

# **Village of Mapleton**

## **MINUTES – COMBINED COMMITTEE MEETING**

Thursday, October 7, 2021

6:00 p.m.

*Meeting to be recorded*

### **PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES!**

#### **1) Call to Order 6:00 PM**

#### **2) Roll Call**

In attendance: Mayor, Liz Rench; Trustees: Bill Hodges, Rodney Smith, Harvey Stidham and Andrew Wallen. Also attending: Clerk, Patricia Briggs; Treasurer, Rhonda Hodges. Absent: Diana Merritt.

#### **3) General discussion**

- a. Conference or Executive chairs for the hall. Clerk will check to see if State Farm has some first but if not, put this on the agenda for next week.
- b. Ground hog - residents are complaining about huge ground hogs that are crawling under houses and damaging property. This is each resident's responsibility, the village will not pay for removal. They must use a certified live trapper. Clerk will develop a list of trappers to share with residents.
- c. Contributing to Senior Potluck – It was discussed that the village could give \$50 a month for the meat provided at the potluck. Alice Dailey state they don't need it every month. Alice will let us know when she needs it and submit a bill. This will be added to the agenda for the next board meeting.
- d. Exterminator for hall – Clerk has information from Genesis Pest Control and Liz stated that we currently use Franz for our yearly termite inspection and the board wasn't sure why we need a second exterminator for pest control. Clerk explained that Franz doesn't do anything except the yearly termite inspection. Clerk will get bids from both Genesis and Franz for quarterly service.
- e. Laptop for Office Clerk  
Clerk had done some preliminary investigation into laptops that would serve

the village and turned the information over to trustee Andrew Wallen for a recommendation. This will be addressed at the next board meeting.

#### **4) Health and Water Committee – Bill Hodges**

##### a. Raising water rates

Bill believes we should be looking at scheduled small raises instead of a single big raise. Maybe a raise every two years. Rhonda asked Bill to call about the study in the Illinois Rural Water magazine where they will come and look at everything and come up with a rate they think is correct. This is done free of charge under our membership plan. Harvey thought that would be a good thing. Bill will look into having someone come out to do a complete review.

#### **5) Zoning Committee – Harvey Stidham**

##### a. Sign for Deer Trail Estates falling apart

It was discussed that there needs to be minor repairs and repainting. Clerk shared that a resident, Kristen Hagan, would volunteer to paint the sign with appropriate acrylic, waterproof paints. Board thought that would be great and said they would help with cost of paint if needed.

##### b. Billboard request

There had been a request for information about putting up a large billboard on Wheeler Road by Matheson Tri-Gas. Clerk could not get a parcel number or address from the caller. She returned the call to get more information and the requestor has never called back.

##### c. Astle Lane

Rhonda Hodges asked if we could start going on to the Astle Lane property to start clean up. Clerk stated that per the attorney, publication had been completed and cleanup could commence, but will check to make sure.

##### D. Spring Street

Harvey said he has new pictures and the place is a complete mess. He would like to go before the judge and enforce the complete judgement. Rodney shared that the neighbor is selling their property because of the condition of the property on Spring Street. Rhonda stated that we have a little bit of extra money and maybe we should stripe the street to show where the village boundary is. Then, we will know the vehicles that are on village property and can haul them away. We need to contact a surveyor and then check on striping. Put this on the agenda for next week.

Liz said that N.E.Rudd is interested in annexing into the village in order to build a Bar/Restaurant and gaming. This could be an exception since they have water established. He will speak at the next board meeting.

## **6) Streets & Alleys – Rodney Smith**

### a. Humidifier for office

Board was in agreement that there should be a humidifier in the office. Put on the agenda for next week.

### b. Allied Lock & Safe (who can be on the master key list)

Mayor and trustee positions have changed, so the master key list should be updated. Discussion about putting clerk and the trustee in charge of the building on the list. Put on the agenda for next week.

### c. Alice thanked Rodney, saying First St. is the best it's ever been.

### d. Rhonda said she heard from a few people at Lonza that they are hurting and may not be able to complete all the buildings they paid permits for. She thought that we might want to help with the road work that needs to be done. There has always been an argument about whose road it is and who is responsible for maintaining it. Bill Hodges stated that with the heavy flow of semis in and out 24/7 that we could never afford to keep the road repaired. Liz asked Rodney what he thought it would cost to do the road in front of Lonza. She thought maybe we could chip in so much and then they could chip in so much. Rodney could have UCM take a look to see what we needed to be done. Per Harvey, Lonza has a new plant manager. Anyone can look at the road. Rodney said he could get with UCM and get figures and meet with both plant managers (Lonza and Evonik) together. Part of the road was township responsibility according to Fritz.

Alice asked why we don't just turn the road over to them (Evonik) and let them take care of it. Rodney says there aren't any houses and the plants tear it up so why should we be responsible for maintaining it. He feels the four plants should take care of it. Harvey suggested just stepping away from it. It's their road. Offer it to that plant. We could vacate the road to them and have it documented. Put it on the agenda for next week. Talk to our attorneys about it.

Rodney is going to try to find out what is going on with the doors for the front of the hall.

Rodney said that PDC/AREA got sold out to GFL out of Canada. Sounds like they're #4 in North America in environmental so they are all business. They are really big. The Labs were not sold off yet but are going to be eventually. There was a question about what happens to our contract for garbage service. It was felt that the new company would have to honor our contract but we will find out for sure.

### **7) Finance – TBD?**

- a. Planning and Investing - Put it on the agenda for next week.

### **8) Liquor – Liz Rench**

- a. Nothing

### **9) Other Business or Announcements**

Discuss details of Weiner Roast. There was a question about dollar amounts for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners for the chili cookoff. Suggestion was for \$25, \$20 and \$15. It will be put it on the agenda to finalize amounts.

Liz introduced Sarah Wambold as a potential new member of the board to replace Patti Monks. She will appoint her at the next board meeting with board approval. Sara is an Executive Assistant at OSF.

### **10) Adjourn**

Bill made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Harvey.

Viva Voce was unanimous and meeting was adjourned at 7:18 pm.

*Recorded and transcribed by clerk, Patricia S. Briggs.*

*Approved by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Mapleton 13 October 2021*