

Village of Mapleton
Minutes – COMBINED COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, March 3, 2022

6:00 p.m.

Meeting to be recorded

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1) Call to Order

2) Roll Call

3) General discussion

a. Food Distribution monthly

Clerk is to call back Tuesday, March 8 as they haven't been getting as much food as usual. Liz asked the church if they could give us some food as well.

b. Ranger – need specs and cost

Rodney stated he tried to stick with name brands, like Yamaha, Polaris, and John Deere. Costs would be around \$13,000 for a Yamaha, \$16-17,000 for a 3-seater. We could get a John Deere yearly lease for \$2900 and get a new one every year like we do with the tractor. It would cost \$17,400 to buy it outright. Rodney also pointed out there are a lot more attachments for the Deere. Rodney will check on attachments for the Deere and bring to the meeting next week. There was a lot of discussion about the pros and cons of leasing rather than buying.

The discussion then turned to whether a 4-wheel drive pickup truck would be a better decision than a gator. In order to get a gator to work in the winter it would have to have heat and air in the summer and be around \$25,000. We should be able to get a serviceable pickup for under \$10,000 and would a ½ ton truck do the job? Liz pointed out that the good thing about a ½ ton pickup was it didn't require a CDL which has been an issue with finding someone to use the dump truck. Rodney thought a 1 ton pickup with a dump would be more useful. Clerk asked about selling the dump truck and using some of that money to put on a pick up and that was agreed upon also. Clerk will put it on the agenda for next meeting.

c. All trustees must do their OMA and their Economic Interest Statements -

However, the OMA site has been down. Economic Interest Statements have already been mailed out and must be returned before the end of April in order to avoid a fine.

d. Key for cleaning person

Liz asked about giving the cleaning person a key so they could come in without someone having to be in the hall to supervise them. Everyone agreed that would be acceptable since she wouldn't have access to anything but the hall, kitchen and bathrooms. Clerk will arrange to get her a key.

e. Old commercial dishes in kitchen

After a general discussion it was agreed to get rid of the dishes. Clerk will clean them up and put them on marketplace first. If no takers, will offer for free or just dispose of them.

f. Comp time or paid time for Clerk (depending on task)

Clerk asked for clarification on comp time and it was agreed she could take comp time for tasks done outside of regular hours as vacation or sick time.

4) Health and Water Committee – Bill Hodges

a. Reflective poles to mark meter vaults|

Bill stated he thought they should be in every yard to mark the meter. Andrew asked if we could put an indicator on a map of each property where the meters are located, but that isn't really feasible. Fritz said they will just pull them out when they mow and leave them laying in the yard. Diana asked what they looked like and said she wouldn't be happy to have it sticking up in her yard.

It was explained that the reasoning was to avoid having to replace radio transmitters because people are mowing over them or driving over them and that we will have to start charging residents for broken ones from now on.

b. Increase for water meter reader

Bill thinks \$50 is not enough for using their own vehicle to read meters. It was pointed out that it takes 1/2 to 3/4 of an hour to drive and take readings. It was stated that if we get a company vehicle, then gas isn't an issue. If they have to use their own vehicle pay \$75 a month? Liz said it should be kept at \$50 since it takes such a short time and is such a short distance. Clerk was asked to put it on the agenda for next meeting.

c. Cost of replacing broken transmitters on meters (\$135 for 2022)

We only have 2 transmitters and need 3 replaced so will have to order additional transmitters. Clerk to put it on the agenda for next meeting.

5) Zoning Committee – Harvey Stidham

a. Mapleton Mini Storage (Privacy fence to hide trailers and outside storage (Junkyard).

There was a question brought up if there is a law that a junk yard on a state highway has to be hidden behind a privacy fence? There are a lot of vehicles parked on the lot. Clerk explained that the property is commercial, not industrial. If cars are stored, do they need current license and registration? This is a question for the attorney. Alice Dailey said they have been working on cleaning it up, but continue to bring in more logs all the time. Bill left at 6:40, returning at 6:42. Clerk was asked to look up statutes about storage units.

Harvey will be going to court or zoom in on the court case for Spring Street. Zoning Court is the 3rd Thursday of the month. There have been so many cars parked all over people couldn't even park at the bar. Harvey pointed out that the property line is right in front of the house and garage and all vehicles will be towed after inspection next Sunday if they are not licensed. To be put on the agenda for next meeting.

