

Village of Mapleton
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Mapleton Village Hall, 8524 Main St
09 February 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting to be recorded

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. PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES!

A. Roll Call

- a. In attendance: Mayor, Carl A. Bishop; Trustees, Mike Beecham; Mark Brining; Alice Dailey; Liz Rench, Brad Rusterholz and Harvey Stidham. Also in attendance: Patricia Briggs, Village Clerk

B. Quorum

- a. A Quorum is present

C. Pledge of Allegiance

D. Call to Order at 6:30 pm by Mayor Carl Bishop

E. Approval of Agenda

- a. Harvey Stidham motioned and Brad Rusterholz seconded that the Agenda be approved. Yes Votes – Mike Beecham, Mark Brining, Alice Dailey, Harvey Stidham, Liz Rench and Brad Rusterholz. No – 0 Motion passed.

F. Addressing the Board

- a. No one to address the Board

G. Committee Reports (No motions can be made during reports)

- a. No committee reports

H. Mayor's Report

- a. Mayor Bishop stated he had received an email stating the attorney firm representing the village was terminating our agreement and we should make arrangements to pick up the work they have done. He said we will let the new lawyer pick up the files. Mayor Bishop was concerned that a decision had not been made about firing the attorneys, but the information about the meeting was shared with the attorney. This Agenda had not been given to the attorneys, since it was to have a discussion about their representation. He asked how they knew and said he was going to get to the bottom of it somehow. Liz Rench and Alice Dailey explained that they had called because they had given their copies of the Ordinances to the firm and wanted them back in order to compare with the

new ordinances that were going to be voted on. The attorney said they would bring them to the next meeting, whereupon they asked if that was tonight and he responded that he didn't know anything about a meeting tonight. Comments were made to the attorney by the two trustees about the topic of concern on the agenda and the firm then decided to quit. The mayor pointed out that there had not been a discussion or a vote about firing the firm so sharing the information was presumptive.

I. New Business

- a. **Legal Services (Mayor Carl Bishop)**
 - i. Mayor Bishop pointed out that we need attorneys that can represent us and make sure that we get answers in a timely manner. He recommended Miller, Hall & Triggs as a firm that represents municipalities and has many attorneys who could represent the village. Mike Beecham recommended that we again speak to John Redlingschafer and the Mayor stated he will not appoint him because of the conflict of interest.
 - ii. There was a lot of discussion about what we weren't getting from the former firm, and what we needed from a new firm.
 - iii. Harvey Stidham asked if the firms would work on a retainer? It was thought that they most likely would work on an hourly basis, but the Clerk will find out. He asked if we could try them for 90 days and decide if they are doing a good job. The board thought it was doubtful any firm would do so.
- b. Mike Beecham asked if we could put it on the agenda for the next week and bring information on the firms that we are considering and vote on it. The Mayor reiterated that he will not appoint Redlingschafer. Mike Beecham motioned to get information from two firms regarding contracts and presented at the next meeting and was seconded by Liz Rench. Yes Votes – Mike Beecham, Mark Brining, Alice Dailey, Harvey Stidham, Liz Rench and Brad Rusterholz. No – 0 Motion passed.

- c. Ordinances
- d. The Mayor said the issue is we don't have any. Mark Brining motioned that this item be tabled until an attorney is hired and Liz Rench seconded. Yes Votes – Mike Beecham, Mark Brining, Alice Dailey, Harvey Stidham, Liz Rench and Brad Rusterholz. No – 0 Motion passed.
- e. Payroll taxes / Mayor – Mayor stated this had been resolved already.

J. Additional Business, if any

- a. Alice Dailey asked if the Intergovernmental agreement with Hollis Township had been signed and the Clerk said that it had.

K. Announcements

L. Adjourn Open Session

- a. Mike adjourned Harvey seconded. Yes Votes – Mike Beecham, Mark Brining, Alice Dailey, Harvey Stidham, Liz Rench and Brad Rusterholz. No – 0 Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 PM

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

Approved by the Village of Mapleton Trustees 14 February 2018