

Diana  
Merritt

**Village of Mapleton**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, July 12, 2023

6:00 p.m.

***This meeting to be recorded. PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES!***

**1) Call to order - by Mayor Liz Rench**

**2) Roll call -**

In attendance: Mayor, Liz Rench; All Trustees Present – Bill Hodges, Jennifer Stout, Rodney Smith, Ben Hausam, Neil Viviano, Terri Baker. Also attending: Clerk, Diana Merritt, Treasurer, Rhonda Hodges and Attorney, Michael Seghetti.

**3) Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

**4) Approval of Minutes –**

a. Minutes from regular and executive Board Meeting June 14, 2023

Ben Hausam made a motion to approve minutes as listed and was seconded by Rodney Smith. Viva Voce vote was unanimous. Minutes were approved.

**5) Approval of Bills and Correspondence –**

a) June 15 through July 11, 2023

Bill Hodges made a motion to accept the Bills and Correspondence and was seconded by Rodney Smith. Viva voce vote was unanimous. Bills and Correspondence approved.

**6) Approval of Treasurer's Report –**

Rodney Smith made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and was seconded by Ben Hausam. Viva voce was unanimous. Treasurer's report was approved.

Alice Dailey stated that she was acting on behalf of Deb behalf. She did not quit the village of being the cleaning person. I wanted to know who fired her. She did not quit. Mayor Liz Rensch, she was not and okay you made your point.

**7) 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.**

Ben Hausam made a motion to go into executive session and was seconded by Jennifer Stout. Viva Voce was unanimous. Executive session approved.

Ben Hausam made a motion to go back into regular session and was seconded by Rodney Smith. Viva Voce was unanimous. Regular session approved.

**8) Public Comments**

***Residents who wish to speak should raise their hands to be recognized and will need to come to the table and retrieve the microphone. The MICROPHONE MUST BE USED IN ORDER TO SPEAK TO THE BOARD. All comments should be pertinent to items on the agenda and will be limited to only three (3) minutes.***

Alice Dailey, stated the meeting minutes haven't been read before being approved. These are public records that should be read and correct before being approved.

**9) Old Business**

**a. Cleaning the hall – Diana**

Ashley Hack, started cleaning the hall today and did a very good job. Mayor Liz Rensch asked her if she could help with the cleaning of the furnace room and accepted to do so. Mayor Liz Rensch, This building stinks, and we need to have the duct work cleaned out.

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

a. **Finance Committee – Neil Viviano** - Budget will be complete by the end of the month. Mayor Liz Rench stated that Neil and Rhonda needed to go to the bank and sign papers. Rhonda Hodges, stated she will see if they will bring to the Lake Camelot Bank so that she can go there instead of Glasford.

b. **Health & Water – Bill Hodges**

- i. **Water Portal - Up & Running as of July 1<sup>st</sup>.** Up and Running
- ii. **Phosphate** – waiting on IL Rural Water Assoc. because Tony doesn't know how to do it. IL Rural has cancelled on me twice. Mayor Liz Rench, I would contact IL American would respond sooner.
- iii. **New Meter Install** – installed and running. I took the day off to isolate the water. Also, we will need to get in the budget to repair hydrant in front of the Hall needs repaired because it is leaking.
- iv. **Fire Hydrant Flushing** – Have flushed a few and will continue this weekend with Adam.

Alice Dailey asked, how can I use more water at my house I don't live at than the one I do live in. Bill Hodges said we need to get a reader, and we will be changing the meter. We understand there is a problem and will be fixing it once we get the reader. Alice Dailey, I thought all meters were going to be read. Bill Hodges, I asked Bill Bucco to read all the meters but then shortly after that Bill got sick. Diana Merritt said her, and Adam went around and actually read 24 meters one day. Checking meter and verifying read on handheld. Bill Hodges, we will do the best we can to get them done.

c. **Streets & Alleys – Rodney Smith** –

- i. **Larger tractor** – since the larger one won't fit in the building and the one below won't either, I think we will keep the size what we got for

now without a mower deck. Also, I would like all committees to go over and look at the land next door and see how big you all think we should go on the building. I was thinking 40 x 60ft, but I want all of you involved in that decision. I did call to get 2 quotes on a 40 x 60 to start with. The one place is booked until November, but they could do it in November. We could just get the building up and doors on and gravel floor for now and then next year finish. We don't even have to cement the whole thing; we could just leave gravel floor for the tractors.

- ii. **Selling Big Truck** - Got all the information together and going to give it to Rhonda to place in the magazines to sell. Also, if we need to use my little one-ton truck for a little while I'm okay with that and maybe store it up here at the hall while we are using it. Attorney Mike Seghetti stated that it would be okay to use Rodney's truck for a little while, just temporarily.
- iii. **Purchasing New Truck** - Still looking for a truck.
- iv. **Bill Bucco's Gift Card** - I gave Joy the Gift Card.
- v. **Keys for Building and Office** – Diana has given out all the keys for the building and office to those that needed them.

