

Village of Mapleton

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 13, 2021

7:00 p.m.

Meeting was recorded

***Note: With the distancing and face masks required at our meetings, it is very difficult to hear everything that everyone says. I have done my best to capture information in an accurate manner under the circumstances.*

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES!

1) Call to Order at 7:02 pm by Mayor, Carl A. Bishop

2) Roll Call

Attending: Carl A. Bishop, Mayor; Trustees – Mark Foust, Patti Monks, Liz Rench, Rodney Smith and Harvey Stidham. Absent – Mike Beecham (Work)

3) Pledge of Allegiance to The Flag

4) 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 December 9, 2020
- B. Bills & Correspondence (December 10, 2020 – January 13, 2021)
- C. Treasurer's Report

Liz Rench made a motion to accept the consent agenda and was seconded by Mark Foust. Votes were unanimous for approval. Approved.

5) Public Comments

Residents who wish to speak should raise their hands to be recognized. All comments should be pertinent to the current discussion and shall be limited to three (3) minutes.

6) Addressing the Board

A. Sally Hanley (PEUZ)

Sally explained that this amendment is to remove a property that isn't in the zone. She explained briefly that Enterprise Zone gives incentives for commercial and industrial owners to expand operations through rebates on building materials, waiving of building permit fees and tax incentives over a five-year period. This is available to areas with low income, high unemployment, vacant or demolished lots, layoffs, etc.

There was a question of how it actually helped the village and Sally reiterated it was to give incentives to companies like Lonza to add on to their facilities and increase employment opportunities for the village. Originally, Lonza wanted the village to be part of the PEUZ. Harvey asked if we didn't have it, would we get more revenue from Lonza? Or, would Lonza still do the addition even without the PEUZ. Harvey will speak with Lonza representative to ask that questions. Attorney Lane explained that for now, Sally just needed signatures so a vote needed to be taken. We can discuss whether to stay with the PEUZ at a later meter. (Votes-See 9) A.

8) Old Business

A. Christmas Lights (selling old ones)

Liz asked how we would go about selling them. Several board members said to just give them away, as they aren't worth anything. Others thought it would be better to list them on FaceBook Marketplace and try to get something for them. If they don't sell, then we can give them away. They are in the way of a planned expansion of the Records Storage Room. It was decided clerk would post them starting at \$100 and going down from there.

B. Christmas Lights (Buying new ones)

Discussion about how many new Pole Decorations would be required and cost. Cost is from \$240 - \$300 for 6' lights. There will be additional cost to add electric to some of the poles. It had been previously decided to purchase 8-10 new lights. Rhonda Hodges, Treasurer, reminded them that she will be working on a new budget so will need estimates on cost of the decorations, labor to install and remove them, new wiring etc. by February. It was estimated last year that it would be approximately \$5,000. We will be purchasing LEDs that last a

lot longer. Will be put on the Agenda for February.

C. Expanding Records Room

Clerk explained that a village employee said it would be a matter of ½ to a whole day to remove the concrete pads that held up the pumps with a jackhammer. The cost of the jackhammer is \$70 per day for an electric jackhammer. Rodney explained that they will be using some of the reclaimed wood from the building that was removed at the water tower to keep expenses down. No vote needed.

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

A. Finance Committee – Mike Beecham

Time sheets – Rhonda

Rhonda explained that she spent 6-1/2 hours with the auditor last week reconciling books. She stated that she has to do taxes monthly for IL withholding so payroll needs to be completed by the 5th of the month. If timesheets are not received by the 5th, paychecks will not be processed until the following month for those persons who are late.

B. Health and Water – Liz Rench

Past due accounts/shut off procedures

Liz expressed her concern at the hours wasted on trying to get people to pay water bills. Clerk explained that she is required by state code to send out shutoff notices on the 21st of the month for all residents who have not paid. She then makes a courtesy call at least 48 hours prior to service being shut off. She also makes "rescue" calls the day of shutoff to try to save people the inconvenience and expense of having their water shut off. This creates more time on the clerk's behalf, as well as the Water Engineer, who has to make multiple trips out to shut off and then turn water back on. From now on, if water is shut off for non-payment, it will be left off for at least 24 hours. We have to cut some expenses and everyone knows when their bills are due, past due and ready for shut off.

The new Transducer will be installed on Monday the 18th. This will eliminate the callouts for Fritz.

Alice talked with Liz recently about the white sediment that is left on cooking pots after steaming vegetables. She feels that this has become worse and wanted to know if anything had changed. Illinois American is now using ammonia instead of chlorine in the water but that shouldn't make a difference. It was explained that we are in a high mineral content for water and have always had white sediment. The water is tested for pathogens, but not for sediment. Harvey suggested installing a reverse osmosis water filter on her kitchen sink to help the problem.

