

Village of Mapleton

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, March 10, 2021

7:00 p.m.

Meeting to be recorded

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES!

1) Call to Order at 5 7:00 pm

2) Pledge of Allegiance to The Flag

3) Roll Call (was not on Agenda) -

Attending: Carl A. Bishop, Mayor; Mark Foust, Patti Monks, Liz Rench, Rodney Smith and Harvey Stidham, Trustees; Patricia Briggs, Clerk; Rhonda Hodges, Treasurer and Lane Alster, Attorney.

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 February 20, 2021
- B. Bills & Correspondence (February 11 through March 10, 2021)
- C. Treasurer's Report

Liz Rench made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the CUSI Tech Support Line removed from the Bills & Correspondence, as it will be voted on later, after discussion. She was seconded by Patti Monks. Voting was unanimous for approval.

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.

6) Addressing the Board

A. Steve Kerr, Mohr & Kerr (MFT Project)

Steve explained that he was going to put the MFT project that didn't get done last year for First St. and Vickie Lynn out for bid.

Resolution 2021-03-10-01 for \$76,000 was presented. He stated that current MFT funds will cover the cost of sealcoating without taking money from the general fund. Discussion followed with Steve saying we should be able to approve a bid in May and work will be done in June or July. He expects Tazewell County Asphalt will get the bid and the work will take probably less than a week to complete.

Mark Foust made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-03-10-01 for \$76,000 and was seconded by Patti Monks. Approval was unanimous. Resolution was approved

8) Old Business

A. New Christmas Decorations

Rodney explained that if we put Christmas lights up that CILCO will meter every pole we put lights on. Discussion followed about maybe doing some kind of solar power instead. Rodney will check into the cost so it opens up as it will actually open up more of what we can do. We could only put them on posts with transformers but CILCO will charge us for the electricity. Rodney rented a pull behind man lift for \$139 for 4 hours. We could rent one to put them up and take them down. Resident stated that the building looked nice this year with the lights and candy canes. This will be tabled until Rodney gets some information on solar.

7) Committee Reports (No motions can be made during reports)

A. Finance Committee – Patti Monks

Budget Meeting needs to be set-up – Treasurer

Rhonda explained that a budget meeting needs to be set up so we can prepare next year's budget.

B. Health and Water – Liz Rensch

Liz explained that the IEPA is asking us to monitor for free ammonia in our water. Fritz found a tester that checks both chlorine and ammonia for \$457 + \$129 for 3 months for test kits. Rhonda did some figuring during the

meeting and said that one year of testing would cost \$2500 for the equipment and the testing pillows/strips. Harvey and the attorney didn't think monochloramine was the same as chlorine so we will need to get further information from either the IEPA or the water engineer.

C. Liquor – Carl Bishop

Nothing to report

D. Streets and Alleys – Rodney Smith

Rodney said he was keeping Fritz and Bill busy patching streets, picking up brush, fixing shoulders and taking advantage of the weather. He called the state to see when they are going to get ditches cleaned out and he said he'd get back with him, but hasn't. He will call again tomorrow. Two main ditches that take water out of town are full so there isn't anything we can do until they are cleaned out as there is nowhere for the water to go. They have been cleaning up at the water tower and hauling debris out.

Rodney said the 4' addition to the storage room in the back has been finished.

E. Zoning and Code Enforcement – Harvey Stidham

Pursuing two residents. Trial is scheduled for one resident next Thursday the 18th (or the following week, date will need to be checked). Resident stated that he has cleaned up a lot and should be finished in a week or so.

There are two other residents that we have been unable to serve with papers so it has gone to publication and is in the 2nd or 3rd week of publication.

Another property at 8425 W. Main St. in terrible shape; fence is falling down, yard and area around property is full of junk and is dangerous. Clerk stated she had been unable to find the current mortgage holder. The owner of the property passed away last year and the family moved out in November or December. We will file a water lien on the property and the attorney will look into who is responsible for the property at this time.

