

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

Wednesday, October 14, 2020

7:00 p.m.

*Meeting to be recorded*

**PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES!**

**1) Call to Order**

**2) Roll Call**

In Attendance: Mayor, Carl A. Bishop; Trustees – Mark Foust, Patti Monks, Liz Rench and Rodney Smith. Also, in attendance: Clerk, Patricia Briggs; Treasurer, Rhonda Hodges and attorney, Lane Alster; Absent: Mike Beecham and Harvey Stidham.

**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 September 9, 2020
- B. Bills & Correspondence (September to October 14, 2020)
- C. Treasurer's Report

Mark Foust made a motion to accept the consent agenda and was seconded by Rodney Smith. Yes – Mark Foust, Patti Monks, Liz Rench and Rodney Smith.  
Absent – Mike Beecham and Harvey Stidham. Motion Passed.

**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.

## 8) Old Business

- A. Moving electric from the shed at the water tower and removing it.

Liz stated the electric has been moved and the building is ready to come down. Rodney said they are going to try to take it down and move it behind Village Hall so either the tractor can be parked in it or use it for storage. It will need a little bit of work and a new roof but should be doable if it can be moved.

- B. Village Insurance change

Clerk explained that the renewal for current insurance came in today and is for \$8,147. If the Village goes through the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association the bill will be basically 50% of that total. Risk Management will also cover the cost of bonds for the Clerk, Treasurer and Finance Chair which will also save the village money and allow another person to be bonded as a backup to go to the bank, etc. There is an ordinance later on the agenda and Liz Rench made the motion to approve Ordinance 2020-10-14-01 approving membership through the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association and authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Cooperation Contract and was seconded by Patti Monks for insurance for the village.

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

- A. Finance Committee – Mike Beecham

Rhonda Hodges, Treasurer stated that the auditor had neglected to notify the Village that the Preliminary Audit included a management letter that needed to be signed. The Mayor will sign tonight and hopefully the audit can be concluded at the November meeting.

- B. Health and Water – Liz Rench

Liz stated that on the 19<sup>th</sup> of September she had the Water Engineer and the Meter reader take handheld reads and then put in another 8-9 hours to find meters and get lids off to do manual readings. Every meter except Matheson Gas was located and read manually. Because Matheson is as an OSHA pit and

has to be vented before it can be entered and the park, because it is so low, they couldn't read it... those couldn't be done. There was one unexpected leak before a meter at Mark Foust's house, which was repaired. Other than that, there were no major differences in the two readings. She stated she would like this done once a year.

C. Liquor – Carl Bishop

Clerk explained that BP had opened their game room (confirmed by Mark Foust) on the 13<sup>th</sup> of this month but she has not received an application or a deposit for the games yet. She asked that Mayor Bishop contact BP management to see what the holdup is.

D. Streets and Alleys – Rodney Smith

CILCO will move the pole on Astle and First because the anchor is in the ditch and has a transformer on it and is rusting out. It has been approved by their engineers and will be moved about 5'.

He also has a meeting Friday at 5:00 PM with the State about the drainage in that area. Our culvert is already silting over and could be why we're flooding. He also let the board know that the new, larger tractor came in.

He also wants the State to walk down and look at the tube by Wheeler Road. The tube dumps out of the Village parking lot and is below the ditch after the state cleaned it out. The water has to go uphill in order to drain. This could be something to contact the railroad about as well. He stated he wants the far one by the grade school cleaned out too.

Residents are complaining about how rough the Railroad crossing coming into the village is again. Mufflers being torn off, cars bottoming out, etc. Clerk will call the railroad again.

E. Zoning and Code Enforcement – Harvey Stidham

Attorney Lane Alster explained that there was some confusion about the Astle Lane property but he will be petitioning the court for permission to go onto the property to clean it up and then a lien will be put on it. Pending tickets – Mark's is set for trial on November 19<sup>th</sup> but reports that he has done a lot of work so

things may change. The owner of the First Street property hasn't been served but has been on the property cutting weeds. The Village still intends to continue with the court process to have the property declared dangerous.

Clerk reminded Rodney Smith that she hadn't received any paperwork in order to bill the Bank for the Mapleton Rd. property that the Village mowed and cleaned up. Rodney stated he will get it to her.

## **8) Mayors Report – Carl Bishop**

### **9) New Business**

#### **A. Water (Different meter covers) – Liz**

Per Liz this should be tabled as we can't afford to change them out at this time.

#### **B. Ordinance 2020-10-14-01 Membership in Illinois Municipal League Risk Management – Already approved earlier in the meeting**

#### **B. IDOT MFT Funds Documentation Review**

Clerk and Treasurer stated they had reviewed the documentation and found no errors. This information had been sent to the Board for review earlier.

#### **C. Audit Results (Already discussed)**

#### **D. 2020-10-14-02 Update to Sexual Harassment Policy**

Attorney explained that this is an updated policy from the State and all employees will have to review the material and sign off on it. Previously it only applied to employees, not trustees, but Lane will verify that. Clerk will copy the training material and make sure all employees have a copy to review.

#### **E. J T Court – Concerns about vehicles going too fast endangering children**

It was determined that this road is either County or Township responsibility. Clerk will investigate and contact the proper authority.

Alice Dailey also brought up how bad traffic is on W First Street. She explained that vehicles pull in off of Route 24 and come down the center

of the road and there is nowhere to get off without hitting the No Parking Signs.

**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.

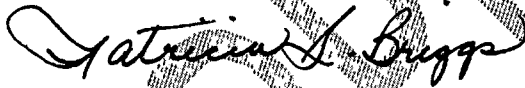
**3) Announcements**

**4) Additional Business if any –**

Liz asked about the \$191 AT&T bill and if we couldn't switch over to a Telstar phone. Clerk explained that this had been investigated several years ago and it was not recommended by the generator company as the internet goes down frequently, and in the case of a power outage, notifications could not be sent to the Engineer about problems with the generator.

**5) Adjourn Open Session**

Mark Foust made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Liz Rench. Voice vote was unanimous for adjournment at 7:35 PM.



Transcribed by Patricia S. Briggs, Clerk

Approved by the Board of Trustees 11 November 2020

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ATTENDANCE		MOTION: Mark Foust made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda and was seconded by Rodney Smith.				MOTION: Ordinance 2020-10-14-01 APPROVING MEMBERSHIP IN THE IML RISK MANAGEMENT ASSOC. AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION CONTRACT. Liz Rench made a motion to accept and was seconded by Patti Monks.			
Quorum Present?	YES	Present	Absent	Ayes	Nays	Ayes	Nays		
<b>MAYOR</b>				<b>MAYOR</b>		<b>MAYOR</b>			
Carl Bishop	X			Carl Bishop		Carl Bishop			
<b>TRUSTEES</b>				<b>TRUSTEES</b>		<b>TRUSTEES</b>			
Mike Beecham		A		Mike Beecham		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		A		Harvey Stidham		Harvey Stidham			
Pat Briggs – Village Clerk	X			CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED					
Rhonda Hodges - Treasurer	X								
Attorney, Lane Alster	X							ORDINANCE 2020-10-14-01 APPROVED	

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MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:35 PM

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