

**Village of Mapleton**  
**JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**HEALTH & WATER and STREETS & ALLEYS**

Thursday, September 5, 2019

6:00 p.m.

*Meeting to be recorded*

**PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES!**

**A. Call to Order at 6:00 pm**

**B. Role Call** – Attending: Liz Rench, Water Chair; Rodney Smith, Streets & Alley Chair and Harvey Stidham. Also in attendance, Patricia Briggs, Clerk and Rhonda Hodges, Treasurer.

**C. Subjects**

**a. Engineering**

Liz explained that she had been looking into a new engineering firm for the village. Clerk did some research and found several local companies, two of which expressed an interest in working with us. She stated that the village attorney is also the attorney for the City of Morton who Kerr has done work for. Discussion about what the village needs and how we should go about making the change took place.

Rodney stated that he is all for switching after the incidents that happened this year with work being delayed for another year.

Rodney suggested we have a special meeting next week to speak with the firms. It was suggested that contracts run our fiscal year, rather than the January – December currently used.

A special meeting will be set up for Tuesday at 6:00 pm if clerk can make the arrangements with the engineering firms.

**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.

**E. Additional Business**

Liz explained that the Post Office did not pay their water bill again this month. It was also discovered that someone in the past had set them up to be exempt from paying penalties for late payment. We never exempted any of the other companies, and Lonza, especially paid a lot of penalties over the years. Liz said she had the Water Clerk remove the exemption so they will now be charged.

There was a regulator leak at the BP Station and a break at a residence. This resident is a renter, but who is responsible for a leak outside the house? Water Clerk billed the tenant and stated she thought it was up to the tenant to make arrangements with the owner as to who was paying.

Garbage service – Liz explained that talked with several other garbage pickup providers and G&O was the only one who responded. They let us know they hope to have information in before the board meeting next week.

Liz asked Rodney if he got the mats to cover the repairs. He stated he was waiting for the rock before he put them down so they don't get torn up.

Rodney stated that he needs a number for the owner of the property on Main Street to make sure we have permission to fix it. He stated he doesn't want to tear the wall down because it is in good shape.

He also stated he was going to measure the tube in the alley to get it switched out too. There is a ditch on Monk's Lane where it washed out and a place on First St. where it is silted in that need to be taken care of also. So far Streets &

Alleys is under budget.

Discussion about updating ordinances. Clerk had spoken with attorney and he said if we wanted to go through and update the entire thing it would be very costly to do that. Harvey said they are so wordy. Clerk asked about the administration section that has pay that changes and he said none of that should be in the code. Clerk sent a copy that had notes in red that was feedback from mayor and trustees and he will take a look at that. Harvey asked clerk for an electronic copy of the municipal code and clerk agreed to send it to him. Rodney stated that we can clean a lot of that stuff. Clerk said one of the things in question was about the bowhunting on residential property and mayor had suggested we repeal it and go with state guidelines.

Liz shared an employee review form that she would like to start using and trustees thought it was a good idea to do twice a year so we could track problems, provide solutions and check on results.

**A. Adjourn Open Session at 7:03 pm**

**Recorded and transcribed by Patricia S. Briggs, Clerk**

*Patricia S. Briggs*

Approved by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Mapleton 11 September 2019

