

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

Wednesday, April 14, 2021

7:00 p.m.

*Meeting to be recorded*

**PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES!**

**1) Call to Order by Rhonda Hodges pro-temp Clerk @ 7:01 PM**

**2) Roll Call**

Attending: Trustees: Liz Rench, Patti Monks, Rodney Smith and Harvey Stidham (Mark Foust arrived late). Absent: Carl Bishop, Mayor and Patricia Briggs, Clerk. Also in attendance: Treasurer, Rhonda Hodges and Attorney, Lane Alster.

NOTE: At this time Rhonda Hodges, Pro-temp Clerk asked for nominations from the board for Pro-temp Mayor for the meeting.

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

Rhonda Hodges asked for nominations from the board for Pro-temp Mayor for the meeting.

Patti Monks nominated Liz Rench. Harvey Stidham seconded. All in favor.

Liz Rench took over as Pro-temp Mayor

**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 March 10, 2021
- B. Bills & Correspondence (March 11 to April 14, 2021)
- C. Treasurer's Report
- D. Minutes from Zoning Committee Meeting March 31, 2021

Rodney Smith made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda and was seconded by Harvey Stidham. Yes- Patti Monk, Rodney Smith, Harvey Stidham and Pro-temp Mayor, Liz Rench. 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.***

Andrew Wallen want to announce his intent to be on the board since there are openings.

Alice Dailey wanted to notify the board that someone was ran off the road on West First street and asked that something needs to be done because people are coming off the highway at 65 miles per hour and there is going to be a major accident. Liz Rench stated the only thing she could think is to call the County to ask if they would do radar. Rodney Smith said he does not know how we can stop them. Patti Monks asked if the County could put a speed reduction sign. Lane Alster, attorney, stated that we could "ask" the County and/or State, but not much more we can do than that.

Rodney Smith said he was going to discuss with engineer to see what they feel could be done. Liz Rench asked for this to be added to agenda next month.

## **6) Addressing the Board**

A. Ronnie Harms was absent from the meeting

## **7) Old Business**

A. New Christmas Decorations

Rodney Smith stated he thought we were going to hold off this year. Liz Rench stated yes, we were going with what we have this year and then discuss options next year.

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

A. Finance Committee – Patti Monks

Budget meeting will be held sometime in May. Rhonda Hodges, treasurer did state that April is the end of the fiscal year.

B. Health and Water – Liz Rench

Liz Rench stated she does not really have much but Friz did order the kit for the ammonia and chlorine. He did get the liquid but has not received the meter yet. Rhonda Hodges mentioned that Pat Briggs was checking into the shipping costs

due to it was over \$100 for shipping. Mark Foust asked if it was due to hazmat or some other reason. Liz stated she had not heard back from Pat if she found out anything.

C. Liquor – Carl Bishop

Liz Rensch asked if licenses are still good. Rhonda Hodges confirmed they are current.

D. Streets and Alleys – Rodney Smith

Rodney Smith mentioned they are going to clean up on First street again to be preparing for road work. He called the State engineer and engineer stated we are on the list and Rodney asked if they knew where on the list. Rodney has not heard back. Rodney is also going to call the gentleman that does spray patching to see if we can prep better before seal coating. He will be getting pricing for good and better pricing for spray patching. Liz asked when they would get more cold patch. Rodney stated we still have some and is trying to hold off as much as possible. Debbie Herold stated she has not seen anything in the paper. Liz said it was in the minutes and Rhonda read minutes stating it should be May and then work done June or July. Rhonda did state a letter came in the mail today to Pat that stated the State did need something further from the engineer. Rhonda did mention that high school students that are in National Honor Society must do community service so she thought maybe that is something the Village could think about. Patti stated the dumpster days went well and thinks we should continue to keep the gates locked and convenient time spots. Mark mentioned that he picked up the scrap metal during the weekend to help so we did not overfill the dumpsters. Harvey asked how full the dumpsters were and do we want to keep the same for the next time. Mark and Rhonda stated they feel we should keep the same and Mark can help again with the scrap metal to assist with overfilling. Harvey also stated he had to help pull someone out and maybe we could add some rock to the drive area. Liz stated that Rodney had already had this done.