Liz saw a resident's truck at the house on Spring and Main and the house was open. Clerk left a message for the mortgage company to see if the resident is working for them but has not received a return call. They are making progress with removing junk and brush and the fence will come down when the weather gets better.

Harvey had the clerk send a letter to Astle lane resident about the jacuzzi and other remaining junk. Clerk stated that he never picks up certified mail and Mayor asked if she had sent it to the Sunnyland address and clerk said she had never been given a Sunnyland address so it was sent to Astle Lane. According to the attorney, as long as we sent the certified letter, we have complied with notification.

Harvey said he has had a couple of complaints about the house on Monks & Mapleton Rd. and he talked with the owner about it. He'll talk with him again if needed.

6) Streets & Alleys – Rodney Smith

a. Dumpster Days

After a brief discussion it was agreed that we will have a dumpster delivered to the water tower where it can be locked up after hours to keep one person or persons from outside the village from filling it up the first day. It was decided to do the first one 23 and 24 and the next one the weekend after labor day.

b. Drainage from field behind Rodney's house causing Maxwell's sump to run constantly when there is heavy rain. Andrew had a picture of it. Rodney hadn't been told about it and was unsure what he could do about it. When we have heavy rain, everyone's sump pumps run continuously. It is on private property, so the village isn't responsible for putting in new drainage. Rodney will check it out.

c. Raise the garbage rate - \$12.25 -

It was agreed the garbage rate has to be increased since our fee was increased by the company in January and we did not raise it at that time. A discussion about whether our contract was still valid with PDC since they were bought took place. We have three years and two option years on our contract. Other companies were contacted, but since at that time, trustees were insisting on recycling, no one bid on a contract. Rodney stated that X-Waste can't even find trucks to buy to handle all the new business they could take on.

7) Finance – Andrew Wallen

a. CPA Firm – 3 year audit

Treasurer explained that we thought we could save money by using a CPA and having an audit every three years.

b. Audit (Confirmed that audit is needed annually due to sale of water)

Because the village sales water, we are required to have a yearly audit.

c. Cleaning - \$75 per 5 hours

It was discussed raising the cleaning pay from \$50 to \$75 per time (approximately 5 hours). Andrew thinks \$75 is reasonable. Clerk to put it on the agenda for next meeting.

d. Increasing amount before Bids are necessary from \$5,000 to ? (\$20,000 is state statute)

Liz felt that an increase to \$10,000 would be reasonable. Discussion took place and most trustees thought it should just be set at the state statute of \$20,000 but to have an agreement that the committee decides whether there should be bids. Clerk to put it on the agenda for next meeting.

Who is mowing the tower: Fritz and Adam and Bill or whoever wants to mow. There is now a small mower that can be used around the edges and the big mower can be used everywhere else.

8) Liquor – Liz Rensch

a. Video – Clerk stated she had sent letters to YMC Corp and J & B Butler's about the increase in video licenses that would be effective July 1, 2022.

9) Other Business or Announcements

Liz said she had received a call from a mayor in another village about the \$100 water credit we gave to our residents and thought we were out of compliance with ARP. She informed him that our attorney had suggested it.

The Mayor of Kingston Mines explained that they will be having their easter egg hunt on April 16th 2:00 pm. They always have the first hour for those children with disabilities. He asked if the village could make a donation of some kind, either monetary or buy a bicycle to donate to give to the top winners in each age group. After a discussion it was decided that the village would donate \$175 - \$200 for bikes, helmets and kneepads and let Kingston Mines purchase whatever is needed. Clerk will put it on the agenda for a vote.

Also, they will be having June 25th games and food in the park for the kids of the area. We can put that on our newsletter to share with our residents.

Clerk asked if we should still go ahead and order culverts, since we were going to spend money on a vehicle and it was agreed culverts should be ordered.

Other Business – Was a permit given for the log cabin on W First Street. Alice asked if a permit was given for the log cabin storage building on W First Street. Clerk stated no permit had been applied for or granted and asked if it was on a cement foundation and no one knew. There is no permit required if the building is not on a permanent foundation.

- 10) **Adjourn** - Bill made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Andrew Wallen and viva voce vote was unanimous to adjourn at 7:36 pm.



Transcribed and recorded by clerk, Patricia S. Briggs