C. Liquor – Carl Bishop – Nothing

D. Streets and Alleys – Rodney Smith

Rodney stated he is looking into a pole saw for the low branches that come down after storms. He spent a lot of time after the ice storm trying to remove branches that fell to the pavement but didn't break off the trees. He was called out that weekend three times for downed branches. The Village is still working to get the rest of them cleaned up.

He said they will start to work on the filing room extension as soon as they have time.

Patti asked if he could do anything about the tree on Mapleton Rd. Hill that is just on the edge of the road. He stated he had already contacted Peoria County Highway Department about it.

E. Zoning and Code Enforcement – Harvey Stidham

Lane explained that ordinance violation trials had been continued to March and will check to see when the trial is scheduled and will let the resident know as well. He also said that they are just waiting through the 30-day period on the Astle Lane property before proceeding.

W. First Street property is still dangerous and unsafe. Owner has mowed and cleared some brush, but the abandoned house is dangerous and the village could be liable if kids got hurt, even if they property has no trespassing signs on it.

LouAnn Foust said we should ask the fire department about using the house as a

training site. Since the village doesn't own the property, we aren't able to do that. It was also thought that the Fire Department doesn't do that anymore due to liability issues. If and when the village gains control of the property, it could be sold with the mandate that the property has to be torn down within a certain amount of time.

8) Mayors Report – Carl Bishop

9) New Business

A. Ordinance 2021-01-13-01 - IGA and Designating Ordinance Liz Rench made a motion to accept Ordinance 2021-01-13-01 2021 Amendment #7 for the Peoria Urban Enterprise Zone Designating Ordinance and its Intergovernmental Agreement and was seconded by Mark Foust. Votes: Ayes – Mark Foust, Patti Monks, Rodney Smith and Harvey Stidham. Nays – Liz Rench

B. Urban Peoria Enterprise Zone Intergovernmental Agreement (Amended)
(signature only – no vote)

C. Pros/Cons of PEUZ and should the Village withdraw – Table
Further discussion about the value of being in the PEUZ took place. While the business gets the incentive of 8-1/2 % savings on building materials, since there is no building supply business in Mapleton, the village gets no benefit from that. This will be tabled until a future meeting.

10) Announcements

Clerk explained that she will have surgery on Wednesday, January 20th. The office will be closed the rest of that week. She will be in the office Monday and Tuesday, January 18 and 19, but the office will be closed to residents as she will be self-isolating after a Covid test. She said she hoped to be able to be back at work at least a couple of hours a day the following week but would keep a notice on the website and on the phone to update residents.

11) Additional Business if any

12) Adjourn Open Session

Mark Foust made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Patti Monks. Voice vote was unanimous for adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Minutes recorded and transcribed by Patricia S. Briggs, Village Clerk

Approved by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Mapleton on 10 February 2021.

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ATTENDANCE			Motion: Liz Rench made a motion to approve the consent agenda and was seconded by Mark Foust.			Motion: Liz Rench made a motion to adopt PEUZ Amendment #7 and was seconded by Mark Foust		
Quorum Present?	YES							
	Present	Absent		Ayes	Nays		Ayes	Nays
MAYOR			MAYOR			MAYOR		
Carl Bishop	x		Carl Bishop			Carl Bishop		
TRUSTEES			TRUSTEES			TRUSTEES		
Mike Beecham		x	Mike Beecham			Mike Beecham		
Mark Foust	x		Mark Foust	X		Mark Foust	x	
Patti Monks	x		Patti Monks	X		Patti Monks	x	
Liz Rench	x		Liz Rench	X		Liz Rench		x
Rodney Smith	x		Rodney Smith	X		Rodney Smith	x	
Harvey Stidham	x		Harvey Stidham	X		Harvey Stidham	x	
Pat Briggs – Village Clerk	x		CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED			ORDINANCE 2021-01-13-01 APPROVED		
Rhonda Hodges - Treasurer	x							
Attorney, Lane Alster	x							

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	Ayes	Nays		Ayes	Nays		Ayes	Nays
MAYOR			MAYOR			MAYOR		
Carl Bishop			Carl Bishop			Carl Bishop		
TRUSTEES			TRUSTEES			TRUSTEES		
Mike Beecham			Mike Beecham			Mike Beecham		
Mark Foust	x		Mark Foust			Mark Foust		
Patti Monks	x		Patti Monks			Patti Monks		
Liz Rench	x		Liz Rench			Liz Rench		
Rodney Smith	x		Rodney Smith			Rodney Smith		
Harvey Stidham	x		Harvey Stidham			Harvey Stidham		
Adjourned at 8:15 PM								

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