Harvey explained that he had examined a Building permit for a new outbuilding on Fawn Ridge and everything looks to be in order so he signed off on the permit. Clerk will contact the resident tomorrow and let him know.

8) Mayors Report – Carl Bishop

Nothing to report

9) New Business

A. Resolution 2020-03-10-01 MFT Project – Already done

B. Dumpster for clean-up in April or May

After a lot of discussion on the issues with providing a free dumpster such as certain residents (or non-residents) pretty much filled the dumpster up right away after it was delivered the last time. Most ideas were tossed out, as there is no way to monitor the dumpster 24/7 while it is here. It was decided to put the dumpster at the water tower, behind a locked fence so we can ask for ID to make sure the dumper is a resident of the village. We will have volunteers working two hour shifts from 9 – 1 on Saturday, April 10th and again on Sunday, April 11th, if there is room. We will be able to control what goes in the dumpster, make sure it isn't overfilled and that there are no banned items being put in the dumpster.

Clerk will put a separate announcement on brightly colored paper in the April newsletter and on the website to make sure residents know the dates, times and procedures.

C. Removing Mike Beecham from Bank Account

Since Mike resigned April 10th, his name needs to be removed from all bank accounts. Liz Rench made a motion to remove Mike Beecham from all bank accounts and was seconded by Harvey Stidham. It was unanimous to remove Mike Beecham from the bank accounts. Motion passed.

D. Interim Finance Chair – Mayor Bishop

Since Patti Monks was already the co-chair of the Finance Committee, Mayor Bishop appointed her as interim chair of the finance committee.

E. Property Valuations – Insurance

Clerk read a list of Village owned properties and the value given to those properties by the Insurance Company as well as the valuation on the contents. The board told the clerk to approve it and return the paperwork to the insurance company.

F. Fireworks – Permits

The Clerk asked if we were going to do background checks on employees working at the fireworks stands this year, as the cost has gone up. Harvey stated that he doesn't believe we should hold a felony conviction against someone and that we should just let them have the permit. Other trustees felt it should be done just like last year with the owner with a felony conviction allowed to set up and tear down, but not work in the stand. Clerk has conflicting information about intent so will put this on the agenda for April to make sure.

G. Chronic Water Shutoff

Liz explained that one particular resident is shut off just about every month and she is afraid we are going to wear out the shutoff valve on the meter. The bill is paid weeks later, the water is turned back on and then in two weeks they are shut off again for non-payment. We raised the fee from \$25 to \$50, but that hasn't been a deterrent. This resident doesn't have a working phone number for clerk to call. Attorney Alster suggested we amend the Ordinance to have a tiered fee for shutoffs. \$50 for first time, next month \$100, etc. Water committee should meet to discuss and bring an amendment before the board.

H. CUSI – Tech Support Contract

Clerk explained that the contract went from \$1200 to \$1300 a year and that we cannot work without it. Treasurer and Clerk regularly are in contact with CUSI for help with issues that come up. Last month, there was a problem with water meter readings not being able to download into the system and it took four hours with CUSI to fix the problem. Liz Rench made a motion to approve the contract for \$1300 and was seconded by Patti Monks. Votes were unanimous to approve.

I. Ammonia Analyzer for Water Department

This was discussed during the Water Committee Report. It would cost \$2500 for one year – clarification is being sought.

J. Interfund Loans – Treasurer

Audit says there is due from General Fund to Waterworks \$7,399 and Rhonda would like to do that now. We can't do the \$4,17 from garbage because there is not enough money. She would like to set \$500 a year to be transferred back to fix it.

\$600 she could understand, due to late pays, etc., but two years ago there was over \$2,000 that did not get paid to garbage. It might have been a typo that wasn't caught, but it has to be paid back. I'd like to do the general one now and set up the \$500 a year garbage and then there won't be any more of these on the audit. Mark Foust made a motion to pay the \$7,399 from General Fund to Waterworks and was seconded by Liz Rench. Vote was unanimous to approve.

