

Village of Mapleton
ZONING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (APPROVED)

Mapleton Village Hall, 8524 Main St

September 6, 2018

6:30 pm

A. Call to Order at 6:57 pm by Mark Foust, Zoning Chair

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Roll Call

In attendance: Mark Foust, Chair; Harvey Stidham and Rodney Smith. Also in attendance: Patricia Briggs, Clerk

D. Subjects

a) Violations corrected

Mark explained that he had the clerk send letters to the following addresses as violations have been corrected and are closed:

7533 Astle Lane

8604 W. First Street

8519 W. Main Street

b) New violations

i) No new violations

c) Go Over complaints in the file

The committee discussed the property that is currently in litigation for demotion and Mark stated that it has turned it into a nightmare because it is digging a financial hole. None of the committee members feel that we should continue to pursue this matter. There have been issues with the lien holder avoiding the subpoena. There is an abandoned truck that we can't go on the property to tow out. Resident says it runs and has current tags but we have no proof as we can't go on the property. Harvey stated that we don't want to spend any more money on that. Mayor Bishop said we have an ordinance that allows up to tow inoperable vehicles. The committee felt that we should just leave it alone as it is costing the village more money to pursue that can be recovered. The committee feels that we should just wait until a lienholder takes over the property and then go after them. No one is going to want the property. Mike Beecham stated that the village has the right to abate the issue of the truck. Even if it has tags on it if it is inoperable and that we should contact the county and have them pick it up.

There was a question as to whether they could prove the vehicle is operable. The Mayor said

that Chuck's Towing would come and get it. Mike Beecham stated that we have exhausted all options so let's get some information from county to see if they can do something. If the bank owns the house we should send a notice to the bank and check to see if taxes have been paid on it. Zoning Chair should send a letter to the bank holding the lien. We should call the county about the vehicles but they won't do anything since we have an ordinance in effect to tow. It was felt by the committee that this has been dragging on and they (the attorneys) should have recommended dropping it a long time ago. The clerk was asked to put it on the agenda for Board Meeting on September 13.

E. Additional Business

- a. Wood at the storage sheds (K&R)
Harvey asked if there had been any new building permits and was told no. He asked if the Park District applied for a permit for the new shelter and was told that they had. He said that Lonza will be applying for a permit for some additional buildings soon.
- b. Mike Beecham stated that Mapleton Storage needed to come to a meeting and apply for a zoning change from Commercial to Light Industrial if they want to process wood at that location. He said that Lawns R Us owns the property now.
- c. Rodney would like to start going through the municipal code and getting it cleaned up. A meeting will be scheduled.
- d. Mayor Bishop asked if anyone had noticed how bad the smell was over Labor Day weekend from the plants on Highway 24. It was felt that the high temperatures and humidity had contributed to the smell. Mayor wants to get the newspapers involved in getting control over the smell and stated we needed to get the attorney involved also. He asked that it be put on the Agenda for September 13th.

F. Adjourn Open Session

Mark Foust made a motion that the meeting be adjourned and was seconded by Rodney Smith. Voice Vote was Yes from all members of the committee. Meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm.

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