

Village of Mapleton
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, December 8, 2021

6:00 p.m.

This meeting to be recorded.

1) Call to Order at 6:00 pm by Mayor, Liz Rench

2) Roll Call:

In attendance: Mayor, Liz Rench; Trustees: Bill Hodges, Diana Merritt (6:20 pm); Rodney Smith; Harvey Stidham, Andrew Wallen and Sarah Wambold (6:15 pm). Also attending: Clerk, Patricia Briggs; Treasurer, Rhonda Hodges and Attorney Lane Alster.

3) Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

4) Approval of Minutes

a. Minutes from regular Board Meeting November 10, 2021

Motion by Bill Hodges and seconded by Rodney Smith to approve minutes. Viva Voce vote was unanimous (Diana and Sarah were absent). Minutes approved.

5) Approval of Bills and Correspondence

Motion by Bill Hodges and seconded by Harvey Stidham to approve Bills & Correspondence with the correction of moving the gallons and \$ amount from Tel-Star in General to T-L Water under water. Viva Voce vote was unanimous (Diana and Sarah were absent). Bills & Correspondence approved.

6) Approval of Treasurer's Report

Rodney Smith made a motion and was seconded by Harvey Stidham to approve the Treasurer's Report. Viva Voce vote was unanimous (Diana and Sarah were absent). Treasurer's Report approved.

7) Public Comments

Residents who wish to speak should raise their hands to be recognized. All comments should be pertinent to items on the agenda and shall be limited to three (3) minutes.

a. Alice Dailey – Zoning of her Wheeler Road property

The board was unanimous in approval of rezoning to residential. There will be a committee meeting and a public meeting that will need to have a publication in the local newspaper. There is also a form that Alice will have to fill out.

8) Old Business

a) Holiday Dinner

There was a lengthy discussion about what is needed to pull this large gathering together. It was agreed that we would give a donation of \$50 to the music department at IBS and a \$50 donation to the fire department for the fire truck bringing Santa to the dinner. Rhonda Hodges, treasurer also asked the board to pay the clerk for all the time she has spent on shopping and preparation for the dinner on her own time. Bill Hodges made a motion and was seconded by Harvey Stidham to pay the clerk for her time. Viva Voce vote was unanimous.

9) Committee Reports (No motions can be made during reports)

a) Finance Committee – Andrew Wallen

Andrew said he hadn't been able to make any progress on find a company to do collections for the village. There was a brief discussion about phones and phone plans for the clerk. Andrew recommended and iPhone SE for under \$400 and the \$10 Ting plan for unlimited voice and texting with no data. He assured the board that the service would be on the Verizon network. Clerk asked about a docking station for the new laptop and Andrew said he would send her the link.

Treasurer, Rhonda Hodges said that the auditor is very far behind in our audit and will take care of getting an extension from the State. Rhonda also said she is looking into other options for the next audit.

b) Health & Water – Bill Hodges

Bill explained that a resident who had a high bill for several months had a leak on their end. The village was unable to turn the valve off on November 20th so we should give a half month's credit on their bill. Clerk will send a corrected statement. Clerk informed the board that the resident on Mapleton Road where there had been a large leak before the last tenant left, had inside meter removed, which should fix the issue. Clerk will make work orders for ten days out to do a new reading to make sure the leaks on both properties have been fixed.

c) Liquor – Liz Rensch

Nothing to report

d) Streets & Alleys – Rodney Smith

Rodney said they will work on getting Christmas lights up around the building tomorrow and will also get the Village of Mapleton Sign back up. He will get holes patched on Monks and Spring Streets. He plans to put patch instead of rock on Spring Street, as it just keeps getting washed out.

There was a discussion about using American Recovery Program money to buy culverts to fix all the drainage issues in the village. A suggestion was also made about giving some of the money back to the residents in the form of a free month of water/garbage service.

e) Zoning and Code Enforcement – Harvey Stidham

Harvey stated that the Zoning Committee met with the tenant for Spring Street property on December 5th. There were 12 -13 junk cars and he gotten rid of 8-9. He has also taken 4-5 loads to garbage. He also contacted the owner of the house and let him know he is equally at fault for the condition of the property. He gave them a date of January 2 and if not cleaned up following guidelines the village has set forth, will start assessing a fine against both of them. He suggested starting at \$30 a day and the attorney stated that \$100 a day would be more in line with what other municipalities are fining. He also said the court will enter that amount easily. They will meet again on January 2nd to see if the work has been completed satisfactorily, and if not, fines will start on that day. Clerk will send a registered letter to inform the tenant and the owner of the fines that will be assessed.

