

Village of Mapleton
REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, July 14, 2021

6:00 p.m.

Meeting to be recorded

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1) Call to Order at 6:02 pm by Patti Monks

2) Roll Call by Clerk

In Attendance: Patti Monks, pro temp Mayor; Trustees: Bill Hodges, Dianna Merritt, Rodney Smith and Andrew Wallen. Also in attendance: Clerk, Patricia Briggs; Treasurer, Rhonda Hodges, and Village Attorney, Michael Seghetti. Absent: Harvey Stidham.

3) Pledge of Allegiance to The Flag

4) Approval of Minutes

A. Minutes from Regular Board Meeting June 9, 2021

B. Minutes from Special Board Meeting June 14, 2021

C. Minutes from combined Committee Meeting July 8, 2021

Bill Hodges Made a motion to accept the Minutes as presented and was seconded by Andrew Wallen. Unanimously approved.

5) Approval of Bills and Correspondence

A. Bills & Correspondence (June 10 through July 14, 2021)

Bill Hodges Made a motion to accept the Minutes as presented and was seconded by Diana Merritt. Unanimously approved.

6) Approval of Treasurer's Report

A. Treasurer's Report

Bill Hodges Made a motion to accept the Minutes as presented and was seconded by Diana Merritt. Unanimously approved.

7) Public Comments

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

8) Addressing the Board

A.

9) Old Business

A. Intergovernmental Agreement with Kingston Mines (Attorney)

At the Committee Meeting on July 8th, Liz Rench stated she didn't think we should go forward with it. Our attorney, Lane Alster told the clerk in a phone conversation that he thought it should be discussed further, as it is a good idea. Further discussion took place which brought out that it is a very flexible agreement and doesn't cost the Village anything unless we actually use it. There was confusion over the idea that there would be "planning" meetings several times a year when almost everything where it was needed would be an emergency situation only. While our other provider can be more expensive, they have more equipment and more people so some of the time it might be better to continue using them. Can Kingston Mines work it into their schedule? What would their costs for the operator and the equipment be? Patti said we need more facts. Mike Seghetti stated that the village isn't committed to anything. The agreement can be flexible to be used only when we want, and that sharing resources is a good thing. Bill said that we have a dump truck that is larger than theirs (Kingston Mines) and we could work out an arrangement for that. Andrew stated that we're getting better at planning big capital products and didn't see that it was a negative, outside of the time commitment for meetings. Mike reiterated that it can be whatever we want it to be. Patti said we need more information about costs, how much per hour for the operator and the equipment. This will be tabled until the August Committee Meeting and Board Meetings in order to get additional information.

B. Furnace Bids (Rodney)

Rodney explained that he has talked with several additional companies and they aren't interested in the job. Bill said he talked with someone and they are interested. Bill was asked to have the company give us a bid and see if they would do a service plan. Rodney said he was also wondering if we could just replace the furnace in the back room and use it for the whole building instead of having two furnaces. Tabled until the August Committee Meeting and Board

Meeting.

C. Purchase of 8514 W. Main next to village hall

Mike Seghetti explained that if a building meets three criteria it allows a municipality to get the deed for the property: 1) taxes/water bills haven't been paid for two years; 2) is dangerous and unsafe, and 3) vacant. The village could initiate legal proceedings, get title and tear it down. The legal fees would be around \$2000. Rodney said he hopes to get a break on cost of the dumpsters and thinks it would be maybe 3 loads needed. He said if there is any asbestos in the building that would increase our costs to have that mediated. Resident Alice Dailey said that the gentleman who bought her house is also interested in purchasing the property. She is concerned with taking it down and it coming off the tax rolls. Rodney explained the village wants to utilize the property to build a garage to store equipment in. Mike explained that getting control of it is the best thing we can do as it wipes out the back taxes. If the village wanted to sell it, they could sell it cheaper than someone paying off the back taxes. Alice said the house is eaten up with termites. Bill asked how much we would lose in taxes. Mike said it is \$1300/year, but the village only gets a portion of that. This will be put on the agenda for the next committee meeting and Rodney will try to have the numbers at that time.

D. Change Credit Card authorizations (Add Bill Hodges do not add Fritz)

Clerk explained that she had never added Fritz to the credit card, as Liz has asked her not to the day following the meeting. Rodney Smith made a motion to not add Fritz and to add Bill Hodges to the credit card and was seconded by Diana Merritt. Vote was unanimous, with Bill abstaining.