K. Dumpster for removing debris from water tower from building teardown
This has already been resolved.

10) **Announcements**

Patti Monks explained that Kingston Mines is having an Easter Egg hunt for kids. She has a brochure that she asked to have displayed on our bulletin board and she will post another on the bulletin board at the post office. Clerk will add to the newsletter and the website as well.

They are also going to do a flea market May – September on the 3rd weekend of the month and are looking for vendors. Jeff Smith is trying to get more community involvement going and everyone is invited. The easter bunny will be at the Easter egg hunt for pictures and there will be prizes for age groups 2-4, 5-7, and 8-12. The question was asked if they need any donations of candy and Patti will find out. Easter bunny will be showing up.

11) **Additional Business if any**

Alice states that when she runs water there is a bad smell. Fritz explained that Illinois American started using ammonia the beginning of March and it will take a couple of weeks to get out of the system. Alice said it's been like that for months. like chlorine when I run it. Alice also stated that with the high winds today there is brush on the roads.

There were questions about the new relief program being voted on in Congress but we don't have enough information at this time to know if we will be able to claim any of that money. Deb Herold thought maybe the fire department could claim some of it. The Peoria Economic Development group is going to help villages figure out what, and if, they can claim.

12) Adjourn Open Session –

Liz Rench made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Mark Foust. Voice vote was unanimous and meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Patricia S. Briggs

Recorded and Transcribed by Patricia Briggs, Clerk

Approved by the Board of Trustees April 14, 2021

Approved

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ATTENDANCE		MOTION				RESOLUTION				
Quorum Present?	YES	Motion: Liz Rench made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda with the removal of the line for CUSI for \$1300 which will be voted on later. Seconded by Patti Monks				Motion: Mark Foust made a motion to approve RESOLUTION 2021-03-10-01 and was seconded by Patti Monks.				
	Present	Absent	Ayes	Nays	Ayes	Nays				
MAYOR			MAYOR				MAYOR			
Carl Bishop	X		Carl Bishop			Carl Bishop				
TRUSTEES			TRUSTEES				TRUSTEES			
Mark Foust	X		Mark Foust	X		Mark Foust	X			
Patti Monks	X		Patti Monks	X		Patti Monks	X			
Liz Rench	X		Liz Rench	X		Liz Rench	X			
Rodney Smith	X		Rodney Smith	X		Rodney Smith	X			
Harvey Stidham	X		Harvey Stidham	X		Harvey Stidham	X			
Pat Briggs – Village Clerk	X		CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED				RESOLUTION 2021-03-10-01 WAS APPROVED			
Rhonda Hodges - Treasurer	X									
Attorney, Lane Alster	X									

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			Ayes	Nays	Ayes	Nays	Ayes
Motion: Liz Rench made a motion to remove Mike Beecham from the bank accounts and was seconded by Harvey Stidham.	Motion: Liz Rench made a motion to accept the contract for CUSI Tech support and was seconded by Patti Monks.	Motion: Mark Foust made a motion to transfer \$XXXX of the balance from Water to the General Fund and was seconded by Liz Rench.					
MAYOR	MAYOR	MAYOR					
Carl Bishop	Carl Bishop	Carl Bishop					
TRUSTEES	TRUSTEES	TRUSTEES					
Mark Foust	Mark Foust	Mark Foust	X		X		X
Patti Monks	Patti Monks	Patti Monks	X		X		X
Liz Rench	Liz Rench	Liz Rench	X		X		X
Rodney Smith	Rodney Smith	Rodney Smith	X		X		X
Harvey Stidham	Harvey Stidham	Harvey Stidham	X		X		X

MOTION APPROVED	CUSI CONTRACT FOR TECH SUPPORT APPROVED.	MOTION APPROVED
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