

Village of Mapleton

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES (Approved)

Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting to be recorded

Alice Dailey live-streamed the meeting on social media

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1) Roll Call:

Present: Carl Bishop, Mayor; Mike Beecham, Mark Brining, Mark Foust, Liz Rench, Rodney Smith and Harvey Stidham, Trustees. Also present were Peggy Stidham, treasurer; Pat Briggs, Clerk and Attorney, Mike Seghetti.

2) Pledge of Allegiance

3) Call to Order at 6:40 pm by Carl Bishop, Mayor

4) Approval of Agenda

Liz Rench made a motion to accept the agenda and was seconded by Mark Foust. Votes: Yes - Mike Beecham, Mark Brining, Mark Foust, Liz Rench, Rodney Smith and Harvey Stidham. Agenda was approved.

5) Consent Agenda

All items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered routine by the Village Board and will be enacted by one motion with no separate discussion of the items. If discussion of an item is desired, that item will be removed from the consent agenda to be considered separately.

- a) Minutes from Regular Board Meeting — September 13, 2018
- b) Minutes from Executive Board Meeting — September 13, 2018
- c) Minutes from Special Board Meeting — October 4, 2018
- d) Executive Session Minutes from Special Board Meeting — October 4, 2018
- e) Bills & Correspondence (Received September 14 — October 16, 2018)
- f) Treasurer's Report

Liz Rench made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda and was seconded by Mark Brining. Votes: Yes - Mike Beecham, Mark Brining, Mark Foust, Liz Rench, Rodney Smith and Harvey Stidham. Consent Agenda was approved.

6) Public Comments

Please keep comments to three minutes. Review the agenda before you speak. This is the ONLY opportunity you will be given to speak during the meeting. There will be no discussion by audience members during the business meeting unless there is an emergency situation.

7) Addressing the Board

a) Stan Bersin

Stan stated that water losses are doing very well, low numbers. He passed out a quarterly report (on file in the office). The first page shows the difference between water purchased and water sold and shows less than a 5% loss which can be explained by flushing hydrants, small leaks somewhere, but nothing major is showing up.

2nd page is loss in each quarter. Ending September of 2018 shows that time period we sold more water than we purchased which has to do with timing. 4 most recent quarters suggests that our losses are at 4.29%.

3rd page is examination of the water volume loss. June of 2018 two problems caused a 16.5% loss which were fixed. Less than **8%** loss in December 2018.

Final page is a summary of water purchases. It tells us we spend \$26,000 water and \$845 / day sold to customers.

Less than 5% is a very good number and Stan stated he wouldn't be surprised if we show something higher going forward, but as long as it isn't big jumps, we shouldn't worry about it. Harvey asked if T-L had redundancy on their meters. Stan said they do no, but we do have on our system. Harvey asked about the protocol for monitoring and was told that statistics are recoded daily and monitored monthly. Harvey asked Fritz if he had ever found any errors and Fritz responded that not that he could recall.

The second matter Stan presented had to do with Lead and copper treatment and whether we install it now or not. He explained that we had filed a form with the EPA requesting a natural optimal control designation. If granted, we would not be required to immediately put in the orthophosphate treatment. However, if we fail another test, we will only have six months to complete the installation of the orthophosphate treatment. He explained that we will only have six months to to install orthophosphate treatment if we fail a lead and copper test again. October 2 should we exceed again it is required that the water operation complete the steps. We will have 6 months to install orthophosphate treatment.

Caution — while it sounds like a lot of time, it is not. We cannot wait 30 days or 3 weeks to get started on the process of getting that installed.

There was discussion about putting the plans in place so we would be ready to submit it to the EPA if we failed again. There is a benefit of having it ready but not turning it in. Invest in having the plan put together and put it on the shelf and then we turn it in when we need it. Harvey asked Stan for a ball park figure for the cost of the project. Stan said plan on \$2500 to get it in for the permit and that is specifying and getting ready to buy it and does not include the cost of equipment. He also explained that the scale of the equipment is not such that you take competitive bids for it. The village buys the equipment and gets an electrician to hook up the metering pump that feeds it into the system. We don't have to take bids for it. It is well below the \$20,000 required for competitive bids. He suggested that is the way we approach it. Write up the materials we need to get and getting the electrician and the permit forms ready to send in when needed. The Mayor asked the Water Committee to get together and put a plan in effect.

