

Village of Mapleton
BOARD MEETING CLOSED SESSION MINUTES
(Approved for publication on 6/13/2018)

Mapleton Village Hall, 8524 Main St.
8 August 2017 at 9:18 p.m.

Meeting to be recorded

I. Closed Session (if needed) citing exception Section 2 (c) (4) of the Open Meetings Act -- Testimony presented regarding Resolution 2017-0808-02 Condemning

Comments made by a board member (Section X, Item M)

II. Roll Call – at 9:18pm by Village Clerk Carolyn Kelly. Present are Mark Brining, Mike Beecham, Alice Dailey, Liz Rench, Brad Rusterholz, and Mayor Carl Bishop. Clerk Carolyn Kelly also present. No attorney is present.

III. Discussion – Mayor Bishop had copies made of the 2010 Illinois Attorney General Opinion Letter regarding incompatibility of overlapping offices. Both Liz Rench and Alice Dailey said that they had checked this issue out with the Peoria County Election Commission before running in the 2017 Consolidated Election. Mayor Bishop said that he made a private attempt to address the problem with the comment made by Dailey during the May 25 Streets and Alleys Committee meeting. Trustees Beecham, Dailey, Brining, Rench expressed their anger that the comment was played publicly during the July 11 regular board meeting, instead of deferring it to a committee for resolution. During that same meeting, Mrs. Bishop handed out copies of a transcript of that audio with comments written in the margin. The transcript was not prepared by the village office. Beecham questioned Trustee Rusterholz about how playing the audio with media present was in the best interests of the village. Beecham stated it would have been better handled in a closed session. Dailey said that she had apologized during the July board meeting and would like to refocus on village business and move forward. Mayor Bishop asked the board to address the issue with Alice. Bishop said she can't be voted out, but the board could ask her to resign. Bishop also stated that the village does not have any ordinances on village official conduct. Bishop asked all to consider what is good for the community.

Beecham and Rench both stated that they would like to see Dailey stay on as a trustee. Brining accepted her apology and asked all to move forward. Rusterholz said that he does not want her to remain. The clerk asked that when the ordinances are rewritten they should include a code of conduct. Bishop stated that he will make no comment

toward the press.

During the Open meeting, Beecham called for Rusterholz' resignation. He was concerned about some serious items that are part of his past arrest record. Beecham stated that the village already requires a background check for all employees and that the same should apply to nominated trustees.

Dailey motioned to return to the public session; seconded by Rench.

IV. Return to Open Session – at 9:53pm

Recorded and transcribed by Carolyn Kelly, Clerk

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