

Village of Mapleton
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, August 12, 2020

7:00 p.m.

Meeting to be recorded

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES!

1) Call to Order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Carl A. Bishop

2) Roll Call

In attendance, Trustees: Mike Beecham, Mark Foust (7:03 pm), Patti Monks, and Rodney Smith. Absent: Liz Rench and Harvey Stidham. A quorum was present.

3) Pledge of Allegiance to The Flag

4) Consent Agenda

All items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered routine by the Village Board and will be enacted by one motion with no separate discussion of the items. If discussion of an item is desired, that item will be removed from the consent agenda to be considered separately.

A. Minutes from Regular Board Meeting July 8, 2020

B. Bills & Correspondence (July 8 – August 12, 2020)

C. Treasurer's Report

Patti Monks made a motion to accept the consent agenda and was seconded by Rodney Smith. Voting was unanimous. Consent Agenda was approved.

5) 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.

6) Addressing the Board

A. Janice Harms – Ditch & Culvert @ 8804 W. Main

Mrs. Harms asked that the village work as a team to solve the problem of the small culvert on Walnut Street. Rodney Smith and the engineer agreed that the 3' culvert is not big enough. When the water comes down the hill, it comes hard

and fast. It put 6" of dirt in the neighbor's garage. The County has cleaned it out, but it keeps plugging up and is putting property at risk and needs attention. Rodney said he has checked with the engineer and is waiting for a call back. The engineer was supposed to get with the county and see how they went about fixing the other tube. He stated that the culvert under the railroad track is also filled up and will try to get both of them fixed at the same time while they have equipment in place. There was also discussion about other culverts that have trees growing in front of them. Rodney also stated that when the county cleaned the ditches on Wheeler Road, they stopped before they got to the last section and it still needs to be done.

B. David Moody –

David explained that he has purchased a house on Fawn Ridge and wants to pull his trailer on the other side of the out building. He explained that it won't be seen. He also stated that if he brought it in a night or if it is raining, he might have to move it the following day, as he wouldn't be able to back it behind the building. He has a truck and an 18' enclosed trailer. It was pointed out that other residents on the street have campers on the property. He talked with a couple of the neighbors and none of them had a problem with his truck being parked behind the building. The other resident has the house up for sale and will be moving soon. The Board was in agreement that it shouldn't be a problem, but that the subdivision has its own restrictions which preclude campers, trucks, trailers, etc. being on the property for more than three days, but there isn't an active HOA to talk with so it is probably a moot point.

8) Old Business

A. Christmas Decorations

Liz had asked that this be on the Agenda but since she wasn't present, it was tabled until September. There is a sale on decorations that ends in October.

B. Storage of Documents

Rodney explained that he would like to take the side wall out of the room and expand it, but the pump stands are in the way. That area is unusable because of the stands and he has contacted someone to have them taken out which would give another 4' of room for storage of documents. He is waiting to hear back.

C. Diesel Fuel

Rodney explained that he spoke with FS and they don't recommend keeping diesel fuel on hand in large quantities since we don't use too much. It can be

treated, but they don't like using treated fuel in equipment because the chemicals are not good for the engines. It was suggested that Fritz be put on the credit card so he can purchase fuel or get fuel while the clerk is at work to meet him at the gas station. Rodney is on the credit card and can also purchase gas. Treasurer said it has become a problem with fuel costs being taken from petty cash as she's having to come in to replenish it way too often.

D. Fall Clean Up / Dumpster Days

It was brought up about paying more for garbage pickup and having a truck go around once a year to pick up at resident's homes. There was concern a Truck going around once would probably not work as one truck would not be enough. It was also expressed that there would be so much stuff to be picked up and put into the truck it would probably not work. Mrs. Harms stated that when the culvert overflowed by her house there was garbage, car parts, shingles, concrete slabs, blocks and glass and it took 2-1/2 dump truck load for the county to clean it all up. It was decided that the Clerk should set up a dumpster at village hall on September 11, 12 13th.

E. Hall monthly cleaning

Rodney said he and Liz had met with a woman about cleaning the hall once a month. She would charge \$140 the first time and \$90 per month. Clerk explained that we already had someone hired to clean quarterly for \$50 but she had been hospitalized and hadn't been able to come in recently. She also didn't understand why the hall needs to be cleaned monthly since there are few activities other than the monthly board meeting. Clerk has been cleaning bathrooms, kitchen, sweeping and vacuuming but cannot mop the floors. Rhonda Hodges and Patti Monks said they would volunteer to mop the floors and Mark Foust said he would come in and clean and buff the hall. Mike Beecham suggested we leave the cleaning up to the volunteers. Clerk also pointed out that there are spiders living in the outlets in the hall. Discussion about hiring an exterminator were dismissed as too expensive and clerk will purchase spray to kill the spiders.

