

**Village of Mapleton**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, February 9, 2022

6:00 p.m.

*This meeting to be recorded.*

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

**2) Roll Call:** In attendance: Liz Rench, Mayor; Trustees, Bill Hodges, Rodney Smith and Andrew Wallen. Absent: Diana Merritt, Harvey Stidham and Sarah Wambold. Quorum present. Also in attendance: Clerk, Pat Briggs; Treasurer, Rhonda Hodges and Attorney, Lane Alster.

**3) Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

**4) Approval of Minutes**

a) Minutes from regular Board Meeting January 12 2021

Bill Hodges made a motion and was seconded by Rodney Smith to approve the minutes. Viva Voce vote was unanimous.

**5) Approval of Bills and Correspondence**

a) January 13, 2022 through February 9, 2022

Bill Hodges made a motion to approve Bills & Correspondence and was seconded by Rodney Smith. Viva Voce vote was unanimous.

**6) Approval of Treasurer's Report**

Bill Hodges made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and was seconded by Rodney Smith. Viva Voce vote was unanimous.

**7) 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.*

a) Sara Duffield (Did not attend)

**8) Old Business**

a. Cleaner for hall

Liz stated that a resident of the village, Tiffany Wilson is interested in cleaning. She has a full-time job but would do weekends or nights. Vickie Calhoun is also available if needed. Both would do weekends or nights. Rodney said his dad had someone from Kingston Mines who cleans for him and he will contact her.

b. Refrigerator/Stove

Clerk shared information about a stove and refrigerator on sale. Stove is a Maytag with convection and air fry capability and is on sale at Lowe's. The refrigerator is on sale at Sherman's and is a 36" 25 cu ft side-by-side without ice or water dispenser. Andrew made a motion to purchase the stove and refrigerator and was seconded by Bill Hodges. Clerk will make the purchases.

b. Food Pantry

Clerk explained that she was asked to call back next week if she hadn't heard back from the people at Ask and Ye Shall Receive.

c. Cameras are working, but not recording

Andrew said he will look into a new hard drive for the DVR.

d. Hall furnace had to be cleaned and repaired again

Discussion concluded that we just need to replace the furnace instead of continuing to repair it.

Rodney will follow up. Rhonda stated that we need three bids, due to the cost but we were unable to get anyone else to bid. Rodney also stated that the new front doors are supposed to be in this week.

**9) Committee Reports (No motions can be made during reports)**

a) **Finance Committee – Andrew Wallen**

Audit is done. Auditor will be at the March board meeting to go over the results.

b) **Health & Water – Bill Hodges**

1. Purchase of Android Phone to replace Handheld meter reader

Bill Hodges advised the clerk to go ahead and order the phone recommended by the Sensus rep from Walmart.

Bill stated that the storage tank overflowed again. He called Fred and he shut off the storage tank. Fred is to call Britton Electronics on Thursday, February 10. Britton needs to get it fixed so we stop getting call outs on it all the time.

Clerk explained that she looked back to see when we had renewed the contract on the generator and it hadn't been done since 2020. Clerk will call to see why we haven't received a new contract since then.

Liz asked if we were ok on propane for the generator tank and Fritz said it was fine.

c) **Liquor – Liz Rensch**

**Nothing new**

d) **Streets & Alleys – Rodney Smith**

1. How many culverts are needed?

Rodney stated he wasn't really sure, but at least four (4) 4' and then (10) 12" and six (6) Couplings each. There was a discussion about charging residents if they wanted an extra-long culvert as they aren't as available as the 4' culverts. Rhonda suggested ordering twice as many to have on hand and the board agreed.

There was a brief discussion about the \$100 credit given to water customers because the system couldn't differentiate between water and garbage and credited the account as a whole. The board decided that

the \$100 credit be given to garbage only customers as well. Clerk will take care of updating.

Rodney's explained that the person he hired for part-time work got a 40 hour a week job. He could still help on weekends, but we don't really do weekend work unless it is an emergency. There may be someone else from Kingston Mines that is interested.

### **Zoning and Code Enforcement – Harvey Stidham**

*(Liz left at 6:48 pm back at 6:52)* A question was asked about the status of house on Spring and Main. Attorney Alster explained that the last he heard they were still trying to get the owner serviced. Clerk explained that HUD had given the mortgage company approval to go on the property and clean it up and they hadn't been able to do that previously.

Rhonda contacted the surveyor and she is getting information about Spring Street.

The house next to the village has been declared abandoned so we'll have the deed in March or April.

The house on the corner of Spring and Main has been sold.

Attorney Alster asked for up-to-date pictures of the property on Astle Lane so we can let the owner know what else has to be done.

Rhonda counted eight (8) cars that they could see at the end of Spring Street. Rodney says a lot has been done, but it hasn't been cleaned to our instructions. Clerk asked if she should send out additional fines and was told to do so. Attorney Alster explained that unfortunately, we can't do a lien on a property due to citation fees. He has not paid any money towards his fine. The owner has not been sent a notice to appear. Rhonda asked if there is a state or county description of what a junkyard is and it was agreed the Spring Street property meets the description. The village ordinances state that there can be no junkyards in the village.

There have been complaints about the wood and wood processing equipment at the Mapleton Storage facility on Wheeler Road. Owner originally stated the wood was temporary and would be cleaned up, but it has been a couple of years and more wood and now wood processing equipment has been added. Clerk was asked to send a letter saying they will be fined if the wood isn't cleaned up. This property isn't zoned industrial so it can't be used for wood storage or processing.

