

Village of Mapleton

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, April 11, 2019

6:30 p.m.

Meeting to be recorded

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1) Roll Call

Present: Mayor Carl A. Bishop; trustees – Mike Beecham, Liz Rensch and Rodney Smith. A quorum is present. Mark Brining (came in at 6:45) and Mark Foust (came in at 6:55). Absent - Harvey Stidham. Also, present: Patricia Briggs, Clerk; Rhonda Hodges, Treasurer and attorney, Lane Alster.

2) Pledge of Allegiance

3) Call to Order at 6:33 pm by Mayor Carl A. Bishop

4) Approval of Agenda

Liz Rensch made a motion to approve the agenda and was seconded by Rodney Smith. Yes – Mike Beecham, Liz Rensch and Rodney Smith. No – No's. 3-Absent Motion 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 – March 14, 2019
- b) Minutes from Public Hearing – February 14, 2019
- c) Minutes from Special Board Meeting – March 28, 2019
- d) Bills & Correspondence (Received March 15 – April 11)
- e) Treasurer's Report

Liz Rensch made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda and was seconded by Mark Brining. Yes – Mike Beecham, Mark Brining, Liz Rensch and Rodney Smith. No – 0. Absent – 2. Motion 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) ~~Sherry Boswell—road conditions~~

b) Neighborhood Watch – Patti Monks (and others)

Keith Ramer started the watch as he wanted to create awareness of the break-ins and strange people around the neighborhoods. People in rental houses change frequently so their faces aren't known. The three towns (Glasford, Mapleton and Kingston Mines) are neighbors. Since everyone isn't on Facebook so he is considering making up a flier to explain how the watch works. Liz asked if things are as bad out there as she has been reading on Facebook and Keith explained that it is even worse. The question was asked if the Village would want to purchase some of the metal Neighborhood Watch signs to be posted around Mapleton. Patti Monks explained that they are 8x10 metal signs that can be put on trees or posts. Keith stated he had a book he can get the info to us about the signs. He explained that they put them up around the entrances into Glasford and one by the park and by the school. The next meeting will be April 15 at 6:30 at the firehouse in Glasford. There was discussion about how many signs to start with and the Mayor asked that the Finance committee get together and discuss how many signs we could buy and where they would be posted and to bring that to the next meeting. The signs are \$18.00 each.

8) Old Business

a) Appointment of Ordinance Committee – Mayor

Mayor Bishop explained that he wants each committee to look at the code that falls under their position and review it and come up with suggestions for updating or removing items and to give it to Clerk and she can forward to attorney.

b) Appropriations Ordinance 2018-07-12-01 Amended and Restated– Mike & Rhonda

The appropriations ordinance had some incorrect figures. This was just to fix that. Mike Beecham made a motion to accept the Ordinance and was seconded by Mark Foust. Votes: Yes – Mike Beecham, Mark Brining, Mark Foust, Liz Rench, and Rodney Smith. No – 0 Absent – 1. Motion Carried.

c) **Water Tower Repairs/Painting**

Concerns about the late start we are getting for repairs to the tower were expressed. This has been tabled until the May meeting.

d) **Water Insurance on Hold until bill in the house**

Clerk explained that the water insurance we had surveyed resident about is on hold due to a bill before the house that would require utilities to own repairs up to the house. If this passes there will be no need for the water line insurance.

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

a) **Finance Committee** – Mike Beecham

Mike Beecham is looking towards the next budget and believes we need to invest some money again. There was some discussion about what is the right investment tool. A general discussion about benefits of short-term and long-term took place. Rhonda recommended meeting with our previous investment counselor and getting his recommendations.

Mike stated that an all committee budget meeting will be set up after the new committees are established and committees should have a list of projects and estimated costs so we know what we are doing when we set a new budget.

b) **Health and Water** – Harvey Stidham

Mark Brining – Information about a new computer for the water desk is in your folders. The computer is old and memory is full. Clerk explained that it is the same computer that is used by the General desk, just updated and with more memory. It is on sale at Best Buy for over \$100 off and clerk will look into whether Facet would give us a better deal on coming to the office and transferring the data.

Mark stated that there was a spot by the Rec Center that looked like it had a leak, but turned out to be a drain culvert backed up.

