Investment Report as of August 31, 2023
- E. Approval of Bills Payable and Manual Check Register #832

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:	\$686,658.19
MANUAL CHECKS:	1,031.91
ACH PAYMENTS	1,040.22
TOTAL:	\$688,730.32

F. Approval of Travel, Meals, Lodging for Elected Officials /Employees

Motion by Trustee Speare with 2nd by Trustee Groezinger to approve the Consent Agenda items a.) through f.) as presented. On a roll call vote Trustee Groezinger, Trustee Peloso, Trustee Simon, Trustee Speare, Trustee Ward and Trustee Joy voted yes. Motion carried.

6. FINANCIAL REPORT

President Fahnestock asked if there were any questions on the Financial Report. Hearing no questions, moved to the next agenda item.

7. LEGAL REPORT

President Fahnestock asked if there were any questions for Attorney Buick. Hearing no questions, moved to the next agenda item.

8. VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Administrator Aldridge in her report updated the Board on the results of the Flu Shot Clinic held at the Civic Center on September 30th. Ms. Aldridge advised the Board she has received a letter from the Sons of the American Legion Squadron 312 requesting permission to update Veterans Park between Willow and Maple. The project would include buying, updating and installing new equipment and signage at the Squadron's expense.

9. POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Interim Chief of Police Clifton reported the posting for part time police officers and noted no applicants have responded to date. Trustee Joy asked for Chief Clifton's recommendation and solutions for the resident's issues reported during public comments. Chief Clifton stated adjudication would help the police department enforce if the perpetrators could be caught in the act.

10. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Public Work's Director Lou Larson reported the HVAC project at the Civic Center is still in progress. Trustee Peloso inquired about recent water flooding on Main Street. Mr. Larson reported multiple efforts made to identify where the leak's origin is. He acknowledged he had also worked with the DeKalb Sanitary District pumping water around the businesses to locate the origin of the water causing the leak using the district's vactor truck this effort was unsuccessful.

11. ENGINEERING REPORT

Village Engineer Lin advised the Board he is currently concentrating on storm water issues. Lin discussed the elevated water tank project's progress. Lin noted the Maple Avenue paving project had been approved by IDOT and would have a bid opening on October 10, 2023.

12. OLD BUSINESS

None

13. MOTIONS

None.

14. RESOLUTIONS

None.

15. ORDINANCES

None.

16. VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT

None.

17. TRUSTEE REPORT

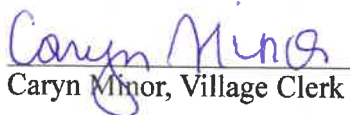
None.

18. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business before the Board, motion by Trustee Speare with 2nd by Trustee Groezinger to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Caryn Minor, Village Clerk