

Village of Mapleton
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
PART ONE

Wednesday, February 8, 2023
6:00 p.m.

This meeting to be recorded.

1) Call to Order by Mayor Liz Rench at 6:02 pm

2) Roll Call:

In attendance: Mayor, Liz Rench; Trustees – Bill Hodges; Diana Merritt; Rodney Smith; Harvey Stidham, Andrew Wallen and Sarah Wambold. Also in attendance: Pat Briggs, Clerk and Attorney Lane Alster. We had a quorum.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Mayor Rench called on Sally Hanley to explain the changes to the Peoria Urban Enterprise agreement. She listed which cities and villages were annexing property and explained there are no changes to the Village of Mapleton itself. Harvey Stidham made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-02-8-1 amending the agreement and was seconded by Rodney Smith. Viva Voce vote was unanimous for approval.

Mayor Liz asked for a motion to go to an Executive Session. Bill Hodges made the motion and was seconded by Rodney Smith. Viva Voce vote was unanimous and open meeting was **adjourned at 6:10 pm.**

4) Executive Session (If needed) 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.
Called by Mayor Rench

APPROVED

Patricia S. Briggs

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PART TWO
FEBRUARY 8, 2023**

Mayor Liz Rench called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM.

Role Call: In attendance: Mayor, Liz Rench; Trustees – Bill Hodges; Diana Merritt; Rodney Smith; Harvey Stidham, Andrew Wallen and Sarah Wambold (returned at 6:39 pm). Also in attendance: Pat Briggs, Clerk and Attorney Lane Alster. Rhonda Hodges was present at 6:40 pm.

5) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Minutes from regular Board Meeting January 11, 2023
- b. Minutes from Committee Meeting February 2, 2023

Diana Merritt made a motion to accept the Minutes with the correction of the date to January 11, 2023, and was seconded by Rodney Smith. Viva voce vote was unanimous. Minutes were approved.

6) APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Bill Hodges made a motion to approve the Bills and Correspondence and was seconded by Rodney Smith. Viva voce vote was unanimous, and bills were approved.

7) Approval of Treasurer's Report

Harvey Stidham made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and was seconded by Diana Merritt. Viva Voce was unanimous, and Treasurer's Report was approved.

8) Public Comments

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

John Rudd expressed his interest in annexing into the village in order to build a gaming cafe, and eventually, a restaurant/bar. He stated this would be of value to the village in bringing in more gaming revenue and other benefits. It was explained that the piece of land between his property and the village would also have to be annexed in. The Chad ??? was also present and said he was 'thinking' about annexing. Liz explained that the village couldn't give him water and the strip of land was all that was keeping him from annexing was that strip of land. John explained that he would require two liquor licenses, one for gaming and one for the restaurant/bar. Attorney Alster explained that it was just a matter of the board agreeing to create two more licenses.

9) Old Business

a. CUSI Payment Portal

Diana Merritt made a motion to add this to our software and was seconded by Harvey Stidham. Viva voce vote was unanimous for approval.

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

a. Finance Committee – Andrew Wallen

Nothing at this time.

b. Health & Water – Bill Hodges

Bill explained that we had a big leak at the 't' at Butler's and went to the resident's house across the street. Nothing broke, it just pulled out most likely from ground heaving. He doesn't know the figures on water loss and of course the cost will be significant. We had to put a bladder in it because we shut off every valve and still had water coming from the West side of the line. That's another \$3,000 expense but we had no choice. We were out there for eleven hours. He said that everybody was very helpful; Fritz, Bill Bucco, Rodney, Tony Alwood, and Harvey, it was a community effort. G.A. Rich & Sons were fantastic. They were able to help us understand where the water line goes, etc. because our schematics aren't good. He said he was really proud of the community.

There was a brief discussion of the need to order transmitter and meters. Bill said he would look into what we need.

Bill said we need to regulate the water at the main to give the residents on the hill more water pressure. This will regulate the pressure, not the flow.

Andrew asked if we knew the cost of the repair yet. Clerk had to send our tax information to G.A. Rich. Andrew also asked about the commercial meter for the plants and he thought it wasn't something that had to be voted on. Clerk stated she had contacted Sensus but they asked questions that she couldn't answer and Bill said he would get back to them. Bill said it is probably a 2" meter and they cost around \$1200. That would save us a lot of money because we're not getting the revenue we should be getting from the companies.

