

Village of Mapleton
MINUTES – COMBINED COMMITTEE MEETING
January 5, 2023
6:00 PM

Meeting to be recorded

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1. Call To Order by Sarah Wambold at 6:04 PM

2. Roll Call Present: Trustees: Diana Merritt, Harvey Stidham, Andrew Wallen (left at 6:30 pm) and Sarah Wambold. Also in attendance, Clerk – Patricia Briggs.

3. General Discussion

There was a lengthy discussion regarding Ordinances and Municipal Code. Andrew Wallen had asked the clerk to go through the ordinance log and designate them by committee. He explained that not everything needs to be an ordinance or be specific in the municipal code, that the municipal code, for instance, with garbage, not be stated in dollar amounts, but as the current contract requires. He stated that we would work with our village attorney to understand what all the ordinances are and be able to ask intelligent questions. He asked that the committees read through the ordinances that apply to their committee and come up with questions for our attorney.

This led to a discussion about finding things on our website. Clerk stated she is behind in updating the code and will try to find time to work on it in the coming week(s), but it is a big job if she is to go back to the beginning of the village. It was also expressed that our website needs to be updated and more professional. Clerk explained that she doesn't have the skill or the time necessary to do what is being proposed but hopes to be able to work with the website developers to make it better. Trustee Diana Merritt stated she has worked with a couple of websites and will help.

4. Health and Water Committee

a. Orthophosphate permit for treatment

Clerk explained that the engineer had the wrong people sign the permit, so it has to be resubmitted. This will make a 50-day delay in getting the treatment started.

b. CUSI Payment Portal results

Andrew reported that we had 36 responses: 21 for and 15 who would not use the portal. He also explained the cost would be \$50 per month, which will not be passed on to the water customers. The consensus of the trustees in attendance was supportive of the change and asked that it be put on the board meeting agenda for a vote.

Clerk explained that she had reached out to CUSI for an extension of the special pricing until after the board meeting. This is good until January 19th.

b. Astle Lane

House on Astle Lane that is in the process of being sold got a report that their well was dry and contaminated. The seller reached out to the village and after multiple phone calls and emails, the seller paid for the connection fee so they could go forward with the closing on the 16th. Clerk, after speaking with trustee Harvey Stidham, contacted Walker Excavating to go ahead with tapping in to the main and installing a meter and transmitter. Buyer was informed that water will not be turned on until someone (possibly the realtor) could be there in case there are leaks in the house.

c. Arxada

Clerk explained that there has been an ongoing issue with the meter/transmitter at Arxada that required estimating a month which was low which caused the last bill to be very high. Arxada reached out and would like to have an adjustment or a better explanation of why the bill is so high. Clerk asked Harvey to get together with her to go over the figures and come up with a solution that can be brought to the board.

e. Resident with no water

Diana Merritt stated she had made a visit to a resident and found he was not using water and that the residence was in bad condition. It was explained that the Health Department has been called in several times and they always say it is livable, even though there is no bathroom. So, there really isn't anything the village can do about the conditions.

Clerk expressed a need to have the back room completely cleaned and a complete inventory of parts and equipment should be made. Walker came in to see what they would need to do the water connection, and all they could find was a meter and a

transmitter. Harvey asked the clerk to buy some wired tags so everything can be marked and an inventory sheet created so we know what we have and what needs to be ordered at any given time. Diana stated she would help with that project.

Clerk also asked if we could have an electrical contractor come in and help us determine what electrical meters could be removed in the back room so we could put up more shelving and get things off the floor.

5. Zoning Committee – Diana Merritt

- a. Review Zoning Ordinances (Already done at the beginning of the meeting)

6. Streets & Alleys – Rodney Smith

- a. Rodney was not in attendance and there was no update.

7. Finance – Andrew Wallen

- a. Nothing currently

8. Liquor – Liz Rench

- a. Nothing currently

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. Not required at this time

10. Other Business or announcements

11. Adjourn

Sarah Wambold made a motion and was seconded by Harvey Stidham. Viva voce vote was unanimous for adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm.

Patricia L. Briggs

Transcribed and recorded by Village Clerk, Patricia Briggs

Approved by the Village of Mapleton Board of Trustees 11 January 2023.