

Village of Mapleton
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

7:00 p.m.

Meeting to be recorded

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1) Call to Order by Mayor, Carl Anthony Bishop at 7:02 pm

2) Roll Call

In attendance: Mayor, Carl Anthony Bishop; Trustees – Mark Foust, Patti Monks, Liz Rench, Rodney Smith and Harvey Stidham. Absent – Mike Beecham. Also in attendance: Rhonda Hodges, Treasurer; Pat Briggs, Clerk; and Lane Alster, Village Attorney. A quorum was present.

3) Pledge of Allegiance to The Flag

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 – December 11, 2019
- B. Minutes from Zoning Committee Meeting – January 7, 2020
- C. Bills & Correspondence (December 12, 2019 – January 8, 2020)
- D. Treasurer's Report

Rodney Smith made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda and was seconded by Patti Monks. Votes: Yes – Mark Foust, Patti Monks, Liz Rench, Rodney Smith and Harvey Stidham. Motion Carried.

5) Public Comments

Please keep comments to three minutes. Review the agenda before you speak. This is the ONLY opportunity you will be given to speak during the meeting. There will be no discussion by audience members during the business meeting unless there is an emergency situation.

Gabe McLeod, who is running for Peoria County Clerk spoke with the board and residents about his experience working under Steve Sonnemaker. He explained that he has worked to protect valuable records while maintaining a fiscally conservative approach. He stated that Steve Sonnemaker was his mentor and was a kind and generous person who was fair, honest and transparent. He will also try to be fair, honest and transparent.

He explained that his main goal from hiring was to protect our most valuable records such as birth certificates and marriage licenses. There was only one paper copy of each of the records when he started so he started making digital copies and filing them so there is a copy, which saves money and time when they are needed. He said with the inception of "Real ID" his office has been very busy, as anyone applying has to show a certified birth certificate, marriage and divorce records. He is focused on customer service and productivity. He created an on-line marriage license application that has reduced the time to get a license from 30 to 45 minutes to 7 -10 minutes. This has been a time-saver for staff and saved a lot of tax dollars. Other counties have asked for the program and have copied it and are now using it. Many in-house programs to increase productivity and customer service. on-line marriage license in the state

He spent a few minutes explaining the different between Real ID and a passport. Real ID is required for domestic flights. A Passport can be used for international travel. He will be running as a democrat in the next election on March 17th and has managed the office for over a decade. Alice Dailey stated she has worked with him since he got out of college.

6) Addressing the Board

- A. Maurer-Stutz (Water Tower Painting Project)
Not in attendance

8) Old Business

- A. Zoning Violations – Update

Chair, Harvey Stidham stated that another letter will be sent out to the residents in violation giving them until April 15 to correct the violations. If violations have not been corrected, the village will start court proceedings. Debbie Herold commented that we can't be spending money on things unless there is an end to the process. The attorney was asked about costs incurred by the village to have

a court proceeding. Lane said there isn't a cost for municipalities for a notice to appear. He is at the courthouse the third Thursday of each month, so if we schedule a hearing at that time, we would only be out a charge for his time. There is a \$100 fee charged to the defendant. If a judgement is entered against a defendant, they are given a payment order to pay that day or set up a payment plan. There is a fee on top of the \$100 as well. He explained that the firm has a form that the county knows how to fill out. The county will write the ticket and Lane will file the original. The defendant can settle on an amount until four (4) days before the hearing. Rhonda asked if it would be more beneficial to have the attorney send the letters, but he stated that it gets very cost prohibitive to have them do things the clerk can do. It might get more attention, but it isn't worth the cost. It is better to save the cost of the attorney for big things. If there is a trial the defendant can please guilty and set up a payment arrangement. If they plead not guilty, then there will be a bench trial.

B. Ordinance 2020-01-08-01 – Vehicles (Licensed, Unlicensed)

There was a discussion about why the Ordinance change was necessary and it was explained that there was some conflicting language in the municipal code that needed to be corrected. This Ordinance follows state code and also gives the village the right to fine offenders. Patti Monks made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-01-08-01 and was seconded by Liz Rench. Votes: Yes – Mark Foust, Patti Monks, Liz Rench, Rodney Smith and Harvey Stidham. Motion Carried.

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

A. Finance Committee – Mike Beecham

Mike was absent and clerk reminded the trustees that a budget meeting is needed right away to prepare the budget for the April Meeting. Rhonda said she would check her calendar and let the clerk know when to set up a meeting.

B. Health and Water – Liz Rench

Engineering firm is soliciting bids for the water tower painting project and will open the bids on February 7 at 10 AM at Village Hall. Liz explained that the clerk noticed toys and furniture on an empty house on the hill where water had been shut off and an application for water had not been received. She sent the water operator to check and the water was off, and the vault was full of water. The water will need to be pumped out when water is applied for.