Alice Dailey stated that she wants her land rezoned to residential and clerk explained that she had emailed the forms required to Alice after the last meeting.

### **8) Mayor's Report – Liz Rench**

**Nothing new**

### **9) New Business**

Crack in Village Hall parking lot

Liz explained her concern about the large crack across the driveway above the septic line. She stated that the former mayor said we didn't need to fix it because it was done for free, but it was not. The only thing that was done for free was the transition from the drive to the street. The village paid \$22,000 for the



work and it is raised and starting to break off at the line. She said that as soon as the weather warms up it needs to be fixed.

Clerk called Hollis about the damage done to the corners of Vicki Lynn after the big snowfall. They scraped up a lot of our new road material and left large piles that are dangerous when covered with snow.

a) Tax Exemption for Operating Engineers

They have asked for an exemption in property taxes and the village has no recourse to do anything about it, but we will lose some tax revenue if granted by the county.

b) Ranger – Need specs and prices

There was discussion about what needed to be included when pricing a ranger, including canvas siding and the bed to put equipment in as well as a plow. Rhonda said we will need to exempt it in the ordinance and that many villages, such as North Pekin, also use rangers around the village. It will need to have flashers, lights, and triangular reflective sign. Rodney will check into it.

c) Cleaning sidewalks when heavy snow or ice accumulates.

Employees will make sure the sidewalks are cleared after a heavy snow or ice.

**10) 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.**

**11) Announcements**

Rhonda explained that many of the tax proposals by the Governor will take money away from the village. We will no longer get extra MFT (Motor Fuel Tax) as an example.

**12) Additional Business if any**

Credit \$100 to garbage only customers. Andrew Wallen made a motion to extend the \$100 credit to garbage only customers and was seconded by Bill Hodges. Viva Voce vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

**13) Adjourn Open Session**

Bill Hodges made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Andrew Wallen. Viva Voce vote was unanimous and meeting was adjourned at 7:18 pm.

*Minutes recorded and transcribed by clerk, Patricia S. Briggs*

*Patricia S. Briggs*

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## February 9, 2022

ATTENDANCE		Motion: Bill Hodges made a motion to accept the January 12, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes and was seconded by Rodney Smith.		Motion: Bill Hodges made a motion to approve Bills & Correspondence from January 13 through February 9 and was seconded by Rodney Smith.				
Quorum Present?	YES	NO	Present	Absent	Ayes	Nays	Ayes	Nays
<b>MAYOR</b>			<b>MAYOR</b>			<b>MAYOR</b>		
Liz Rench	X		Liz Rench				Liz Rench	
<b>TRUSTEES</b>			<b>TRUSTEES</b>			<b>TRUSTEES</b>		
Bill Hodges	X		Bill Hodges		X		Bill Hodges	X
Diana Merritt			Diana Merritt	X			Diana Merritt	
Rodney Smith	X		Rodney Smith		X		Rodney Smith	X
Harvey Stidham			Harvey Stidham	X			Harvey Stidham	
Andrew Wallen	X		Andrew Wallen		X		Andrew Wallen	X
Sarah Wambold			Sarah Wambold	X			Sarah Wambold	
Pat Briggs – Village Clerk			MINUTES FOR JANUARY 12, 2022 APPROVED.			BILLS & CORRESPONDENCE APPROVED		
Rhonda Hodges, Treasurer			X					
Attorney, Lane Alster			X					

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<p>Motion: Bill Hodges made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and was seconded by Rodney Smith.</p>			<p>Motion: Bill Hodges made a motion to approve the purchase of the Maytag stove from Lowe's and the Maytag Refrigerator from Shermans. Seconded by Andrew Wallen.</p>			<p>Motion: Andrew Wallen made a motion to give all garbage only residents the \$100 credit on their bills. Seconded by Bill Hodges.</p>		
<b>MAYOR</b>			<b>MAYOR</b>			<b>MAYOR</b>		
	Ayes	Nays		Ayes	Nays		Ayes	Nays
Liz Rench			Liz Rench			Liz Rench		
<b>TRUSTEES</b>			<b>TRUSTEES</b>			<b>TRUSTEES</b>		
Bill Hodges	X		Bill Hodges	X		Bill Hodges	X	
Diana Merritt			Diana Merritt			Diana Merritt		
Rodney Smith	X		Rodney Smith	X		Rodney Smith	X	
Harvey Stidham			Harvey Stidham			Harvey Stidham		
Andrew Wallen	X		Andrew Wallen	X		Andrew Wallen	X	
Sarah Wambold			Sarah Wambold			Sarah Wambold		
TREASURER'S REPORT APPROVED			PURCHASE OF STOVE AND REFRIGERATOR APPROVED.			\$100 CREDIT TO GARBAGE ONLY CUSTOMERS APPROVED.		

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Ayes	Nays	Ayes	Nays	Ayes	Nays
<b>MAYOR</b>		<b>MAYOR</b>		<b>MAYOR</b>	
Liz Rench		Liz Rench		Liz Rench	
<b>TRUSTEES</b>		<b>TRUSTEES</b>		<b>TRUSTEES</b>	
Bill Hodges	X	Bill Hodges		Bill Hodges	
Diana Merritt		Diana Merritt		Diana Merritt	
Rodney Smith	X	Rodney Smith		Rodney Smith	
Harvey Stidham		Harvey Stidham		Harvey Stidham	
Andrew Wallen	X	Andrew Wallen		Andrew Wallen	
Sarah Wambold		Sarah Wambold		Sarah Wambold	
ADJOURNED AT 7:18 PM					

