

Village of Mapleton
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, September 9, 2020

7:00 p.m.

Meeting to be recorded

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES!

1) Call to Order at 7:00 pm by Mayor, Carl A. Bishop

2) Roll Call:

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

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 August 12, 2020
- B. Bills & Correspondence (August 12 – September 9, 2020)
- C. Treasurer's Report

Mike Beecham made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented and was seconded by Mark Foust. Vote – Yes – Mike Beecham, Mark Foust, Patti Monks, Liz Rench, Rodney Smith and Harvey Stidham. No – Nay votes. 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. Eric Little – Risk Management, Illinois Municipal (Insurance)

Eric shared that by utilizing Illinois Municipal League Insurance the village would have better coverage for almost half the cost. This insurance would cover all village needs, from liability to Workman's Comp, vehicles, and needed bonds for elected and appointed members of the board and staff. There was a lengthy discussion about the benefits of changing and the board was asked to review the documents and be prepared to vote at the next meeting of the board.

All documents are available in the office.

B. Diana Merritt – Central Illinois Agency on Aging

Diana shared that there many services available to seniors (over 60 and disabled residents age 16+). Some of the services are restricted by income (\$17,500 per year); others are not. They can have groceries delivered, provide meals; transportation to medical appointments; home health aides, emergency response systems; automated medicine dispensers, Depends, bed liners, and many other things. They can arrange for Medical supplies such as hospital beds, canes, walkers, and wheel chairs. They can help with appliances if they fail. They can help get license plates renewals for \$24. If someone is totally disabled the age is 16+ if they need constant care. If someone has property damage and no insurance, they will help with that as well. Please contact Diana Merritt, Care Coordinator Mature Solutions – 309/633-0927 or email: DMerritt@ciaoa.net. There is more information on the website: <http://www.ciaoa.net/Ma>

C. Alice Dailey – Water Bill

Alice stated that she is remodeling a house and received a call from the Water Clerk on August 21 that she had used over 4000 gallons of water that month. She has hired people to try to find where the water is going and there is no evidence to be seen. She can't hear anything running and can't see any water standing. She requested a new meter. She would also like some consideration for the bill she just received. It was stated that if the meter is replaced, the vault will also have to be replaced with requires a backhoe, which the village does not have. We have to pay to have them dug up. Our representative from the meter company said the usage on the 30-day read is consistent with a toilet leaking. Per the advice of the attorney, Alice will pay the minimum bill this month and the water committee will review and make a decision as to how to follow through.

8) Old Business

A. Christmas Decorations

Liz and Rodney discussed just running the lights down the main street instead of spacing them out all over the village. There will have to be some electrical work done which will be costly. Also, the person who put the lights up last

year no longer has the vehicle so won't be able to do it this year. They are very heavy and can't be hung by ladder. Alice Dailey explained that they were put throughout the village because the chemical company paid for some of the lights and wanted to be able to see them. They will no longer help with purchasing lights. It was decided to put this in next year's budget and table it until then.

B. Four-wheelers on Village Roads – Patti

Patti Monks explained that she had had an altercation with a resident on September 1st who was going up and down Monk's Lane on a four-wheeler. She tried to get him to stop several times and finally did stop. She explained that four-wheelers are not allowed on village streets. He was very confrontive with her and told her he wasn't going to stop having fun with his kids and used some foul language to get his point across. Discussion concluded that if a complaint is filed with the village, we will notify the resident by letter, including the copy of the ordinance section involved and let them know they will be fined if the activity continues. The fine should be high enough to cover village cost of having sheriff's office serve paperwork and cover legal fees. This fine would increase per occurrence. Attorney Alster said to get pictures and other witnesses who observed and are willing to testify if it goes to court. Zoning Committee will review and decide how to proceed.

C. Weiner Roast – October 17 or 24?

It was decided not to have the Weiner Roast this year due to the Covid-9 pandemic.

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

It has been determined that the shed at the water tower no longer serves a purpose and should be removed. We will need an electrician to cut the conduit beneath the ground and then it can be torn down. Putnam County Painting will touch up the tower where the building was. Harvey will call the electrician and work with the engineer to get costs and report back to the board.

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

A. Finance Committee – Mike Beecham

Mike asked the attorney if he thought the insurance through the Illinois Municipal League was a good decision to make and Lane said he thought it was, but the trustees should read through the policy and documents before voting on it.

Preliminary Audit is done and clerk will send a copy to trustees to review.

B. Health and Water – Liz Rench

Liz explained that the Post Office is three months behind in water payments and now owe \$170. She gave them one month to bring their account up to date or will have their water shut off until they do so. Attorney is not sure that we can do that with a Federal Government entity and will check on it for us.

C. Liquor – Carl Bishop

Clerk informed the board that the local bar had paid their renewal fee but had not submitted paperwork for liquor or for video gaming. They also owe \$25 per video gaming machine. Harvey will call and let them know if it isn't taken care of by the end of next week, we'll need to notify the state.

D. Streets and Alleys – Rodney Smith

Rodney stated that bids for sealcoating went out and will be opened on the 21st. He said the roads are ready for the sealcoating. He also said he still has some ditch work to do. He said the culvert at Astle Lane is silting back in again and he is going to put in some riprap to keep it from washing out so much. There is already 8 or 10' of silt in it and it's been cleaned 2x in the last two years. He also said there are two culverts that we don't use and we have an opportunity to sell as we have no use for that size and will sell them for 1/2 price. He was asked to figure out the price and we'll put it on the Agenda at the next meeting for board approval. He has someone who wants the culverts, but if he doesn't take them we could advertise them for sale.

It was agreed we will set up a special meeting on September 21, 2020 to open bids and to choose a winning bid. Any other urgent items may be added to the agenda also. Clerk will check with Steve Kerr and make sure the time is good for him.