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

A. Finance Committee – Mike Beecham

Nothing new to report. Rhonda Hodges explained that some of the employees and trustees might get calls from the Auditor asking about fraud or potention for fraud in the village. He is doing so because we don't send anyone to training for fraud or ethics. No need to panic as he is just meeting state guidelines.

B. Health and Water – Liz Rench

Mike said we should have the engineer take a look at the shed under the water tower to see if the electrical panel could be moved outside and the shed torn down. Mike will contact the engineer.

C. Liquor – Carl Bishop

Clerk explained that the village had not received a renewal for J & B Butler's liquor license and they are currently in violation. Clerk was asked if they had been notified and she stated she had sent a letter outlining the three months prorating that had been done due to Covid-19 but had not heard anything back. Mayor Bishop will talk to the owner.

D. Streets and Alleys – Rodney Smith

Rodney stated that the patching on First Street is about done except for having it spray patched and mowed. This should be done in the next week. He is waiting on numbers on the remaining ditches and alleys that need cleaned. He wants to make sure we do everything at one time.

Sealcoating – Rodney said he called the engineer the day of the meeting but had not heard back. The engineer had previously told him that due to the pandemic IDOT is very behind on paperwork. There was also an issue with the paperwork and it had to be brought back in for the clerk to sign. We haven't heard anything back since but this work has to be done this winter so we don't incur more engineering fees. Clerk explained that the engineer had told her most of the companies he expects to bid will have no problem with getting the work done before the weather gets too cold as work has been slow. She also stated that he was waiting for confirmation from the state on how long bids had to be published.

Rodney talked to the county about the tube on Hickory street and explained that if they provided the tube he would have it put in. They said they don't have any but will put it in as soon as they get one.

Clerk asked if Rodney had seen the email she sent about the tree down at the end of Vickie Lynn that a resident had tried to move, but it was too heavy. Rodney said he will see about getting it removed.

E. Zoning and Code Enforcement – Harvey Stidham

Attorney Lane Alster stated that ordinance violation letters were sent and the resident on First Street had called and complained. She said she was working on the property and wanted to eventually build a new house there. He explained that she had fifteen days to get it done or we would proceed to court. Mike

Beecham and Rodney Smith said the resident had done some trimming but there was a lot left to do.

8) Mayors Report – Carl Bishop

Nothing to report

9) New Business

A. Code Enforcement Officer – Mayor

Mayor Bishop asked why we don't have a Code Enforcement Officer and it was explained that there is no budget for it. It was also explained that the board spent a lot of time and effort several years ago to find an ordinance officer and the cost was too prohibitive. There were even talks about sharing someone with Kingston Mines and Glasford, but those talks fizzled out. No one wants the job and there is no budget for it. We have a process in place to handle violations and are sending letters. If violations are not taken care of it is sent to the attorney for further action.

B. Wiener Roast

The board discussed whether or not we should have a wiener roast on October 17 or 24 in light of the pandemic and it was decided to table it until September to see what is going on with the virus.

C. Traffic on West First Street created by Hollis Park directions to Butler Haynes –

There was discussion about the road being dangerous and fragile and traffic should be directed away from W. First Street. Patti will speak to Jim at the Park District at the next Park Board Meeting.

D. Outside upkeep at Village Hall –

There was discussion about what could be done to beautify the exterior landscaping of Village Hall without costing a lot of money. Several people volunteered time and plants to help with the project. The weeds growing in the sidewalk cracks are unsightly and the grass has grown over the sidewalk in many places. This creates a lot of dust and debris that finds its way into the hall.

4) EXECUTIVE SESSION 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.

5) Announcements

6) Additional Business if any

7) Adjourn Open Session

Mark Foust made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Mike Beecham. Voice Vote was unanimous and meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Patricia S. Briggs

Transcribed and recorded by Patricia S. Briggs, Village Clerk

Approved by the Village of Mapleton Board of Trustees 09 September 2020

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VILLAGE OF MAPLETON BOARD MEETING

August 12, 2020

ATTENDANCE		MAYOR			MAYOR			MAYOR		
Quorum Present?	YES	Present	Absent	Ayes	Nays	Ayes	Nays	Ayes	Nays	Motion: Mark Foust made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Mike Beecham.
		MAYOR			MAYOR			MAYOR		
Carl Bishop		X								Carl Bishop
		TRUSTEES			TRUSTEES			TRUSTEES		
Mike Beecham		X								Mike Beecham
Mark Foust (In at 7:03)		X								Mark Foust
Patti Monks		X								Patti Monks
Liz Rench			X							Liz Rench
Rodney Smith		X								Rodney Smith
Harvey Stidham			X							Harvey Stidham
Pat Briggs – Village Clerk		X								
Rhonda Hodges - Treasurer		X								
Attorney, Lane Alster										
				CONSENT AGENDA WAS APPROVED						ADJOURNED AT 7:52 PM

