

Village of Mapleton
STREETS & ALLEYS MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 29, 2020

6:30 p.m.

Meeting was recorded

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A. Call to Order – Meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm by Chair, Rodney Smith.

B. Roll Call – Present: Rodney Smith, Chair; Liz Rench and Mark Foust. Also in attendance; Clerk, Patricia Briggs.

C. Subjects

a. Complaints – Besides First Street (none)

b. Projects -

1. parking lot sealcoating - \$1580.00 from Tazewell County Asphalt Co.
2. Rodney is looking into a compactor to help when patching sizeable holes since there is a lot of work to do as soon as the weather gets decent.
3. Liz explained that by the Randall's, the water is coming off the hill and needs to get it the diverted with a tube to take the water away. Mark Foust stated that there is a lot of water standing in the ditches. Fritz said there is a 20' culvert east of there under the road that might need to be cleaned out. Liz said that the culvert might be higher than the ditch. It was discussed lowering the culvert, but there are telephone lines and gas lines and other cables barely under the ground and there will be a lot of expense with lowering the culvert. It was also explained that the village had put in a culvert at the Grimes resident when it got smashed but the resident then had it moved 20' further so it was more in line with his drive. There might be a problem with that culvert.

4. Replacing Christmas Ornaments – There was a discussion about

replacing the old Christmas lights for around \$300 - \$400 x 10 at a cost of around \$4,000. It was suggested starting with seven lights, and with the electric and sensors that will come out close to \$5,000. They will be used on Main Street first to hand on every other pole and more can be added in years to come. Discussed having Schwartz Electric install new outlets and sensors on poles. The tree service gave us a reasonable rate for hanging the lights this year and then removing them.

5. Trimming shoulders on First Street - Road is very narrow with the grass growing over the road. Rodney said he was looking into wheel weights for the tractor which are \$70 for 50 lb. weights and \$178 for 72 lb. weights and the installation kit is not included.

6. Rodney said he thought we will need roughly six loads of road patch for the year since we'll need quite a bit on leveling out W. First St. to prepare for sealcoating. Liz suggested getting a tandem load instead of getting 6 loads so it could be delivered.

7. Furnace – Rodney has someone coming out to look at the furnace to give us a price for replacing it. He has asked for a price with and without a/c, but there is an issue if we don't include the A/C and add it later. Adding it later means the furnace has to be pulled out completely because the A/C is underneath it so it will run quite a bit more at that time as it runs on a downflow. He should be stopping in with a bid sometime this week.

8. Liz asked if the tractor lease will go up this year and Rodney said it will a bit. It depends on the hours of usage. We didn't use much last year because we got the tractor in June and it will get used a lot more so it was decided to leave the lease at 150 hours per year.

9. Mapleton sign – Liz explained that the sign is in really bad condition. It is leaning and twisted and there is a big gap. It was installed without letting the ground settle. Mark Foust said he will take a look at it and see if it can be repaired, and Rodney will contact the landscaping company.
10. Liz explained that there is \$36,000 in MFT funds towards the chipping. Rodney said he has to measure out the streets, both length and width so the Engineer can figure out an estimate. Rodney thought we needed to do First Street, Vickie Lynn and Monk's Lane. Liz explained that we need to do First Street, Astle Lane, Walnut, Spring and Hickory, as most of MFT has been used on Vickie Lynn previously. Rodney did say that the spot they fixed on Monk's Lane will need to be sealed too.
11. There was a lost Tanker that tore up the road and property on across from the Rensch's. We will follow up on getting the trucking company to repair.
12. Rodney said he would like to get the tube behind Rich Herold's house replaced this year and get the ditch work done on W. First Street.
13. Mowing – Liz asked if the Village employees were still going to mow this year and it was agreed they would. Fritz asked if the tractor dealer will come in and sharpen the blades before the season starts and Rodney said he would call them and ask.
14. Rodney stated he was thinking about getting another truck for village use. He has been using his private vehicle and isn't sure how long it will hold up.
15. Mark Foust explained that at the bottom of Spring Street by his house, the water comes down the hill and washes the gravel out. There

is a big tree blocking the tube so it isn't draining.

16. Clerk said we needed to be thinking about getting the outside of the building painted, since we had the repairs done. Rodney stated that the tuckpointing company said painting concrete block is the worst thing anyone can do, but everyone does it because it looks better.

17. Clerk stated that she had looked into replacing the bulletin board and moving it to the parking lot side by the water deposit box. The current board is rotting and can no longer be locked and everything is getting wet. She says it is hard for her to get to, walking through rain, mud, ice and snow and that no one walks up to look at it there anyway. It will be much more visible by the deposit box. Cost around \$200.

18. Clerk explained that she had gotten a bid from Tri-Star Window Cleaning to clean all the windows inside and out of Village Hall for \$100. It was felt that was a reasonable rate and Clerk to call to arrange.

It was decided to call a Budget meeting on the 5th -6:30 pm. Clerk to get it set up.

D. Budget items (discussed above)

E. Additional Business

F. Adjourn Open Session - 7:16 pm meeting adjourned


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