Liz explained that the Water Department will no longer negotiate with residents who are past-due on water bills if a payment agreement is reached and subsequently breached, payment will have to be made in full to have water remain on.

C. Liquor – Carl Bishop

There was a discussion about the BP station putting in a video gaming room where the restaurant currently is. They are allowed five (or six) video games and can sell liquor by the drink, as they were approved for a dual license.

D. Streets and Alleys – Rodney Smith

Rodney said they will be removing the Christmas decorations next weekend, as this weekend doesn't look like it will work. He explained that he put a new motion sensor light on the building to light up the parking lot. Both the treasurer and the clerk thanked him for doing so as it can be really dark out there at night. He also said he purchased a motion sensor switch for the hall light in the village so people leaving at night have light to get to the door.

E. Zoning and Code Enforcement – Harvey Stidham

Harvey had nothing to add, since an update was done previously.

8) Mayors Report – Carl Bishop

The Mayor commended the Zoning Committee for doing a good job.

9) New Business

A. Abandoned/Dangerous Property – Attorney

Table until next month. Clerk to provide addresses for all abandoned or dangerous properties.

B. Cannabis Sales in Village: Allow or Ban

Attorney Lane Alster explained that if the board doesn't approve an ordinance that specifically prohibits the sale or other uses then it is legal and the village is open to all areas of marijuana. We passed the retail tax which applies to only dispensaries. Rodney said that the ordinance will prohibit everything and Harvey expressed doubts, as it is going to be ever changing for months before things settle down.

Lane explained that if we approve an ordinance that prohibits everything, we would probably need a referendum to change it down the road.

C. Ordinance 2020-01-08-___ Prohibiting the Sale of Recreational Cannabis

A hand vote was held and the ordinance failed.

D. New Laptop/Tablet for Water Operator

Liz explained that the old laptop the water operator uses is starting to have a lot of issues. The clerk has worked with it and finally got it to print, but it keeps losing internet connectivity and is not worth fixing. It was used when we got in 5 or 6 years ago. Clerk has done some research and feels a laptop or tablet that will work for Fritz can be purchased for under \$500. Patti Monks made a motion that a laptop or tablet be purchased for the use of the water operator for under \$500 and was seconded by Mark Foust. Votes: Yes – Mark Foust, Patti Monks, Liz Rench, Rodney Smith and Harvey Stidham. Motion Carried.

E. Update to Municipal Code for employees regarding marijuana use

Lane stated that none of the municipalities they represent have done anything yet, but if we want to update the code, he will provide language to the clerk and she can submit it at the next meeting.

F. Extended contract with PAWS

Clerk explained that there was an email received from PAWS that they had not been able to agree on terms for a new contract so wanted to extend the current contract until June 2020 or until a new contract has been agreed upon. She contacted Mike Beecham, Finance Chair, who told her to go ahead and sign it, as it just extended the current amount. She just wanted the board to be aware of the situation.

2) EXECUTIVE SESSION 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.

3) Announcements

4) Additional Business if any

Liz asked if there was a new ordinance for the sale of Fireworks ready yet and Lane explained that there is one that should be ready for next month, so Clerk will put on the February meeting.

5) Adjourn Open Session

Harvey Stidham made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Rodney Smith. Voice Vote was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Patricia S. Briggs

Transcribed by Patricia S. Briggs

Approved by the board of trustees of the Village of Mapleton on 19 February 2020

APPROVED

VILLAGE OF MAPLETON BOARD MEETING

JANUARY 8, 2020

ATTENDANCE		Motion: Rodney Smith made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda and was seconded by Patti Monks.			Motion: Patti Monks made a motion to accept Ordinance 2020-01-08-01 Unlicensed/Inoperable Vehicles and was seconded by Liz Rench.		
Quorum Present?	YES	Present	Absent	Ayes	Nays	Ayes	Nays
		MAYOR			MAYOR		
Carl Bishop	X	Carl Bishop				Carl Bishop	
		TRUSTEES			TRUSTEES		
Mike Beecham		Mike Beecham	X			Mike Beecham	
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					
Rhonda Hodges - Treasurer		x					
Attorney, Lane Alster		X					
CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED				ORDINANCE APPROVED			

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		Ayes	Nays			Ayes	Nays			Ayes	Nays
MAYOR				MAYOR				MAYOR			
Carl Bishop				Carl Bishop				Carl Bishop			
TRUSTEES				TRUSTEES				TRUSTEES			
Mike Beecham				Mike Beecham				Mike Beecham			
Mark Foust				Mark Foust				Mark Foust			
Patti Monks				Patti Monks				Patti Monks			
Liz Rench				Liz Rench				Liz Rench			
Rodney Smith				Rodney Smith				Rodney Smith			
Harvey Stidham				Harvey Stidham				Harvey Stidham			
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