

Village of Mapleton
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 12, 2022

6:00 p.m.

This meeting was recorded.

1) Call to order at 6:02 pm by Mayor, Liz Rench

2) Roll Call:

Trustees in attendance: Bill Hodges, Rodney Smith, Harvey Stidham, and Sarah Wambold (a quorum was made). Absent: Diana Merritt and Andrew Wallen. Also in attendance: Clerk, Patricia Briggs; Treasurer, Rhonda Hodges, and Lane Alster, attorney.

3) Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

4) Approval of Minutes

a) Minutes from regular Board Meeting September 14, 2022

b) Minutes from Committee Meeting October 6, 2022

Bill Hodges made a motion to approve the board meeting and committee meeting minutes and was seconded by Sarah Wambold. Viva voce vote was unanimous for approval.

5) Approval of Bills and Correspondence

a) September 14 – October 12, 2022

Before the vote for approval, clerk explained that there was a line item on the bills for RMA, for \$5,309.88 which is the village insurance for 2023 (if paid by 11/18/22). She explained that in 2020 our insurance bill was \$8,425, plus \$825 for bonds for a total of \$9,250 so this is a savings of \$3,940 over our insurance bill before switching in 2021 to RMA.

Sarah Wambold made a motion and was seconded by Rodney Smith to approve the bills from September 14 – October 12, 2022. Viva voce vote was unanimous for approval.

6) Approval of Treasurer's Report

Sarah Wambold made a motion and was seconded by Rodney Smith to approve the treasurer's report. Viva voce vote was unanimous for approval.

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 shall be limited to three (3) minutes.

Resident Debbie Herold stated that there was over \$100,000 in the general fund and wanted to know if we didn't use what we'd submitted to the county if we lost that funding for the year. Rhonda explained that the amount we receive from the county is based on property taxes, cannabis sales, gaming, and sales tax. MFT is not in the general account and can only be used for seal coating roads. We do not lose anything by having a balance.

9) Old Business

a. Chili Cookoff/Weiner Roast use Styrofoam cups for tasting

Sarah – Library liaison

Sarah stated she will contact the library tomorrow to see if they have any games or activities they might share for our wiener roast this weekend. she will do that tomorrow. Rhonda and Harvey both said they have bags games they could bring for the event as well.

Diana – updates

Clerk said Diana had a list of everything that needed to be purchased for the event, along with the credit card. She had also planned to pick up the Sam's card and the Walmart tax exempt card tonight. Clerk suggested that Sarah reach out to her to see if she needed some help with getting things done and reminded her that Terri would help if needed.

b. Old delinquent water accounts

Bill explained that these accounts are impossible to collect and wanted to write them off so they are off the books. Clerk explained that over \$750 of the \$3,079.07 was for one location that has a lien on it for that amount. Liz asked if we had a process in place to prevent these high balances from happening in the future and it was explained that water will be shut off if payment is not made or arrangement in place for payment, at the beginning of the following month. No one is allowed to have unpaid balances.

Bill Hodges made a motion to write off the delinquent accounts and was seconded by Sarah Wambold. Viva voce vote was unanimous to write off the \$3,079.07.

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

a) Finance Committee – Andrew Wallen

Rhonda had shared the tax levy information and explained that the actual ordinance will be voted on at the November meeting.

b) Health & Water – Bill Hodges

Billed explained that we lost a lot of water during the power outages due to the storage tank overflowing. He estimates as much as 100,000 gallons was lost due to the first power outage. There was a discussion about what could be done to prevent this in the future, but no decision was made at this time. Harvey explained that electric actuators reset immediately to the last settings when power goes out.

c) Streets & Alleys – Rodney Smith

Rodney explained that the hall parking lot was seal coated and will be striped soon. He got a price on seal coating Monk's Lane and Deer Trail - \$51,000. He asked about 'fogging' it, which would be beneficial since we don't have a lot of traffic on that road, so the rock doesn't get pushed in. He asked that it be done in June instead of September and they said they could do that. Fogging would be an

additional \$15 seal it would be an additional \$15,000. It could be higher next year. The price on seal coating the parking lot went up 3x before we got the bid.

Otto Baum came out and looked at the ditch by Astle Lane. He asked about having revetment matting put in. I didn't get a price, but it wouldn't be cheap.

