

**Village of Mapleton**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, January 11, 2023**  
**6:00 p.m.**

*This meeting to be recorded.*

1) **Call to Order by Mayor, Liz Rench at 6:00 pm**

2) **Roll Call:**

Trustees in attendance: Rodney Smith, Andrew Wallen, and Sarah Wambold. Absent: Diana Merritt, Bill Hodges, and Harvey Stidham. Also in attendance: Patricia Briggs and attorney Lane Alster

3) **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

4) **Approval of Minutes**

- a) Minutes from regular Board Meeting December 11, 2022
- b) Minutes from Committee Meeting January 5, 2023

Andrew made a motion to approve the minutes for December 11, 2022, and January 5, 2023 and was seconded by Sarah. Viva voce vote was unanimous for approval. No nays.

5) **Approval of Bills and Correspondence**

- a) December 14 – January 11, 2023

Sarah made a motion to approve Bills and Correspondence and was seconded by Rodney. Viva voce vote was unanimous for approval. No nays.

6) **Approval of Treasurer's Report**

Rodney made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and was seconded by Andrew. Viva voce vote was unanimous for approval. No nays. Treasurer's report was approved.

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.***

Alice Dailey stated that an unlicensed vehicle has been parked at the gas station for several months. It is a white car with 2021 license tags. Clerk was directed to give the information to Diana. It isn't on a municipal road so we cannot tow it under state statute per attorney Alster, we can ticket the vehicle, but not tow it.

website to see if we can get something done to correct it. Rodney explained that there needs to be a ditch under the highway, and we have been trying get it fixed for years.

**c) Zoning and Code Enforcement – Diana Merritt**

Liz stated that the refrigerator is still on First Street with doors intact and needs to be removed immediately.

Liz said she had report that there are dogs running loose and they are aggressive. Residents should call Peoria County about loose or aggressive dogs.

Resident called asking if shipping containers were allowed in their yards. A discussion followed with trustees agreeing that if they are used, they have to be cleaned up and painted. Attorney Alster said other villages treat it as a new structure, not a shed. Andrew explained that shipping containers are a new "status" trend and it is spreading in popularity. People are even making houses out of them. Alice Dailey explained that if it is fastened to the ground it is considered permanent. If you can put a fork under it, it doesn't count as a structure. There was some concerned about neighborhoods not wanting storage sheds next door. Trustees will speak to the resident and get the information about her proposed storage "she shed". It will also have to follow the guidelines for setbacks, etc.

**d) Liquor**

Liz said she stopped in at the BP station and made sure the Mountain Dew and Hard Mountain Dew were separated so there is no confusion between the two.

**11) Mayor's Report – Liz Rench**

Ordinances – Liz explained that she couldn't hear so wasn't at the committee meeting but stated she didn't think the trustees should start on a project like this when they only have 3 months left before new trustees come onto the board.

Andrew explained that he wanted each chair to take their ordinances and figure out which ordinances are active and which ones can be archived. Then we can make sure the municipal code is up to date. If the municipal code is up to date, it doesn't matter what the ordinance says. He also asked if operations need to be in the code, such as banking information; salaries; debt, etc. Attorney Alster said any changes to those things could be done as a resolution instead of an ordinance, that things that aren't actually a law of the village shouldn't be in the code.

**12) New Business**

**a) Ordinance/Municipal Code Review**

Already discussed.

**b) Inventory of parts and equipment in the back room.**

Clerk asked if we could have an electrician come in and tell us which electrical panels in the back can be removed to make room for more shelves so things can be organized and put on shelves instead of on the floor. Rodney will speak with an electrician who did work back there previously. Liz stated that the shelving unit by the tractor is all really old stuff that we don't need or use anymore. If we don't need it, we should have Adam and Fritz go through it and scrap it. Clerk is to order wired tags so an inventory