

Village of Mapleton
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA
Village Hall

Monday, June 14, 2021 at 6:00 PM

Meeting to be recorded

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

2) Roll Call

Attending: Mayor, Liz Rench; Trustees – Bill Hodges, Patti Monks, Rodney Smith and Andrew Wallen. Absent – Harvey Stidham and Diana Merritt. Also in attendance, Pat Briggs, Clerk

3) Pledge of Allegiance

4) MFT Bid Approval

Rodney Smith made a motion to accept the UCM bid for sealcoating and was seconded by Patti Monks. All Ayes, No Nays. 2-Absent

5) Committee reassignments

Streets & Alleys

Rodney Smith, Chair; Bill Hodges and Andrew Wallen

Water

Bill Hodges, Chair; Diana Merritt and Andrew Wallen

Zoning

Harvey Stidham, Chair; Rodney Smith and Andrew Wallen

Finance

Patti Monks, Chair; Harvey Stidham and Diana Merritt

Liquor

Liz Rench, Chair; Harvey Stidham and Diana Merritt

6) Additional Business, if any.

Liz stated that she does not want Fritz on the credit card and he doesn't want on it either. Clerk will notify bank of changes.

Liz spoke with Rhonda about upgrading to a Sam's Plus membership which would be \$100 per year. This would be an additional \$55 to catch it up, since it was just renewed. She stated that we would have free shipping on most items we order and paper would be \$32.98 on-line instead of \$29.60 but would save the clerk from paying the clerk to pick it up. Clerk stated that she

never charges the village, simply adds it to her own shopping. There are also other advantages to upgrading to a Plus membership. Clerk to add to July agenda.

Liz reminded the board that she and Fritz would be on Vacation July 9th through the 16th. Patti will fill in for her at the July board meeting and Will is set up to do tower readings and fill in for Fritz.

Rodney also said he will be taking a week of vacation towards the end of the month (June).

Andrew said he had been looking at different cell plans, some as low as \$15 per month. He found a plan that could be put on the office computer that would have unlimited calling and texting. Liz stated that she doesn't want that to happen and that the clerk had published her phone number and that shouldn't be happening. Clerk stated that she has not published her personal phone number in the Newsletter, but uses the office number.

Liz said she had spoken with Louann Foust about closing Spring Street off for a 30th birthday party. They plan to have a DJ at the event. There was a lot of discussion about closing the street due to the bar entrance/exit being blocked. Andrew told the Board about Pekin closing a downtown street and having bands, food, etc. to drive business to downtown so there is precedent for closing streets. Liz said Harvey should talk with Bill Scott & Jenny since it effects the bar. There also could be no liquor consumed on the street. Clerk was asked to put this on the July meeting agenda. Rodney said he doesn't have a problem with it if the neighbors don't care.

Liz told the board she purchased a refrigerator and water for the workers in the back room.

Rodney stated that since Weiland's closed, he has been stopping at a place in Tremont (Midwest Equipment?) and wondered if we could set up an account. Clerk will check on this tomorrow.

The need for a push mower for the village was also discussed. Rodney said he would look into it. Bill also said he has mowers and could fix one up for the village. Rodney said he thought his dad had one for sale as well.

Liz asked if the truck was ever going to be fixed and Bill said he would fix the truck. He's been working a lot of overtime but will get it fixed. Liz said we're going to need it to pick up patching material before the sealcoating is scheduled.

Bill also said the bush hog is by his garage and the village can pick it up at any time.

Rodney talked with Scott (spray patching) which needs to be done before the sealcoating. The clerk was asked to contact Steve Kerr and let him know we're ready and to get a preliminary date for the sealcoating.

Clerk said she'd been contacted by Peoria County, who has been receiving complaints about the condition of the railroad tracks coming into the village. They had reached out to Keokuk and was told they (Keokuk) were working with us and had a time set. Clerk said they hadn't given her

any estimate of a time to complete the work and had told her they were short-handed and behind and would let her know when they could get to it.

Rodney stated that he can't get anyone at the State highway department to call him back about their culverts that need to be cleaned out. He doesn't want to do anymore work on cleaning out our ditches because they just get plugged back up since the state's culverts need to be cleaned out.

7) Adjourn Open Session

Patti Monks made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Andrew Wallen. Voice vote was unanimous and meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Recorded and transcribed by Patricia Briggs, Clerk

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