

**Village of Mapleton**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA**  
**Part One**

**Wednesday, May 10, 2023**  
**6:00 p.m.**

*This meeting to be recorded.*

*Diana Medina*

1) Call to order

2) Roll call – Present: Bill, Rodney, Diana, Liz

Rodney makes motion for Diana to act Clerk for first half of meeting and Bill H. seconds. All in favor.

3) Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

4) Approval of Minutes

a. Minutes from regular Board Meeting April 12, 2023

b. Minutes from Emergency Meeting April 25, 2023

Rodney makes motion to approve minutes for both April 12<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> meetings and Bill H seconds.

Rodney – Yes, Bill – Yes, Diana – Yes, Liz – Yes.

5) Approval of Bills and Correspondence

a) April 12 through May 12, 2023

Rodney makes motion to approve bills and correspondence and Bill H seconds. Rodney – Yes, Bill – Yes, Diana – Yes, Liz – Yes.

6) Approval of Treasurer's Report

Rodney makes motion to approve treasurers report and Bill H seconds. Rodney – Yes, Bill – Yes, Diana – Yes, Liz – Yes.

7) Public Comments

*Residents who wish to speak should raise their hands to be recognized. All comments should be pertinent to items on the agenda and should be limited to three (3) minutes.*

Liz: once the meeting starts no questions or comments will be addressed from the audience once the trustees are done. Then we will take and address comments or questions.

Once the Alice Dailey – Ordinances, Garbage Pickup

Alice: what are the governing authorities over the village under 300 residents. They're saying that under 300 residents you go by the state plumbing electrical building, but your ordinances are your governing body, not the municipal code. Municipal codes for home towns well.

Lane (Attorney): That's not accurate. Illinois statute applies to home rule and not home Rule municipalities. Effectively, it's the only municipal code plus the ordinances are the governing authority, but the ordinance cannot be opposite with the Illinois Municipal Code. Now, not home rule means that it's Dillon's rule is what they call it, but non home rule means that the state statute is what governs now. You can't stray from state law as much as you can with the home rule like Peoria's Home Rule, Mapleton is non home rule, so we are governed by element Statute specifically the only municipal code. And then we're governed by the ordinances that have been approved that must be compliant with Illinois State statute, so; You can't have ordinances that vary from state code, right? The ordinance is unconstitutional or invalid. The ordinances the ordinances are the guidelines. It can't be in contradiction with state law, so you have to look at the municipal code, specifically in this case under villages and see what they allow for villages. It we we're obligated to follow federal law insofar as it's constitutional state law insofar as its statutory or constitutional state constitution, and then the municipal code of Mapleton. And then, of course, there are rules that apply to citizens of Mapleton that might like. Districts that overlap right, they'd be non village ordinances, but other as you know, the Township or other requirements. So it sets the guidelines for what you can do as municipal government tells you, you know, the terms of of a mayor, what the mayor's authority is under the under the code. The different trustees authority is under the code. What the clerks authorities are under the code, like the clerk's duties are laid out specifically in statute.

Alice: Since you mentioned demolition, why do we let a House in Ableton set empty, which is hazardous to people going in it and you don't know that they're not going in it? Why do you let it happen?

Lane (Attorney): Its not a legal question, I believe we already have the order to demolish or to do what we need to. The board will need to decide next steps.

Alice: We had a major program change back in 2008 in the system, we had a program change in 2000 and. Since then, we're finding that detached garages have fallen off the system, and I found 12. I've just found another one and I need a copy of the building permit. I requested a copy of the building permit and it doesn't exist. Well, I know it existed because I issued it. Our clerk should know where all this.

Liz: We are going to have to look into where these documents are and do better.

## 9) Old Business

- a. Shooting Permits
- b. Water Clerk

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

a. Finance Committee – Andrew Wallen - Rhonda read Letter from Andrew to the Board. Rhonda: the check from T&L was deposited on time. Our bank deposits are now back where they should be.

b. Health & Water – Bill Hodges The meter is going to be installed, but we're waiting for the contractors to install it. And also we're going to start. Adding polyphosphate to the system. Has requested that we do that because of copper, not lead It's actually going to line the pipes.

Pat briggs: I haven't had a chance to tell Bill the payment portal is on hold because they're saying our Internet is not fast enough. Currently working with CUSI and Telstar to setup Portal. Also, ordering Monitor for Portal. If the internet is not high enough then we will have to upgrade to become high enough.

c. Streets & Alleys – Rodney Smith Down first street there was a tree that fell and removed and we are also having other trees marked and taken out because they are dead.

d. Zoning and Code Enforcement – Diana Merritt Sent letter to Astle Lane and never heard back and never cleaned up.

Liz: Told Attorney lets do what we have to to get this taken care of and finished.

Attorney: Someone needs to write them a ticket for each day not done.

Diana: Car at gas station was moved in the allotted time frame, if it is back and sitting there we will have to issue another letter.

e. Liquor Liz: Closed gaming room down due to no one maintaining the gaming area. Gas Station has hired employees to maintain the gaming room. We will not reissue their liquor license if they don't follow the guidelines.

11) Mayor's Report – Liz Rench - I'd like to thank the ones that went off the board, but they're not here to hear. But Rodney's back on and I'm going to appoint Bill to.

Diana: Read Pat Briggs Resignation Letter.

12) Adjourn Meeting Bill hodge made a motion to adjourn and Rodney S. seconded.