Resident asked for information about how much money has been put into and taken out of the water fund that the residents pay into every month for the last ten years. She will submit a FOIA for the information.

c. Streets and Alleys – Rodney Smith

He explained that they tried to haul dirt down to the hole next to the village but it was too wet and the dirt was sticking to everything. Will attempt it again some other day. He called Steve Kerr on the sealcoating and he said we're going to have about \$40,000 MT for this year. He spoke to UCM several months ago, he said it was going to be \$60,000 for Monk's and Deer Creek. The price has probably gone up and maybe we could get Monk's Lane done at least. He will stay in touch with him so we can get this straightened out. He would like to have the work done in the Spring, June or July that way we have traffic and heat on it before winter rolls around. It will be more than the MFT. We will either wait to do it next year or split it and just do one of them this year. Monk's Lane is probably the worst of the two due to the traffic and length.

The furnace in the hall quit working and it was because of a dirty filter. He bought filters for both of the furnaces and changed them out. He said they've been cleaning and organizing the back room.

Andrew asked if we were only going to do one road if it could be sealed. Rodney explained that it is very expensive but would look into the cost. It would make it last longer but would make the road last longer. Oil has gone up so much since September, we may not even be able to do one road!

Alice Dailey stated that she gave Pat a copy of 3-500 Construction/Reconstruction and Maintenance of Side Road and Street Intersections with State Highways. This was put into effect in October 1998, but I don't remember ever seeing it before. She talked with three guys and one of them sent this. The village is responsible for West First Street to Route 24. We are responsible for snow removal, maintenance, but not the drainage. The Engineer is going to come down and see if he can figure out how to get the water to drain.

d. Zoning and Code Enforcement – Diana Merritt

We sent a letter out to Spring Street to move the vehicles. She and Harvey have talked about going around and sending out a lot of letters because there is a lot of things going on that need to be cleaned up. She plans to do that before the next meeting.

We are working on our ordinances. Andrew explained that right now all we are doing is making sure that the ordinance that are in place have been applied to the code. We heard it is a big project getting the code cleaned up and ordinances have been applied. Tax levy's and things that happen every year are just archived as they get replaced each year. Once it is done then someone can look at the code to find information. They don't have to look at all the ordinances to understand what the code actually is. Cleaning and archiving the ones that don't apply. Once they are all in the code the board will look to see if they want to make changes to the actual code.

Attorney Lane received a call from the attorney for the storage units and asked if they were compliant. There is apparently one vehicle and a big truck box. Diana will look at it tomorrow. Harvey asked if that was against code.

e. Liquor – Liz Rensch

Liz had nothing. Harvey asked how many liquor licenses we currently have. Clerk stated there are three (3), two (2) for the bar and gaming room and one for the bar. He asked what it would encompass for us to add more liquor licenses. Attorney Alster explained that all it takes is for the board to vote on it. There are no open licenses because anyone could come in and get it as long as there isn't anything really wrong with them. This way the village controls the licenses.

11) Mayor's Report – Liz Rensch

Nothing

12) New Business

a) Ordinance 2023-02-08-1 PUEZ Amendment

Already voted on early in the meeting.

13) Announcements

Diana asked if we had donated to the Kingston Mines Easter activity? The board previously agreed on it. Rhonda Hodges said she had an announcement and asked the board to find someone to do the payments, she will try to keep up with treasury. She has two big projects coming up at work and coming down every other night to do payments is too much on her. So, if we can find someone to do payments she will try to keep up with treasury, but no promises. Harvey asked how many hours and Rhonda stated they have to come in at least three times a week and on certain days, like the 20th to post and the 30th or 31st so the water clerk can do what she needs to do. Diana asked if it was something Pat could do and was told no, as it is a conflict of interest since she opens the bills and then gives them to Rhonda to post. She will write a brief job description and it will be put in the newsletter. Also, start looking for a treasurer, as she

doesn't know how long she can keep it up. Liz stated if we hire someone, we will have to set hours for them and it is the way it has to be.

Alice asked how much posting will be required after we go to this new system? There will still be some posting because of all the cash payments that come in, and residents who don't do computers.

Harvey stated that his time on the board is very limited, so we can talk, but at some point, he must step back and wish us all the best. He will probably be leaving at the end of March. Liz explained that his replacement will be started in May. Everyone expressed that they were going to miss him and wished him well.

15) Adjourn Open Session

Rodney Smith made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Bill Hodges. Viva voce vote was unanimous. Meeting was adjourned at 7:14 pm.

Patricia A. Briggs

Recorded and transcribed by Patricia Briggs, Village Clerk

Approved by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Mapleton 8 March 2023

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