Stan has verified with the EPA that we won't do our next round of sampling 2021, that we don't have to rush now to get these together. But by the end of 2020 we have to be ready. Harvey asked what estimated costs for the treatment was and Stan responded that we should plan for \$4,000/year for chemicals. Patty Monks asked when the ground storage tank was going to be taken care of, as it is in bad shape. It was explained that the ground storage tank had already been repaired and that early next year Harvey will start getting bids for painting and cathodic protection for the water tower itself. We will advertise it early so that we get competitive bids from companies looking for work.

b) Mike Sweig, Solar Farm

Mr. Sweig had left, but resident Debbie Herrol asked if anyone was going to investigate the company to see if they have any complaints or problems. The question was asked about what the village would benefit from the Solar Farm and the response was additional tax revenue. Mayor Bishop asked board members and clerk to do some research on the company and share at the November meeting.

8) Old Business

a) Clerk Organization Meetings — Local (Clerk)

Clerk explained that by the time she gets invitations to the CIMCO meetings there is no time to get permission from the board to attend. Since she pays for her own meal, the village is only responsible for several hours of pay for her to

attend. The mayor said he had no issue with her attending the meetings. Liz Rench asked if these were social or training and Clerk responded that it is both, but mainly networking with clerks who have many years of experience.

b) Appointment of Zoning Committee members (Mayor)

The board was reminded that the mayor had temporarily assigned Harvey Stidham and Rodney Smith to the Zoning Committee and asked if the board would approve those assignments.

Liz Rench made a motion to accept the Mayor's appointments and was seconded by Mark **Foust**. Votes: Yes - **Mike Beecham, Mark Brining, Mark Foust, Liz Rench, Rodney Smith and Harvey Stidham. Motion Approved.**

c) Businesses operating within the village in residential property (Mayor)

Mayor Bishop stated that the chair of Zoning, Mark Foust, needed to get with the attorney to work with all the business in town. Liz Rench asked what businesses the mayor was talking about? Mark Brining stated that no one runs a business out of their homes except the mayor. No one else has customers stopping in to do business. Mayor Bishop asked the Zoning Committee to work with the attorney. Mark Foust stated that he is going to set up more committee meetings to go through ordinances and get them fixed but that they were waiting for an attorney for oversight.

d) Revised Budget — Table until November meeting.

9) Committee Reports (No motions can be made during reports)

a) Finance Committee — Mike Beecham

Mike stated that they are working on the budget so we can get it, the Appropriations Ordinance and the Tax Levy filed. This is on the Agenda for November.

Mike said he approached the gentleman who owns the salvage yard about annexing into the village to recoup the loss or revenue when it was sold. Mark Foust stated that he has known the new owner for many years and will contact him.

MFT audit was done and the clerk was informed that since there were no transactions this year we would not receive a report, just a memo.

Mike also said he had a discussion with Bob Meyer at the bank that owns the other property that is open in Mapleton about annexing in and was asked if he had anyone interested in the property. Clerk reminded Mike that the Fireworks

company was looking for land to build a brick and mortar building on and had contacted the bank about that property and there wasn't any interest in selling it.

b) Health and Water — Harvey Stidham

Harvey had nothing to report. Fritz said we needed to have Harvey look at the hydrant that can't be opened to have it fixed.

c) Liquor — Carl Bishop

According to The Corner Farm website, they are selling alcohol. Clerk stated she had verified with the County of Peoria and the State of Illinois that there is no liquor license under the name "The Corner Farm" or AHC Development which is indicated as the owner of the property in Peoria County GIS. A letter is being sent asking them what name their liquor license is registered to. The letter will include application(s) for a liquor license with the village. Liz pointed out that if they apply for a liquor license we'll have to amend the ordinance to include an additional permit. Alice Dailey stated Peoria County had also had a problem with the farm selling liquor without a license. The question was asked if there were fines involved and the Mayor said we would start with the letter and go from there.