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**Part Two**

**Wednesday, May 10, 2023**

**6:00 p.m.**

**1. Call to Order by Mayor Liz Rench**

**2. Oath of Office for New Trustees**

Lane (Attorney): Sworn in to office the following Trustees: Teresa (Terri) Baker, Benjamin (Ben) Hausam, and Rodney Smith.

**3. Nominate and vote on three (3) two-year trustees**

Mayor: Appointed Bill Hodges as Trustee, and appointed Jennifer Stout. Motion was made by Rodney Hodges and seconded by Terri Baker. Role Call: Rodney, Terri, Ben, Diana, all Yes.

**4. Oath of Office for newly appointed trustees**

Lane (Attorney): Sworn into office the following Trustees: Bill Hodges and Jennifer Stout.

I'm Diana Merritt and to the village of Mapleton board of Trustees and the mayor, it is with regret that I tender my resignation for the village of Mapleton board of Trustee with the zoning chair effective immediately. I am grateful for having the opportunity to serve on the Board of this. Serve The Organization for the past two years and I offer my best wishes for his continued success.

Rodney makes a motion to have Rhonda act as clerk, and Jennifer seconds it. Rhonda records ROLE Call: Terri, Rodney, Jennifer, Bill, Ben all I's.

Mayor appoints Neil Viviano as Trustee, Rodney makes a motion to approve Neil Viviano as Trustee, Bill Hodges seconded.

Mayor appoints Diana Merritt as Village Clerk. Rodney makes a motion to appoint Diana Merritt as Village Clerk, Jennifer Stout Seconded. Role Call: Rodney – Yes, Terry – Yes, Bill – Yes, Jennifer – Yes, Ben – Yes, Neil – Yes – All YES.

Lane (Attorney): Sworn in to office the following Trustee: Neil Viviano

**5. Role Call for new board by Clerk**

Terri Baker – Here, Rodney Smith – Here, Ben Hausam – Here

**6. New Business**

a. Committee Assignments (Liz Rench)

Mayor: For streets and alleys that I'm going to put Rodney as the chair, Ben and Neil.

Water: I'm going to put Bill as the chair, and Jennifer and Neil, you'll learn from Bill.

**Finance: I'm going to put Neil as the chair and Jennifer and Terri.**

**Zoning: I'm going to put Ben as chair, and Rodney and Bill.**

**Liquor: I'm going to put me as Chair, and Terri and Bill.**

**Bill Hodges made a motion to approve all assignments, and Rodney seconded. ROLE Call: Terri, Bill, Ben, Rodney, Jennifer, Neil all said Yes.**

b. Appointment of Village Clerk (Liz Rench)

**See Above.**

c. Appointment of Treasurer (Liz Rench)

**Mayor: appoints Rhonda Hodges as Treasurer. Bill makes a motion to approve Rhonda Hodges as Treasurer and Ben Seconded. ROLE Call: Terri, Rodney, Bill, Ben, Neil, Jennifer, all state YES.**

**d. Dates of Meetings 2023-2024 (Clerk) Stays the same 1st Thursday of the month will be committee meetings at 6pm. The Board Meetings will remain on the 2nd week of the month on Wednesday at 6pm.**

e. Ordinance 2023-05-10-1 (water rates)

Motion was made by Bill Hodges to approve Ordinance 2023-05-10-1 (Water Rates) and Rodney Smith Seconded. ROLE Call: Terri, Bill, Ben, Neil, Jennifer, Rodney all said YES.

f. Chapter 8 Municipal Code (Hunting)

**Municipal code chapter, Chapter 8, municipal code hunting.**

**Lane (Attorney): Generally speaking, based on the language we presently have, there's a lot of issues with having a permit required just because of the inability for the village to actually one issue permits and then enforce the permitting process. So depending upon what the board wants to do, if it's they want to eliminate. Like the proposed ordinance that was circulated at the last meeting was to prohibit any hunting effect of their shooting effect in the actual residential area of the village but, At the last meeting that was tabled and so there's no revised ordinance. Peoria county states hunting is allowed if your property is agricultural. No one is zoned agricultural within in the village. There is no legal impediment to allow it. So the board needs to discuss what they want to do, leave it or change it.**

**Mayor: Would like it to be no shooting within the village.**

**Zoning Committee will meet and further discuss ordinance.**

g. Increase pay for Streets & Alleys Employees – Rodney

**Rodney: Request pay increase to \$20/hour Motion made by Rodney and seconded by Bill Holdges. ROLE Call: Terri, Rodney, Jennifer, Bill, Ben, Neil all said yes.**

h. Wages (Hourly vs Salary) – Liz & Rhonda

**Rhonda: I've said for years that to help control expenses, the one thing the board does have control over is payroll. For years you've had certain people work under a contract and then others work hourly. So your hourly people will make so much and things like that. So with the salary is one thing you can control on that. So my suggestion and I talked to Liz was that everybody has their job duties and you set a salary for them. Set duties and set them out and**

helps with your budgeting. Having an overall average of what they work spread out over the year and then paid out equally throughout the year. Just stating it for now so no votes.

i. Mayor & Trustee Pay – Liz

Liz: Do we want to pay board every month or every 6 months. We can vote on it next meeting or just keep as is because everyone is direct pay except 2.

**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.**

**8) Announcements None**

**9) Additional Business, if any: NONE**

**10) Adjourn Open Session** Terry motioned to adjourn and Rodney seconded, All I's

Meeting transcribed by Village Clerk, Diana Merritt.

*Diana Merritt*