We're getting some dirt for the property next door as well.

**d. Zoning and Code Enforcement – Ben Hausam –**

- i. **Spring St. – Cars** - Asked, Attorney if Attorney, Alster was able to determine anything regarding towing vehicles from private property. Attorney Seghetti stated you can if the car is inoperable, even if it has tags. It must be operable. If it is in the resident's backyard out

of view, then there is nothing we can do with it. We must be able to physically confirm it is inoperable.

- ii. **Astle Lane – Clean up** Rodney asked Attorney if we can reach out to the dumpster company and ask if they have an address or number for the resident since we are unable to reach him. Attorney Seghetti, said yes but not sure they will tell you, but worth the try.

**Alice Dailey stated that the Village issued a permit for Lonza that is not on Village Property.** Rhonda Hodges stated, they should have had the Peoria Association sign off on it because all of this was signed by all these people, they should have gotten the permit through Peoria County, and they are going to be very upset because Peoria County permits are a lot higher than ours. Attorney Seghetti stated we're talking about a small portion that isn't in Mapleton which is the Guard Shack, and we are working on Annex that little piece. I have talked to Lonzo, and they are going to do it to clean it up. So, the whole facility will be within the Village. They are getting the annexation plat drawn up, but the guard shack portion will have to be refunded. Rhonda Hodges stated that we will have to go through and figure out what we need to refund.

Alice Dailey stated she is still working on finding out what happened to the Indian Burial Ground on Stanton's property. She is trying to go through the minutes to see if she can find anything out. She will have to retrieve from the state capital the rest of the information.

**e. Liquor – Liz Rench**

- i. **3 – Liquor Licenses** – Everyone has purchased their license.
- ii. **11 – Gaming Licenses** - Everyone has purchased gaming licenses.

**11) Mayor's Report – Liz Rench** – Nothing to report.

## **12) New Business**

a. Ordinance No. 2023-07-12-01 Chapter 8 Municipal Code (Shooting Permits), Amending Ordinance to remove sections 3 and 4 of the Code. Ben Hausam made a motion to accept the Ordinance No. 2023-07-12-01 and was seconded by Terri Baker. Terri – Yes, Rodney – Yes, Jennifer – Yes, Bill – Yes, Ben – No, Neil – Yes. 2023-07-12-01 Ordinance was approved.

b. Comp Time – Liz No longer doing comp time. Pay out comp time and get it off the books.

c. Office Supplies - Liz We really don't need to order any office supplies anymore. Please don't order anymore unless it is a real necessity.

d. Setup Account with BP Mapleton - Diana will work on setting up. Terri Baker will get her the new phone number for them. Mayor Liz Rensch, this will help the guys filling up the tractors and per Rhonda Hodges rather not have another credit card.

e. Camera's/Cell Phone - Liz The camera's are up and running and on the cell phone. The cameras are just visual recordings not audio. Rodney Smith doesn't feel he needs access to the cameras currently.

f. Budget – Rhonda Nothing to talk about until Rodney finalizes his budget.

## **13) Announcements - Weiner Roast in October. Possible dates: Saturday's Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>, October 14<sup>th</sup>, Oct 21<sup>st</sup>.**

It was determined that October 7<sup>th</sup> will be the date of the Weiner Roast for the Village and no rain date will be done.

## **14) Additional Business, if any:**

Alice Dailey read the resignation of Pat Briggs from Water Clerk.

Mayor Liz Rensch, in front of you is the employee evaluation form that we will be using for the office staff semiannually.

Rodney Smith, me, Diana, and Jennifer sat through the meeting today about the pipeline. It didn't amount to much but a bunch of people turning in their name. The question is, the article here about it and I read through it and it says in here the Peoria Park District Board of Trustees moved last week to impose a moratorium on the pipeline development. Could we do something like that as well for the Village of Mapleton? Attorney Seghetti states he will find out what the park district did and let us know. Rodney also stated that we could go out to the eDocket and sign up to get notifications regarding this case. Also, the Carbon Company will have a map finalized by the end of the month. They are coming from Cedar Rapids, IA to Decatur, IL. We should follow this case and keep everyone informed. The actual court hearing isn't going to start until Jan 22, 2024. We have the phone number and the email address of the lady to contact for retrieving the map. Diana will call and get the map.

#### **15) Adjourn Open Session**

Jennifer Stout made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Terri Baker. Viva voce was unanimous, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:17pm.

Minutes recorded and transcribed by clerk, Diana Merritt.

Approved by the Board of Trustees of the  
village of Mapleton on Aug. 9, 2023.