

Village of Mapleton
Minutes – COMBINED COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, November 3, 2022

6:00 PM

Meeting to be recorded

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Sarah Wambold called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

2. Roll Call

In attendance: Bill Hodges, Diana Merritt, Rodney Smith, Harvey Stidham, Andrew Wallen and Sarah Wambold.
Also in attendance- Clerk, Patricia Briggs.

3. General discussion

a. Community Holiday Lunch

December 11, 2022, 2 PM. Bill will play Santa Claus. A sign-up sheet for employees and board members will be available soon to let us know what dishes you will be bringing.

b. Foreclosure – 8820 W Main St

Last house on the left. There are no liens or other items for the village to be concerned about.

c. Invite Park district board members, staff, and maintenance workers to our holiday lunch 9 – 11 people

Jim Robertson from Hollis Park said they will be inviting employees and members of the board to the Park District's Holiday Open House on December 9th. It was agreed by the board that we would also invite the staff of the park district to our Holiday Luncheon on December 11th. Jim explained that he would like the village and the park to work closely together in the future.

d. Car Show; community wiener roast at the park for all of Hollis Township.

These were some of the items discussed with Jim. He would like to attend a meeting in the future to discuss things we can do together.

4. Health and Water Committee – Bill Hodges

a. Orthophosphate treatment

Dan Goode, our water engineer, contacted a chemical company who will be testing our water and setting us up with proper additive levels. This has to be done by December.

b. Water Violations (update)

At this time the village is current with all testing and reporting.

c. Water Survey done – waiting for written report

There was a lengthy discussion as to whether this report considered future upgrades, such as Andrew – future upgrades such as replacing the transite pipes. This report doesn't have anything in it about structure. We would need to apply for loans and grants should it become necessary to replace the 'loop' of pipe.

There is also a problem with knowing where all the valves are. The only map we can find is from 1968 and many things have changed since then. Clerk explained that some years ago a former trustee brought up having a service come in and do GPS location system. At that time, she believed it was a cost of \$33,000. Clerk will do some research into this. Harvey said they can run a wire through the pipes and put a "pulse" in to find. Transite was put in in the 60's. Andrew said that GPS on a phone application will give you a 7' radius and then you use the metal detector to find the location.

d. metal detector-

Per the former water operator, clerk was told our metal detector was old and not very accurate. Buying a new, better detector will be put on the agenda for the board meeting.

e. Sarah asked about water rate classes and making a change. There was a discussion about how the factories would respond to this change of billing for water and Andrew felt we should meet with them in person to explain that it is an infrastructure issue, not a profit issue. His concern was if we lose Axrda, we lose half of what we supply. It was pointed out that our tower is only 50,000 gallons, with a 100,000-gallon storage tank and we can hardly keep up with the demand for water from the factories and demand is going up every year. Andrew is concerned that if we lose their account it would increase water for everyone else and put our timelines for improvements out many more years. Harvey explained that we can tell them they have been receiving a special rate and we can't give them 30% off. Bill explained that they have to have good water to start with, or they pay to treat the water, which would be very expensive. Water is not a profit center, it is a break even. Diana volunteered to speak with the plant manager with Andrew. Diana suggested we don't raise the water all at once but do a progression over several years. This will be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

e. splash pad – The board was all in agreement that the splash pad would be a great addition to the park and benefit the village. The treasure had informed the board previously that we could remove the O&M charge but that is all we can do. Jim had expressed to the Clerk that they aren't looking for free water, just whatever help we can give them. The park district will pay for and install a separate water meter for the splash pad. Harvey would like Jim to come to a board meeting with figures about how much water is expected to be used. Clerk will call Jim invite to next board meeting.

f. Andrew – billing system. Andrew shared cost of automating monthly payments through our billing system. There would be some costs involved initially, as well as a \$50 per month charge (because we are so small our usage will not pay for itself). Charges are as follows: \$50/month upfront, \$140 setting it up, \$1000 micro server – payment module and interface \$1000 each – but they are crediting that back. Web portal and hosting each \$1500 crediting back on those as well. Fee is \$1.95 per transaction or 2.5%. Andrew and several others would really like to have this upgraded portal. Clerk explained that it would also provide customer service information such as water usage for several years, current balance, paying online, etc. So, it is as much a customer service tool as it is time saving for her. Put on the next agenda.

5. Zoning Committee – Diana Merritt

a. Mapleton Mini Storage

Improvement has been made, but there are still vehicles and piles of wood on site which need to be moved. Zoning chair asked clerk to send out a letter starting fines. Until the property is no longer in violation.

b. Properties in violation

W. Main Street property. They are making a lot of progress so we will just monitor it unless problems develop.

Spring Street property seems to be having some issues again. Harvey will get pictures.

Astle Lane – progress has been made but the dumpster has been there for several months and there is still a lot to be done. Clerk suggested having our attorney reach out to their attorney.

c. Permit Application update – Zoning committee will be meeting to look into reviewing and updating.

d. Fee schedule for permits.

Several board members want to make sure we don't make drastic changes, as that is why many people have moved to Mapleton. They wanted to avoid the high permit fees elsewhere. Residents pay for home inspection on new homes and additions since the village doesn't have an inspector.

- e. Storage pod at 8518 W First Street impeding traffic
Diana will contact the homeowner to find out how long it is expected to be there.

6. Streets & Alleys – Rodney Smith

- a. New street signs for Monks and Deer Trail.

Signs are faded and unreadable. Clerk was asked to order new ones.

Rodney said he had some issues with Julie not letting him call in for markings as they said the contractor had to do it, which makes no sense. Bill said he called in a ticket without having to have the contractor do it. Rodney is going to try to speak with someone else to get it resolved. He said they were going start on the ditch by Astle Lane this morning, but they stopped the marks right where they were going to start the work. The one house that didn't get marked is the one that is having all the work done. They will start working on cleaning the ditch and replacing tubes on Monday. He also has some ditch work on Spring Street and on the other side of the road and on First Street by the park.

The house next to the hall is down. The work went very quickly, and the landfill wasn't ready for it and didn't have a truck.

Ditch in front of Astle Lane (west) by the pole we moved is going to be filled in completely. We're going to put tube from both drives because its so narrow you can't clean it and it is washing the road out. The resident's mailbox fell into the ditch because it's so narrow.

Harvey asked if we should we ask the attorney if that is the actual case (that the contractor has to call in a Julie ticket)? He wonders why the contractor has to call in the ticket when they don't know the scope of work?

The trees were all cleaned up at the demoed house. Rodney was asked the price and he wasn't sure yet. He though trucking was two loads at \$130/hour. Landfill went up \$10 instead of \$55 it was \$65. (Bill left at 6:14 and returned at 6:17 pm) Invoices haven't come in yet.

- b. Clerk asked Rodney if we could make sure to clean up leaves and debris around entrances and parking area prior to voting on November 8, as high winds are expected over the weekend. He said the guys would be in on Monday.

7. Finance – Andrew Wallen

8. Liquor – Liz Rench

- 9. 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.

10. Other Business or Announcements

Andrew stated that a couple of weeks ago someone did some doughnuts at the park and on their way out decided to smash his mailbox and he found the sideview mirror his yard. Alice asked when it happened, and Andrew said it was a couple of weeks ago. Alice explained that a car when through her yard and into the creek as well.

11. Adjourn

Bill made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Andrew. Vive voce vote was unanimous, and meeting was adjourned at 7:24 pm.



Recorded and transcribed by Patricia Briggs, Village Clerk

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

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