

**Maple Valley Township Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing  
March 18, 2023 Minutes**

**Board members present:** Dan Boes, Andi Knapp, Lee Frandsen, Tim Thornhill & Marianne Schwandt

Meeting was called to order at 10:00am by Dan Boes

Public in attendance was 65

**Motion** Frandsen 2<sup>nd</sup> Knapp to approve minutes of the Annual Meeting held on March 26, 2022. Motion passed unanimously.

**Supervisors Annual Report:** Boes recapped last year: Election in November 2022 - 3 new board members including Supervisor, Clerk and Trustee (Supervisor by recall). Boes stated he is looking to bring the community together and to unite the residents of MVT.

**Annual Report of the Assessor:** Board of Review for 2023 – 15 total petitions, all write in petitions.

**Annual Report of the Planning Commission:** Wind Ordinance/ Ordinance book changes are at Attorney to approve next.

**Annual Report of the Zoning Administrator:** 24 permits in total for the year.

**Annual Report of the Fire Department:** 2 Chassis to build/Builder fell through. \$100,000 each to build-should be completed this year. Will be selling old units.

**Public Comment about Salaries for Elected Officials:** 10:12-11:35am: Resident said salaries have not been raised in 12 years. Resident said Supervisor was not raised in February

**Motion** Ann Petersen 2<sup>nd</sup> John Schwandt to raise Supervisor Salary from \$7800 to \$10,000

Ayes: 17 Nays: 24 Motion Failed

**Motion** Sheryl Houser 2<sup>nd</sup> Robin Poulsen to raise salary of the office of Supervisor to \$13,000 Annually. Ayes: 36 Nays: 22 Motion Passed

**Motion** Ann Petersen 2<sup>nd</sup> Jeanie Poulsen to reduce the Clerk Salary from \$18,000 to \$16,500 –

**Motion amended** by Robin Poulsen 2<sup>nd</sup> Penny Bassett to change Clerk salary to \$18,500

Ayes:44 Nays: 22 to accepted the Amended Motion – Motion Passed

**Motion** Ann Petersen 2<sup>nd</sup> Roger Betten to raise the Treasurer Salary from \$14,500 to \$15,500

Ayes: 42 Nays: 15 Motion Passed

**Motion** Ann Petersen 2<sup>nd</sup> Gerald Wilson to change Trustee Salaries from \$1200/ annually with per diem per meeting of \$45 to \$1350/ annually with no per diem per meeting. Ayes: 13 Nays: 33 Motion Failed.

Resolution by Frandsen 2<sup>nd</sup> Knapp to accept amended salaries - Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Frandsen, Thornhill, Knapp, Schwandt & Boes Nays: None Resolution Declared Adopted.

**Miranda Podell-Questions for Trusted Solution and the Board on provided summary report:**  
Explained errors and corrections that were made. Discussed a Forensic Audit/Review and if it will be beneficial-errors could be lack of due diligence and bad bookkeeping.

**Motion** Frandsen 2<sup>nd</sup> Schwandt to open Budget Hearing for the proposed 2023-2024 Budget at 11:40 am, Discussion about line items on the proposed budget, resulted with the following motions:

**Motion:** Roger Betten 2<sup>nd</sup> Ann Peterson to move 265-965 Townhall to 901-970 Surplus Funds of \$200,000. Ayes: Majority present-Nays: none. Motion passed.

**Motion:** Roger Betten 2<sup>nd</sup> Ann Petersen to move 265-970 Capital Outlay to 901-970 Surplus Funds of \$51,000. Leaving \$50,500 in Capital Outlay. Ayes: 36 Nays: 2. Motion passed.

**Motion:** Penny Bassett 2<sup>nd</sup> Mary Pirkola to spend no money on Petersen Park until it is in the name of the township. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays None. Motion passed.

**Motion** Roger Betten 2<sup>nd</sup> Vicki Douglas to raise the salary of the Zoning Administrator to \$7000 Ayes: 30 Nays: 0 Motion passed

**Motion** Vicki Douglas 2<sup>nd</sup> Sheryl Houser to remove Treasurer 253-801 Home Office \$960 expense. Ayes: 18 Nays: 20 Motion failed.

**Motion** Penney Bassett 2<sup>nd</sup> Mary Pirkola to add Home Office Expense \$960 & Phone Expense \$240 to Supervisor, Clerk & 2 Trustee positions. Ayes: 24 Nays: 14 Motion Passed

**Motion** Ann Petersen – to lower Deputy Clerk wages to \$10/hr with a limit of 20 hrs monthly, Motion dies on the floor, no second

**Motion** Sherry Olson 2<sup>nd</sup> Ken Miller to amend Township Board Professional services 101-818 to add up to \$20,000 for forensic review. Ayes: 32 Nays: 15 Motion Passed

**Motion** Roger Betten 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan Knapp to adopt the 23-24 Budget as amended. Ayes: 48 Nays: 0 Motion passed

**Motion** Knapp 2<sup>nd</sup> Frandsen to Close Budget Hearing at 1:13 pm Motion passed

#### **Any other Annual Meeting Business:**

**Motion** Penny Bassett 2<sup>nd</sup> Roger Betten to have a special meeting of the electors after the results of the Biannual Audit: Ayes: 32. Nays: 1. Motion passed

**Adjournment: Motion Penny Basset 2<sup>nd</sup> Tim Thornhill to adjourn at 1:27pm**

**Next Annual Meeting: Saturday, March 30, 2024 at 9:00 am**