He said he was thinking about putting some 4' tube in on Astle Lane, right before it turns into state property to make that tube all the way across, which will keep it cleaned. The one tube is too high in relation to the ditch so should be lowered so it is better.

The big hang up on getting the house taken down is getting a truck to carry it off. Finch charges \$130/hour, but it would take 4 or 5 trips with dumpsters. He has one other place to call to get an estimate. He says it may be started in the next week or so.

He said he has a week of work several places, including Spring Street and Astle Lane. A brief discussion about digging up the water yoke took place, and it was decided to leave it in place in case a maintenance building is put on the site later because they would need water. Maybe we can save the yoke next door. Liz asked how long he thought it would take to take the house down and Rodney thought 1-1/2 to 2 days. He estimated a cost of \$8,000 but it will probably be higher. He said he thought he could get some fill dirt too.

Zoning and Code Enforcement – Diana Merritt

Harvey asked if there were any court dates coming up. Attorney Alster asked about the property on First Street and the work being done. The board felt a lot of work had been done and was ongoing and didn't want to pursue anything at this time. Attorney Alster felt it would be good to keep the case open in case work stopped. He also said we could dismiss it and file it again later.

Liz said Diana had asked the clerk to send letters to the purple house for weeds and the house with the tattered carport canopy. Liz said part of the problem is the ditch next to the purple house had railroad ties that were taken out and the property owner asked to have them, but they are just sitting in the yard and weeds are growing up around them. The board asked the clerk to send letters to both property owners. Lane explained that property owners are responsible for the property to the middle of the road.

d) Liquor Nothing

11) Mayor's Report – Liz Rench

Nothing to report

12) New Business

a) American Rescue Plan \$18,303.38

It had been discussed at the last committee meeting to reimburse the water account for the invoices related to repairing the tower. The board felt this was a good use of the money and a question was asked about how much those invoices were. Neither the treasurer or clerk had a \$ amount and said

they would get the invoices together and give the board an amount. It was explained that we have until Spring of 2024 to spend the money if there is anything left after those invoices are paid. There are a lot of guidelines on how the money can be spent, and providing clean water is one of the approved uses. If there is anything left, we will have time to figure out how to use the balance.

b) Holiday Dinner

It was explained that the board discussed the holiday dinner and decided they would rather take care of the food than to have it catered. A decision was made to create a menu and people could choose which dishes they wanted to be responsible for and would make enough to feed everyone. They would keep receipts and be reimbursed by the village for the cost of the food purchased. It was also stated that additional items could be purchased by the village to make sure there was enough for everyone. Bill Hodges has agreed to play Santa Claus for the kids this year.

c) Grill for village/senior meal use

Liz stated that she didn't see any need for a grill, that it is just something else we have to store and we already have a storage problem. She understands that the township gave us \$250 to help with senior luncheons but feels that money should go for food. There was a brief discussion and Bill said he would be happy to store a grill and bring it down when we needed it. Sarah suggested just getting a foldable charcoal grill. Sarah made a motion to buy a charcoal grill and was seconded by Bill Hodges. Viva voce vote was unanimous for purchase of a grill.

d) Updated Water Ordinance increasing deposit for owners of multiple unit buildings.

There was a discussion by the board concerning multiple unit buildings not having a large enough deposit to cover the cost of water bills. It was determined the best way to change the ordinance would be to have a deposit based on how many units are in the building. Clerk is to work on an updated ordinance.

e) Changing water rates from decreasing scale per consumption to a basic charge per gallon.

The representative that is doing our water rate study from Rural Water Association shared that the first change we need to make it to get rid of the usage scale as it allows the large industries to get water at a much lower rate than the residential customers. It stated it should be a basic charge per gallon with no discount for consumption. Rhonda was told that Illinois American will be raising their rate by 9% will most likely be passed on to us. By the time this rate study is done we'll know what they increase will be and can plan accordingly. We will need to revamp our capital development amount and do a five-to-ten-year plan.

Harvey Stidham made a motion to adjourn to go to executive session and was seconded by Bill Hodges. Viva voce vote was unanimous for adjourning to and executive session. Adjourned at 6:53 pm.

- 13) **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.**
Publishing or holding publication of Executive Session Minutes that were updated.

Open meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm with all members in attendance.

14) **Executive Session Minutes**

Sarah Wambold made a motion to publish the Executive Session Minutes from April 13, 2022, May 11, 2022, and June 2, 2022, and was seconded by Rodney Smith. Viva voce vote was unanimous for publishing.

