

Village of Mapleton
EXECUTIVE SESSION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES (approved)

Thursday, 13 September 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting to be recorded

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d) 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.

a. Attorney

Mike Beecham trustees voted two (2) months ago to remove the village attorney but was stonewalled because they were told only the mayor could release him. Mike read section 5-1-3.1.5 (Available in the office) Section B – With a 2/3rd vote by the trustees they can discontinue any office. It says the corporate authority by majority vote cannot represent us anymore. The attorney giving us the statement that we have power of the purse so we have the power to let him know that his services are no longer needed. Mayor said, “good luck”, as he is the only one who can appoint or remove. Liz asked the Mayor to state where was finding that information. The attorney said at the time he was voted out that he would stay in until the Mayor appointed someone else. Mike stated that as finance Chair he doesn’t see him as an asset to the village. He explained that we paid him \$600 to come to meetings and then he doesn’t answer anything and goes back to his office, talks to someone else there and then bills us. They firm filed for demolition of a property before the board was even sure that was the route they wanted to take. Mayor said to find one he can appoint that will work with us. Mike said he has someone who will do a \$2500 retainer to replace Miller, Hall & Triggs, and represents other villages and towns and would like to hire her. Mike said the current attorney is not representing the village, but we’re getting charged anyway.

Liz asked if the \$2500 is a retainer and the \$180/hr comes off that retainer and then we are billed at the hourly rate and Mike said yes. Mike said we have not been represented as a village for quite some time.

Liz Rench made a motion to adjourn executive session and was seconded by Mike Beecham. Vote – All Ayes.

Executive Session adjourned at 8:05 PM.

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Patricia L. Briggs