E. Zoning and Code Enforcement – Harvey Stidham

Harvey said he hadn't received any new complaints and asked the attorney where we are with the current court hearings. Attorney said one has been served and the other one couldn't be found. The demolition case didn't respond. Astle Lane property couldn't be served as the owner cannot be

found. There was a lot of discussion about other routes to take including an abatement. Notice can be posted on the house. It also sounds as if the property has been abandoned. There are unsafe conditions and no one is paying the water bills. Neighbors are complaining as well. Attorney said abatement and a lien would be a quicker way to go. If there are no other lien holders it could be a couple of weeks. Clerk was asked to contact the 'renter' and see if he had an address for the owner or would notify him.

The court case on the 17th the resident will please guilty or not guilty. If he pleads not guilty it will be set up for court before a judge.

There was a question about the vehicles on the property and if they have updated license stickers. There are separate procedures for dealing with the vehicles.

The dumpster for village cleanup will be here on Friday, September 11.

Note: Liz left the meeting at 8:54 pm and returned at 8:56 pm.

8) Mayors Report – Carl Bishop

Nothing

9) New Business

A. Additional signatory for village checks

Clerk explained that with only three people approved to sign checks and since two signatures are required it is difficult at times to get checks signed. She recommended adding another trustee from the Finance Committee and suggested Patti Monks. Mike Beecham made a motion to add Patti Monks to the bank as an approved signature for checks and was seconded by Rodney Smith. Vote – Yes – Mike Beecham, Mark Foust, Patti Monks, Liz Rench, Rodney Smith and Harvey Stidham. No – Nay votes. Passed. Clerk will make arrangements with the bank.

B. Payroll Tax deferral

Treasurer Rhonda Hodges explained that employees have the option of not having payroll taxes taken out right now. It was explained that this is temporary and will

have to be taken out next April to make up for it. All employees said they would prefer to have taxes taken out as usual.

C. CARES Covid-19 Ordinance 2020-09-09-01

This Ordinance gives the village the authorization to receive government funds as reimbursement for any expenses/losses due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. Mike Beecham made a motion to approve the ordinance and Patti Monks seconded. Vote – Yes – Mike Beecham, Mark Foust, Patti Monks, Liz Rench, Rodney Smith and Harvey Stidham. No – Nay votes. Passed

At this point someone asked when the cleanup dumpster will be delivered to the village (Friday, 9/11/2020) and Liz Rench asked if the wiring from the cathodic protection that can be removed from the water tower could be put in the dumpster. It was agreed it could be.

D. Update to WiFi in the Village

Clerk asked for village approval to have the WiFi modem rented from the internet provider updated as it is causing issues with productivity. She was told it would be an additional \$3 per month and the board gave her approval to have it replaced.

E. Village Insurance change (Tabled until next meeting)

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

Patti Monks said she spoke with Jim Robertson at the Park and he said he will have the sign moved further down so it's not routing people through First Street.

She said there will be a Fishing derby October 3 at 8:30 for kids and they can register at the Rec Center.

Alice Dailey said we should let people know if they need help getting items to the dumpster for cleanup days. Several of the trustees volunteered to help any of the senior or disabled residents.

Liz thanked Rhonda Smith for the beautiful plant by the side door of the hall and the painted rocks in the landscaping.

4) Additional Business if any

5) Adjourn Open Session

Patti made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Mark Foust. Voice vote was unanimous for adjournment at 9:05 pm.

Recorded and transcribed by Village Clerk, Patricia S. Briggs

Patricia S. Briggs

Approved by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Mapleton 14 Oct 2020.

APPROVED

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ATTENDANCE		MOTION: MIKE BEECHAM MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED AND WAS SECONDED BY MARK FOUST.				MOTION: MIKE BEECHAM MADE A MOTION TO ADD AN ADDITIONAL SIGNATORY ON THE CHECKS AND ASKED THAT PATTI MONKS BE ADDED. SECONDED BY RODNEY SMITH.			
Quorum Present?	YES	Present	Absent	Ayes	Nays	Ayes	Nays		
MAYOR				MAYOR		MAYOR			
Carl Bishop	X			X		Carl Bishop			
TRUSTEES				TRUSTEES		TRUSTEES			
Mike Beecham	X			X		Mike Beecham	X		
Mark Foust	X			X		Mark Foust	X		
Patti Monks	X			X		Patti Monks	X		
Liz Rench	X			X		Liz Rench	X		
Rodney Smith	X			X		Rodney Smith	X		
Harvey Stidham	X			X		Harvey Stidham	X		
Pat Briggs – Village Clerk	X			CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED					
Rhonda Hodges - Treasurer	X								
Attorney, Lane Alster	X							PATTI MONKS WILL BE ADDED TO THE BANK ACCOUNT TO SIGN CHECKS	

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Motion: Mike Beecham made a motion to accept Ordinance 2020-09-01 CURE (Covid-19) reimbursement for expenses and was seconded by Patti Monks.		Motion: Patti Monks made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Mark Foust.		Motion:	
Ayes	Nays	Ayes	Nays	Ayes	Nays
MAYOR		MAYOR		MAYOR	
		Carl Bishop		Carl Bishop	
TRUSTEES		TRUSTEES		TRUSTEES	
Mike Beecham	X	Mike Beecham	X	Mike Beecham	
Mark Foust	X	Mark Foust	X	Mark Foust	
Patti Monks	X	Patti Monks	X	Patti Monks	
Liz Rench	X	Liz Rench	X	Liz Rench	
Rodney Smith	X	Rodney Smith	X	Rodney Smith	
Harvey Stidham	X	Harvey Stidham	X	Harvey Stidham	
ORDINANCE APPROVED		MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:05 PM			