Alice Dailey explained that there are issues with ATT and lost calls or calls that get a busy signal when you have an internet-based phone. She warned that anyone using an internet phone is probably losing calls and stated that Glasford and Telstar is working on it.

15) **Announcements**

Clerk will be on vacation the week of October 17 – 20th. Rhonda will monitor the phone and emails.

16) **Additional Business if any**

17) **Adjourn Open Session**

Sarah Wambold made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Bill Hodges. Viva voce vote was unanimous, and meeting was adjourned at 7:09 pm.


Recorded and transcribed by Patricia Briggs, Village Clerk

Approved by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Mapleton on 9 November 2022.

VILLAGE OF MAPLETON BOARD MEETING

OCTOBER 12, 2022

ATTENDANCE			Motion: Bill Hodges made a motion to approve Minutes from Board Meeting September 14, 2022 and Committee Meeting October 6, 2022 and was seconded by Sarah Wambold.			Motion: Sarah Wambold made a motion to approve Bills & Correspondence for September 14 – October 12, 2022 and was seconded by Rodney Smith		
Quorum Present? YES								
	Present	Absent		Ayes	Nays		Ayes	Nays
Liz Rench, Mayor	X		Liz Rench, Mayor			Liz Rench, Mayor		
TRUSTEES			TRUSTEES			TRUSTEES		
Bill Hodges	X		Bill Hodges	X		Bill Hodges	X	
Diana Merritt		X	Diana Merritt			Diana Merritt		
Rodney Smith	X		Rodney Smith	X		Rodney Smith	X	
Harvey Stidham	X		Harvey Stidham	X		Harvey Stidham	X	
Andrew Wallen		X	Andrew Wallen			Andrew Wallen		
Sarah Wambold	X		Sarah Wambold	X		Sarah Wambold	X	
Pat Briggs – Village Clerk	X		MINUTES WERE APPROVED			BILLS WERE APPROVED		
Rhonda Hodges, Treasurer	X							
Lane Alster, Attorney	X							

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Motion: Sarah Wambold made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and was seconded by Rodney Smith.			Motion: Bill Hodges made a motion to write off the past-due/delinquent accounts that total \$3,079.07 and was seconded by Sarah Wambold.			Motion: Sarah Wambold made a motion to purchase a charcoal grill and was seconded by Bill Hodges.		
	Ayes	Nays		Ayes	Nays		Ayes	Nays
Liz Rench, Mayor			Liz Rench, Mayor			Liz Rench, Mayor		
TRUSTEES			TRUSTEES			TRUSTEES		
Bill Hodges	X		Bill Hodges	X		Bill Hodges	X	
Diana Merritt			Diana Merritt			Diana Merritt		
Rodney Smith	X		Rodney Smith	X		Rodney Smith	X	
Harvey Stidham	X		Harvey Stidham	X		Harvey Stidham	X	
Andrew Wallen			Andrew Wallen			Andrew Wallen		
Sarah Wambold	X		Sarah Wambold	X		Sarah Wambold	X	
TREASURER'S REPORT WAS APPROVED.			DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS WILL BE WRITTEN OFF			MOTION TO PURCHASE A GRILL WAS APPROVED		

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Motion: Harvey Stidham made a motion to adjourn to an Executive Session and was seconded by Bill Hodges.			ATTENDANCE:			Motion: Sarah Wambold made a motion to publish executive session minutes for August 10, 2022; May 11, 2022, and April 14, 2022, and was seconded by Rodney Smith.		
	Ayes	Nays		Ayes	Nays			
Liz Rench, Mayor			Liz Rench, Mayor	X		Liz Rench, Mayor		
TRUSTEES			TRUSTEES			TRUSTEES		
Bill Hodges	X		Bill Hodges	X		Bill Hodges	X	
Diana Merritt			Diana Merritt			Diana Merritt		
Rodney Smith	X		Rodney Smith	X		Rodney Smith	X	
Harvey Stidham	X		Harvey Stidham	X		Harvey Stidham	X	
Andrew Wallen			Andrew Wallen			Andrew Wallen		
Sarah Wambold	X		Sarah Wambold	X		Sarah Wambold	X	
MEETING ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:53 PM			MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:06 PM			MINUTES WILL BE PUBLISHED		