d) Streets and Alleys — Mark Brining

The culvert First Street and Spring has turned into a nightmare. There is a gas line above it and a water main underneath the culvert and it won't fit without taking almost all the soil off the water main. He explained that we will have to go back to using a galvanized pipe. The Mayor asked if we could we use an oval shaped one that could take up the difference. Mark Foust asked if Ameren could put in a riser on the gas pipe. Mark Brining stated that the water line is the issue. Gas line is steel. Mark Foust stated that Ameren is taking all the steel out of the ground and will be replacing it in the near future. Mark Brining was asked if we are going to go over budget and he said yes. Mike Beecham stated that we will see where we sit with what we approved for both projects and go from there as the work needs to be done. Mark Brining said he was hoping to get \$6-7,000 from the insurance on the claim to insurance for Vickie Lynn.

e) Zoning and Code Enforcement — Mark Foust

Mark Foust said there are several new complaints in the file but the committee didn't want to do anything until we had an attorney.

10) Mayor's Report

The Mayor asked that the Clerk and several board members check out information on the Solar Farms. Mark Foust will talk with Ameren employees to see if they have any information to share.

11) New Business

a) Appointment of Attorney

Mayor Carl Bishop appointed the firm of Elias, Meghinnes & Seghetti, P.C. as attorneys for the Village.

b) Search Committee for attorney no longer necessary.

c) Corrpro Maintenance Agreement for the Water Tower

After discussing, the trustees agreed that we would purchase Plan C.

Liz Rench made a motion that we purchase Plan C and was seconded by Mark Foust. Votes: Yes — Mike Beecham, Mark Brining, Mark Foust, Liz Rench, Rodney Smith and Harvey Stidham. Motion Carried.

After discussing item D, Stan reminded the village that Plan C doesn't include a thorough inspection, which is an additional \$550. He couldn't do it at that price and he can't climb the tower. Liz Rench made a motion to add the \$550 per year tank visual evaluation to the yearly contract with Corrpro and was seconded by Mark Brining. Votes: Yes — Mike Beecham, Mark Brining, Mark Foust, Liz Rench, Rodney Smith and Harvey Stidham. Motion Carried.

d) Sensus Support Contract

Mark Brining recommended taking the 4-year contract to save money. If we don't have a contract, it is \$300/hour and ,up to \$3,000 for software updates. Harvey agreed as we save 25% by going 4 years. Harvey Stidham made a motion that we accept the four-year contract and was seconded by Mark Brining. Votes: Yes — Mike Beecham, Mark Brining, Mark Foust, Liz Rench, Rodney Smith and Harvey Stidham. Motion Carried.

e) Guard Dog Service for PDC

Mark Brining and Fritz explained this is good to have in case of an emergency. They remind us with notifications. Mark Brining stated that when we had our lead and copper failure they printed up the letters for us to send out and all we had to do was put them in envelopes and mail them out. They do it all for us. Fritz said it is really valuable in the case of weekend boil orders or on holidays.

f) New Labor Law Poster

Clerk stated that Illinois labor law has changed and asked for permission to order a new poster. Permission given. No motion needed.

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. **WAS NOT CALLED**

e) Announcements

f) Additional Business if any

Liz Rench asked if we are putting up the Christmas decorations this year. It requires a bucket or a good extension ladder and several people to install. Schwartz Electric did it last year and they were very expensive. Harvey Stidham stated that he has been trained on lifts and would do it if the village would rent one. Trustees will look into renting a lift and other options

Harvey stated that there is an issue with the name of the street he lives on, that the county said there is another one but they are no on N. Deer Trail. In GIS it is listed as Deer Park, not Deer Trail. Alice Dailey stated that when Sherry Boswell filed the papers and set the subdivision it was in order but somehow it got changed. The post office won't change it either. Attorney Seghetti stated that we should look at the subdivision plat and see what it says and if there is a discrepancy we can then go to the county and anyone else to get it set right. Harvey and Mike will look into it.

g) Adjourn Open Session

Liz made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Rodney Smith. Votes: Yes — Mike Beecham, Mark Brining, Mark Foust, Liz Rench, Rodney Smith and Harvey Stidham. Meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Minutes approved by the Village of Mapleton Board of Trustees on 08 November 2018.

Minutes prepared by clerk, Patricia S. Briggs

