

Village of Mapleton

MINUTES – COMBINED COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, April 7, 2022

6:00 p.m.

Meeting to be recorded

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1) Call to Order at 6:00 PM

2) Roll Call

In attendance: Mayor, Liz Rench; Trustees – Bill Hodges; Diana Merritt; Rodney Smith and Andrew Wallen. Also in attendance: Clerk, Pat Briggs and Treasurer, Rhonda Hodges. Absent: Trustees Harvey Stidham and Sara Wambold.

3) General discussion

a. Food Distribution monthly

Andrew Wallen explained that Midwest Food Bank will not work with us as they have seen too many food banks set up and fail within a number of months. They had a number of things we need to look at, such as how many people to we plan to serve; how often will we have it; will we provide nutrition flyers; is it boxed or self-service. She said we could talk with Michelle Hatfield at Midwest and she will put us in touch with any of the foodbanks they are helping. It was also suggested that we visit other food banks/pantries to see how they operate and where they get food from. It is a lot more work than people think it is. Andrew will do some follow-up.

b. BBQ, Bags Tournament, Ice Cream, Games for Kids Volunteers (June 11)

After a lot of discussion it was decided we will do an ice cream social with games for the kids. We will bring in barbecue from Rabers or other barbeque places that cater. Diana Merritt will be in charge of games for the kids. Mayor and clerk will coordinate food. June 11 was agreed upon to avoid conflict with other activities by Kingston Mines.

Diana is to get an update on the splash pad for Butler Haynes Park.

c. Property on Fawn Ridge that neighbors are mowing all summer

Attorney recommended that the village take over mowing the property instead of the neighbors, thereby allowing the village to place a lien on the property.

4) Health and Water Committee – Bill Hodges

a. Corrected Ordinance raising garbage

Clerk explained that the previous ordinance had incorrect amounts and verified the correct amounts. This

will be on the agenda to vote on at the next meeting.

b. After a brief discussion it was agreed to keep meter reading pay at \$50. He is paid \$15 for all other water work.

4) Zoning Committee – Harvey Stidham

a. 8625 W Main Street

Would like to leave carport standing, but boarded up until foreclosure.

The board agreed the carport could remain, but will need to be secured. Clerk to check to see if a water lien has been placed on the property.

5) Streets & Alleys – Rodney Smith

a. Dumpster Days (Sign-up Sheet)

Clerk passed a sign-up sheet for volunteers to man the gates during cleanup.

b. Frontage Road/Factories

Rodney had a call from Evonik wanting to know about the frontage road and whether we would turn the rights over to them if they fixed the road. Rodney thought we might use this to get them to annex into the village. There was a lot of discussion, but we have nothing to offer them to get them to annex. He said the contact wanted to come to the next meeting to discuss it. The spot in front of Lonza belongs to the village, but the rest of it is Hollis Township. We have information from the attorney that we are not responsible for that road. Letter is on file. Rodney to suggest they contact Hollis Park regarding the road.

c. Pickup Truck

Bill Hodges has been looking for a truck and they are very overpriced right now. He stated he needs to know how much he can spend so he can act on it as soon as he finds one. The board agreed on \$15 to \$18,000. To be voted on at the next meeting.

d. Rec Center ditch – Park District trenched out behind rec center and resident on Wheeler Road says their basement is flooding. Rodney and Bill don't understand how the trench could have anything to do with it, but will take a look. There is concern that the vault on the property is filling with mud and water and causing it to fail. The vault may need to be moved.

Rhonda brought up some grant programs that are available and recommended that we apply for all of them to see if we could get one to help with restoring roads, or with the water loop that needs to be replaced. Put on the agenda for next meeting.

6) Finance – Andrew Wallen

a. Budget Numbers for 2022-2023 Fiscal Year that will include tearing down the house next to the village, hauling it away and backfilling it. He thinks he can get dirt from someone for backfilling. This would be approximately \$15,000 for everything. To remove 10 big trees on the property another \$2400 for the ones we can't handle. He would also like to do something with the Mapleton sign on 24 and put \$7,000 for that. \$500 for sealcoating the driveway at the hall and fixing the crack would be another \$150. Spray patching, ditch work around \$6,000.

Rodney has ordered the culverts and thought maybe they should be delivered down here instead of to the water tower but Bill said he could move them from the tower as they are needed and they might be in the way when we start work on the property next to the hall.

Zoning will be between \$10,000 and \$15,000. Clerk asked if we will pin the properties together once title to the property next door come to the village and was told we would. There was a recommendation that it be surveyed before we do anything to make sure we don't have any issues with the property next door when we decide to build.

The purchase of the truck will be put in on the American Rescue Plan.

Budget for community events will be raised to \$10,000. Diana had some additional ideas for events, such as a prize for best decorated house for Christmas, best gardens, flower and vegetables (with 1st, 2nd & 3rd prizes); a town-wide garage sale. We will again do a holiday party but will have it catered instead of cooking for it.

Liz said that the park district wanted to use the sign on the front of the hall but Rhonda said they won't have a meeting for a couple of weeks and have to vote on it.

It was pointed out that the ground storage tank hasn't been leaking.

The property on Spring St. is somewhat cleaned up. Rhonda is going to ask someone for an estimate to clean up the Astle Lane property and we can add that cost to the lien.

The house next to the village can only be mowed, we can do no other work until we receive title.

Andrew brought up grants for Community Funding that can have 15 requests submitted and there are

infrastructure grants. We should apply that all streets need to be done and the main water loop needs to be replaced. Put it on the agenda.

7) Liquor – Liz Rensch

a. Liz asked when Liquor Licenses and gaming licenses expire and clerk said June 30 and that she will be sending out notices the beginning of June.

8) Other Business or Announcements

Diana asked if it was necessary to have an attorney at every meeting or if they could just come when we have an issue to discuss. It was agreed after discussion that with all the ongoing projects to clean up the village, that we should continue to have representation at the meetings. The legal fees go into the liens.

9) Adjourn

Bill Hodges made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Diana. Viva Voce vote was unanimous and meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Recorded and transcribed by Patricia Briggs, Village Clerk

Patricia S. Briggs

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