E. Zoning and Code Enforcement – Harvey Stidham

Harvey referred to Lane Alster, attorney. Lane stated we have court in early May for Astle Lane, we still have no service for First Street, and Spring Street had trial last month and has cleaned up quite a bit of the area so judge entered monetary judgment and we can revisit in 60 days. If he continues with clean up, the judge will dismiss the monetary judgement. Liz asked about the property down the road and Lane stated he spoke to Pat about this and we cannot find any information on the property at this time. Harvey asked questions about

putting a lien on property. Lane explained that a lien could be done but there is no guarantees of payments and the fees could cost more than it is worth.

## **9) Mayors Report – Carl Bishop**

Liz Rench thanked Bill Hodges for going up with his tractor to help clean the water tower area during dumpster days.

## **10) New Business**

### **A. State of Illinois Grant**

Lane stated there is no real direction yet on what the State will be doing with funds or when municipalities will receive them.

### **B. Spring Street Property**

Discussed during Zoning and Code Enforcement committee report

### **C. Old Law Suit Files (dispose?)**

Rhonda stated Pat wanted to know if these can be destroyed.

### **D. Shooter's Tap Lawsuit Records 2000 (1 Box) Shred?**

Alice Dailey stated that she was on the board at the time of this lawsuit and they were told to never get rid of papers. Rhonda asked if we could scan the papers. Lane Alster stated if they are court documents, they will be on record. If not, we would want to keep copies and scanning is ok to use.

### **D. System for credit/debit payments for water**

Liz discussed this with Clerk. She realizes it will cost the residence to pay it but she discussed with Pat about getting a payment method so residence could pay. She asked Rhonda about this. Rhonda stated that we would want a form that residence sign stating they understand and agree to pay the fee themselves and not the Village. Andrew Wallen stated that a "square" normally has a 2.29% fee plus a \$.30 to \$.50 transaction fee. Mark asked about taking the payment over the phone, Rhonda stated that taking credit card payments over the phone could leave the Village open to issues.

### **F. Maurer & Stutz increase in cap for IEPA nonconformance issues**

Rhonda read the letter received that cost will be more than originally budgeted recommending an increase to the estimated budget from \$7500 to \$12,500.

Harvey asked if we should budget each year for this type of expense. Rhonda stated she agrees the Village should do this. Liz mentioned the EPA is costing the Village quite a bit. Liz stated she does not remember exactly what the letter stated but we have to test at the tower and at the Local 649. Also, we have to test the ammonia test weekly. In July, they will let us know what we have to do

but we will not have a good reading since we cannot get the meter sent here. Harvey mentioned we may need to send a letter stating we have data but have not received the meter yet to give definite information.

G. Reduce hall rental

Rental to \$50.00 and a \$50.00 cleaning deposit.

Debbie Herold mentioned you have to be a residence to rent the hall, but Liz stated that it was changed awhile back and anyone can rent the hall at this time. Harvey asked what the Park charges and Alice Dailey state it is more than \$50. Patti Monks made a motion to lower the hall fees to \$50 a month with the \$50 cleaning deposit. Harvey Stidham seconded. All ayes.

H. Four-wheelers/Golf carts

Moved to next month

I. Increase in engineering fees for water

Same as F above.

J. GATA – Indirect Cost Rate Elections

Rhonda reviewed the information for Indirect Cost Elections. Harvey asked why they are asking for this and Rhonda explained that this is the government to keep track of Federal and State funding and disclosing monies. Lane explained if there is a situation where you can get 20% but a situation where you can only get 5%, the De Minimis would be set at 10%. Mark Foust made a motion to go with the 10% De Minimis. Patti Monks seconded. All ayes.

## 11) **Announcements**

Patti Monks stated Kingston Mines will be having Market in the Park starting May to September. It will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of the month. They are trying to get the community involved. She will give the flyer to Pat to add to newsletter.

Alice Dailey, retired from the Village board for 40 some years, would like to submit Andrew Wallen to be added to the board. Liz Rench stated she has his name but that cannot be discussed at this meeting.

**12) Additional**

Rhonda mentioned the newsletter from the IRWA about 7000 bills that have been filed with the 102<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly and they will be tracking these closely.

**13) Adjourn Open Session**

Mark Foust made a motion to adjourn. Patti Monks seconded. All ayes.

Meeting adjourned at ??

Recorded and transcribed by Rhonda Hodges, pro-temp clerk.

Approved by the Board of Trustees 12 May 2021

*Rhonda Hodges*

APPROVED