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

A. Finance Committee – Patti Monks

Patti said that since the budget was approved at the last meeting, she didn't really have anything else.

B. Health and Water – Bill Hodges

Bill said there have been issues with residents having water turned off for non-payment and then immediately paying and expecting water to be turned back on. Clerk explained that there were two this month, one is chronic the other was the first time. He will talk about this in new business.

C. Liquor – Liz Rench

All licenses are up-to-date

D. Streets and Alleys – Rodney Smith

Rodney said that the roads are marked for spray patching and they are just working on little projects.

He stated that they had decided to paint the outside of the building the same colors as it is now. He said the park district will loan us their floor scrubber so the hall floor can be stripped and buffed. He said the village will also be painting the inside of the hall and replacing the double doors. He has a bid from someone for the outside painting of \$2000. Patti said it was decided to do the doors first, then the inside painting, and then the floors.

Rodney said the township did mow the ditches on the backside of W. First Street.

He explained that after looking at the book from when the village sign was created, he doesn't think it can be moved as he originally thought. There is rebar and concrete under it and it could wind up being a mess and destroying the sign. We'll just leave it where it sits and update it with landscape bricks instead of the big blocks, as getting them delivered will be costly. He explained that he can't go get the blocks until the truck is fixed. Bill said he will have the truck fixed this week. Rodney said he will be on vacation next week and might go down and check it out and see a plan of attack on it.

Rodney will call to get the door replacement done.

**E. Zoning and Code Enforcement – Harvey Stidham (On Vacation)
Harvey doing pictures of Astle Lane and W. First St. Committee meeting**

11) Mayor's Report – Liz Rench

All licenses are up to date.

12) New Business

A. Ordinance 2021-07-14-01 Appropriations Ordinance

The budget was already approved but this needs to be published and filed with the county. Bill Hodges made a motion to accept Ordinance 2021-07-14-01 as

presented and was seconded by Rodney Smith. Unanimously approved.

B. Sam's Club Plus Membership

Clerk explained that there are benefits to upgrading to a Plus membership, such as free shipping, cash back rewards and lower costs. Diana Merritt made a motion to upgrade the Sam's Club membership to the Plus membership and was seconded by Andrew Wallen. Unanimous approval.

C. New Contract for Water Operator

Bill said he hasn't talked with Fritz about it but it was discussed at the committee meeting. His suggestion is that his contract will be \$600 for 20 hours per month and \$15/hour for anything over that. Diana asked if Will will have the same contract once he finishes classes and becomes certified. Patti stated that will be for future business, that Will has a lot of classes yet to take.

Bill will go over the contract with Fritz and make sure he is in agreement. Put on the Agenda for the next Committee Meeting.

D. Request to close Spring Street for a private party

There was a brief discussion and the board agreed it is up to the resident making the request to get approval from the adjacent neighbors. Mike said there is a responsibility to talk to the neighbors and get approval. Additional information is needed, such as date, hours and number of people expected. The resident will be contacted.

E. Potluck for Village residents

There was some concern by the board about having anything in August with the heat and vacation schedules for board members. It was decided to not do anything in August, but to do a potluck and wiener roast with a chili cookoff in October. A date of October 16th with a rain date of October 23 was decided on. Patti & Diana will work on a flyer and details.

F. Ordinance 2021-07-14-02 Weed Ordinance

Andrew asked a question as to whether Liz Rench is President or Mayor of the village as he has seen it both ways. Mike explained that technically she is the President, but historically she is referred to as the mayor.

It was explained that the ordinance is necessary in order to have legal recourse when properties are not taken care of. Clerk asked for clarification from the attorney, as the ordinance was written with a 10" height for weeds and grass but

the municipal code has it as 8" in several locations. Mike agreed it should state 8". Clerk explained that she had done the ordinance will be for 8". Bill Hodges made a motion to accept Ordinance 2021-07-14-02 and was seconded by Rodney Smith. Unanimous approval.

13) 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.

14) Announcements

Patti shared that Kingston Mines will be doing an event on Sunday, July 18th that will include a cruise-in from 1 – 4 pm. Clerk said she would put something on the website about this event.

15) Additional Business if any

Clerk shared a flyer from the Illinois Municipal League about the American Resource Plan and money available for recovery. She explained that the only thing she saw that we might qualify for was for Water and Sewer infrastructure. We don't have lead lines, but we do have asbestos lines that need to be replaced. Clerk is to contact IML to see if money might be available for that project instead. Diana asked about the section for supporting small businesses. The village really only has the bar as a small business.