Liz shared that there was a leak on School House Road at the intersection that probably would account for the 15% water loss Stan Bersin reported last month. They are waiting on the weather to change to fix it. It has already been marked and Harvey is aware of it.

c) **Liquor** – Carl Bishop

Nothing

d) **Streets and Alleys** – Mark Brining

Mark stated that he had cleared four culverts on Astle Lane and got the

water moving down the road again. There is a blocked culvert under driveway into an irrigation ditch on West First Street and it is going to take a long time and a lot of effort to clear all the mud out. A bid from Walker Excavating was between \$2-3K to clear the culvert. Road work has been delayed due to problems with the truck being used. This should be resolved within a few days and work will start again on filling pot holes.

There will be a Special Meeting Monday with Greene & Bradford approving the resolution for MFT road work.

Mike Beecham stated he was wondering if we could use a high school student to help around the village on a coop program. He will check further into that.

e) Zoning and Code Enforcement – Mark Foust

Mark has a complaint from a resident about speeding cars by the rec center. He asked that residents call the Rec Center to let them know there are issues - 676-0211. There was a discussion about whether speed bumps would help concluded that they were more of a liability than a hindrance to speeders. Zoning will work with Streets and Alleys to try to come up with a solution.

f) Mayors Report – Carl Bishop

Nothing

g) New Business

a. Recycling – Liz Rench

Liz wants to talk with Kingston Mines Glasford about a joint Electronic and Tire recycling in Kingston Mines park since it is centrally located. She doesn't know if there is a fee involved. Liz will talk with Mark Foust about it. Alice Dailey said to check with Evonik as they have done this for their employees in the past. Mike Beecham said that Caterpillar is also getting ready to do something. Rodney will check with someone about recycling for the village and the electronics and tires.

b. Mowing

Mark Brining said he had only one bid for mowing and that was from Chris Harris. There was discussion about the village buying a mower and doing the mowing because the contractor mowed and charged the village whether it was needed or not. Mark stated that he bid it out because he wanted one company to the mowing and snow removal instead of dealing with multiple companies. In the past, Fred cut grass but didn't push

snow. Liz said the township will do our streets and parking lot, but were not asked to do the parking lot. There was concern about a large truck being on our parking lot. It was remarked that they do have a smaller truck. It was decided that a budget for equipment should be put together for the next budget meeting.

c. Bookcase for office – Liz (tabled)

d. New Computer for Water Desk-Harvey

It was explained that the pc used for water and by the treasurer is getting old, slower and is approaching full storage capacity. Mike stated that Water has the money and made a motion that the Dell Inspiron be purchased from Best Buy along with \$100 for transferring data from the old to the new computer. Seconded by Mark Brining. Votes: Yes – Mike Beecham, Mark Brining, Mark Foust, Liz Rench and Rodney Smith. No – 0 Absent – 1. Motion approved.

e. Updating Village Hall Office-Liz

Liz pointed out that there has been nothing done in the office for many years and that the floor needs to be replaced; paneling is cracked and falling away from the wall and needs to be painted. She also stated that there are many cracks in the walls throughout the building that need to be tuckpointed by a professional before it falls down around our ears. Tabled

f. Repairs to Monk's Lane – Rodney

Rodney explained that the garbage truck is running up on the shoulder when they turn around and have trashed the road from Sherry's driveway to the end. He said the center is 12" higher than the sides of the Road. He has contacted someone to get the rock and cap it off and drive on that for a while and then blacktop over the top of it.

Vickie Lynn has an area like that as well. There was discussion about binders and surfacing and whether to just get some CA6 on it for now. Mayor Bishop asked the Streets & Alley committee to get some quotes and bring it to committee and then bring it before the board.

Rodney has also talked with another contractor to see if we can have another option for doing some of the small stuff for us. It benefits us to have more than one contract for emergencies. He will try to have more information at the next board meeting.

- g. House Address on First St. (Mark) Already talked about during streets & Alleys.
- h. Lien on 8514W. Main (next village hall) Mark would like to have a lien put on the house for the mowing that the village has done over the past year and will continue to do. Lane stated that there is a \$65/recording fee and it is called a Weed Lien. There was a discussion about which liens were in place and whether a bank owned it or someone had purchased the tax liens on it. The Village Attorney to look into it and have more information at the next board meeting.

h) 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.

i) Announcements

j) Additional Business, If Any

Mark Brining said he had a bid from Walker Excavating for \$4310 and one from Coal City (using our rip rapp) which is \$3200 for repairs on West First St. Mark asked why, If it has been approved in the budget, we have to have it approved at a meeting? Clerk will add this to the Agenda for the Special Meeting Monday.

k) Adjourn Open Session

Mike Beecham made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Mark Foust. Voice vote was unanimous for adjournment.

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm.

Recorded and transcribed by Patricia S. Briggs

Approved by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Mapleton on May 9, 2019