The property on Astle Lane has had quite a bit of work done on it but still has a lot of junk that needs to be removed and the yard mowed. Lane will keep in touch with the owner about ongoing work.

Attorney Lane Alster said the bank entered an appearance on the Main Street property saying it isn't abandoned. He also had a phone call from the lawyer. He believes the bank will say clean it up and lien the property. We don't have abandonment, just dangerous and unsafe. Then we can foreclose the lien after we get the right to demo-repair. Hearing is set for January. The Village could hire a company to clean it and include that cost on the lien.

Resident in attendance made a complaint about a house on Main Street that hadn't had the grass mowed all Summer. Clerk said the tenant had moved out by the end of November.

10) Mayor's Report – Liz Rench

Mayor asked Diana Merritt about her use of the hall on Saturday the 11th and she stated she had made other arrangements.

11) New Business

a) Ordinance 2021-11-10-01A Tax Levy (Corrected)

Treasurer explained that we had to reduce our levy by a small amount so the levy had to be amended. Andrew Wallen made a motion and was seconded by Rodney Smith to approve the Amended levy. Viva Voce vote was unanimous. Ordinance 2021-11-10-01A was approved.

Bill Hodges made a motion to close the Open meeting and go to an executive session. He was seconded by Diana Merritt. Viva Voce vote was unanimous. Meeting closed at 6:54 pm.

12) Executive Session (If needed) pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act for purposes of discussing the employment, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the Village.

Regular Board Meeting resumed at 7:08 pm All Board Members, clerk, treasurer, mayor and attorney were present.

13) Announcements

Rhonda suggested we do something simpler for a holiday meal next year, such as spaghetti. Mayor said she was also thinking about having it catered.

14) Additional Business if any

15) Adjourn Open Session

Harvey Stidham made a motion to close the meeting and was seconded by Bill Hodges. Viva Voce vote was unanimous and meeting was closed at 7:13 pm.


Transcribed by Patricia S. Briggs, Clerk

Approved by the Board of Trustees, Village of Mapleton 12 January 2022

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ATTENDANCE			Motion: Billing Hodges made a motion to approve Minutes from Board Meeting November 10, 2021 and was seconded by Rodney Smith.				Motion: Bill Hodges made a motion to accept Bills & Correspondence with the correction to move gallons and \$ from Tel-Star to T-L Water and was seconded by Harvey Stidham.			
Quorum Present?	YES									
MAYOR			Present	Absent	MAYOR			MAYOR		
Liz Rench	X		Liz Rench				Liz Rench			
TRUSTEES			TRUSTEES			TRUSTEES			TRUSTEES	
Bill Hodges	X		Bill Hodges	X			Bill Hodges	X		
Diana Merritt	X	6:20	Diana Merritt				Diana Merritt			
Rodney Smith	X		Rodney Smith	X			Rodney Smith	X		
Harvey Stidham	X		Harvey Stidham	X			Harvey Stidham	X		
Andrew Wallen	X		Andrew Wallen	X			Andrew Wallen	X		
Sarah Wambold	X	6:15	Sarah Wambold				Sarah Wambold			
Pat Briggs – Village Clerk						APPROVED			APPROVED	
Rhonda Hodges, Treasurer										
Attorney, Lane Alister										

APPROVED	MOTION PASSED	ORDINANCE PASSED
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Motion: Bill Hodges made a motion to close the open meeting and go into executive session and was seconded by Diana Merritt.			Motion: Open Session Resumed at 7:08 pm ROLL CALL			Harvey Stidham made a motion to Close the Open Meeting and was seconded by Bill Hodges.		
MAYOR	Ayes	Nays	MAYOR	Present	Absent	MAYOR	Ayes	Nays
Liz Rench			Liz Rench	X		Liz Rench		
TRUSTEES			TRUSTEES			TRUSTEES		
Bill Hodges	X		Bill Hodges	X		Bill Hodges	X	
Diana Merritt	X		Diana Merritt	X		Diana Merritt	X	
Rodney Smith	X		Rodney Smith	X		Rodney Smith	X	
Harvey Stidham	X		Harvey Stidham	X		Harvey Stidham	X	
Andrew Wallen	X		Andrew Wallen	X		Andrew Wallen	X	

Sarah Wambold	X	Sarah Wambold	X	Sarah Wambold	X
CLOSED 6:54 PM				CLOSED AT 7:13 PM	