Diana explained that an individual is wanting to provide funds to put a splash pad into Butler Haynes part, but they want the village to give them water at cost. This would be great for families and was attempted several years ago but insurance for the park was a problem. If there is a way to do this, the park would be responsible for putting in a separate meter for the splash pad. Andrew explained that the village doesn't really make money on water. We pay for all the water that comes to the village and to the residents. There are state mandates that have to be followed. Rhonda stated that the only thing she could think of was maybe removing the Capital Development portion from their bill. Clerk asked how that would work with our software, as there is no way to remove that from just one customer. If we do it manually, then that water is lost from our reports. Diana was asked to get a park representative and the person providing the splash pad to come to the next board meeting. This would be a great community opportunity and Andrew is in full support. This will be added to the agenda for August.

16) Adjourn Open Session

Bill Hodges made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Andrew Wallen.
Voice vote was unanimous for adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm.



Minutes recorded and transcribed by Patricia Briggs, Clerk.

Minutes approved by the Board of the Village of Mapleton on 11 August 2021.

APPROVED

July 14, 2021

ATTENDANCE			Motion: Bill Hodges made a motion to accept Minutes from Board Meeting 9 June 2021; Special Board Meeting 14 June 2021 and Committee Meeting 8 July 2021. Andrew Wallen seconded.	Motion: Bill Hodges made a motion to accept the Bills and Correspondence from June 9 through July 14 and was seconded by Diana Merritt.
Quorum Present?	YES			
MAYOR			MAYOR	
	Present	Absent	Ayes	Nays
MAYOR			MAYOR	
Liz Rench		X	Liz Rench	Liz Rench
TRUSTEES			TRUSTEES	
Bill Hodges	X		Bill Hodges	Bill Hodges
Diana Merritt	X		Diana Merritt	Diana Merritt
Patti Monks	X		Patti Monks	Patti Monks
Rodney Smith	X		Rodney Smith	Rodney Smith
Harvey Stidham		X	Harvey Stidham	Harvey Stidham
Andrew Wallen	X		Andrew Wallen	Andrew Wallen
Pat Briggs – Village Clerk				
Rhonda Hodges, Treasurer				
Attorney, Mike Seghetti				
MINUTES WERE APPROVED			APPROVED	

VILLAGE OF MAPLETON BOARD MEETING

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Motion: Bills Hodges made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report an was seconded by Diana Merritt.			Motion: Rodney Smith made a motion to remove Fritz from the credit card and put Bill Hodges on. Diana Merritt Seconded.			Motion: Bill Hodges made a motion to accept Ordinance 2021-07-14-01 Appropriations and was seconded by Rodney Smith.		
MAYOR			MAYOR			MAYOR		
Liz Rench			Liz Rench			Liz Rench		
TRUSTEES			TRUSTEES			TRUSTEES		
Bill Hodges	X		Bill Hodges		X	Bill Hodges		X
Diana Merritt	X		Diana Merritt		X	Diana Merritt		X
Patti Monks	X		Patti Monks		X	Patti Monks		X
Rodney Smith	X		Rodney Smith		X	Rodney Smith		X
Harvey Stidham			Harvey Stidham			Harvey Stidham		X
Andrew Wallen	X		Andrew Wallen		X	Andrew Wallen		X
TREASURER'S REPORT APPROVED			APPROVED			APPROVED 2021-07-14-01		

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Motion: Diana Merritt made a motion to upgrade Sam's Club to a Plus Membership and was seconded by Andrew Wallen.			Motion: Bill Hodges made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-07-14-02 Weeds and was seconded by Rodney Smith.			Motion: Bill Hodges made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Andrew Wallen.		
	Ayes	Nays		Ayes	Nays		Ayes	Nays
MAYOR			MAYOR			MAYOR		
Liz Rench			Liz Rench			Liz Rench		
TRUSTEES			TRUSTEES			TRUSTEES		
Bill Hodges	X		Bill Hodges	X		Bill Hodges	X	
Diana Merritt	X		Diana Merritt	X		Diana Merritt	X	
Patti Monks	X		Patti Monks	X		Patti Monks	X	
Rodney Smith	X		Rodney Smith	X		Rodney Smith	X	
Harvey Stidham			Harvey Stidham			Harvey Stidham		
Andrew Wallen	X		Andrew Wallen	X		Andrew Wallen	X	
APPROVED			Ordinance 2021-07-14-02 approved			ADJOURNED AT 7:18 pm		