

Village of Mapleton

COMBINED COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, August 5, 2021

6:00 p.m.

Meeting to be recorded

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1) Call to Order at 6:00 PM by Patti Monks

2) Roll Call

In attendance: Mayor, Liz Rench; Trustees – Bill Hodges, Diana Merritt (6:07 pm), Patti Monks, Rodney Smith, and Andrew Wallen. Absent: Harvey Stidham. Also present: Clerk, Patricia Briggs and Treasurer, Rhonda Hodges.

Alice Dailey asked the board if they would be willing to let the Senior Potluck, normally held at Butler Haynes Park, be held in our hall on the last Wednesday of the month. The Park District took care of the meat and table service and the other attendees bring side dishes to share. They have games and prizes (bingo). She thinks it might bring more business to rent village hall. People come from Bartonville, Pekin and Glasford and other areas as well. Patti Monks expressed concerns about the cost. It was suggested providing the meat and charging \$ to cover the meat, paper products and drinks. Rhonda Hodges said that would be a problem and we cannot charge a fee. We could ask for a donation to cover the cost however. Alice reiterated they are not asking for money but to be able to use the hall without charge. The trustees indicated they thought it would be a good idea. It will be put on the agenda for next board meeting.

3) Health and Water Committee – Bill Hodges

a. Intergovernmental Agreement with Kingston Mines

Bill stated that since there is no commitment or cost unless we use it so it makes sense to work with them at times. Rhonda explained it will be like the one with Hollis Township for snow removal... there are no state fees. This will not be good for water breaks, but will work for cleaning out ditches. Agenda for next week.

b. Water Operator Contract

Bill said he hadn't officially talked with Fritz but is looking at a contract of \$600 month that increases his hours from 10 to 20 before he gets paid overtime. Fritz indicated he was fine with 20 hours. Put on the Agenda for next week.

c. Stolen Garbage Totes

Clerk stated she had spoken with the manager at PDC and he suggested that he drop off a number of totes to have on hand to replace lost or stolen totes. Bill said they could be put in his father's pole barn to keep them from disappearing. Clerk will let PDC know how many, and where to drop them off.

d. Decisions on what clerk can do without approval (This was already discussed by the clerk and chair).

4) Zoning Committee – Harvey Stidham

No update. Harvey had a work conflict.

5) Streets & Alleys – Rodney Smith

a. Furnace Bids

Rodney would like to put this on the backburner for now. He has more research to do before a decision is made.

b. Purchase of 8514 W. Main

Rodney stated they figure it would be 8 hours of work for the backhoe and operator from Otto Baum to tear down the house so around \$2000. PDC gave a price of \$50/ton to dispose of it and it could be less if we sort it. So, figuring 18 ton – 20 ton it would be around \$3,000 for disposal. We'll have to pay a truck driver to haul it which would be \$85/hour for around \$680. So probably around \$5680. If there is any asbestos in it there would be another \$1500 to \$2000. Also, about \$5/ton for dirt to fill it back in. Legal fees would also be about \$2000. Put on the agenda for the board meeting.

c. Shutting off Spring Street for private party.

The party is up in the air right now. They may move it to the bar and not have it outside. They may have a band, but nothing is set so far and they may not have it at all. They were told they would need to get signatures from the residents around the area of the party if held outside saying they were ok with blocking the street. They were also reminded that there is a 10 PM noise ordinance as well.

d. Front door

Rodney said the bid came in at \$4500, which is over double what they told us the first time they gave us a price. He is checking with Kelly Glass. Rhonda mentioned a glass company in Pekin and Rodney stated he knew who she was talking about and would give them a call.

e. Paint samples

Rodney said they are looking a darker color instead of the red. He explained that they took down the sign above the doors and put them on a new board and painted them. They won't be put back up until the front is painted. He showed a sample of the brown that had been picked out to the board.

He gave an update on the seal coating and said they are two weeks behind but it will get done this year.

He also said he bought some ladders and found a lawn mower for the village.

6) Finance – Patti Monks

a. Appropriations Ordinance filed with County

Clerk said per the attorney, the Appropriations ordinance has been file and does not need to be put back on the agenda to ratify it, as it has already been approved.

b. Rhonda told the board they need to do some planning and investing for things they want to do 5 – 10 years in the future. She also explained that due to new rules, we can only do CDs. We cannot invest with an investor. We can have them come staggered so every quarter or every year we start wrapping them into the budget for the future. Water tower was way more expensive than expected so it would be good to have some money set aside.

One of the things that we need to plan for is replacing the asbestos waterlines in the loop around the village. These were put in in 1968 and will be very costly to replace. We will probably have to have a loan in order to do the work. She said the board needs to think about rates to customers. Not this year, but maybe next year, water rates will need to be raised. She explained that on the budget, General is money from the state. She said that water is one of the things that is the highest expense and if we don't plan for it, we'll be in trouble. Rhonda explained that Edward Jones told her that municipalities, townships cannot do investing with investors. She explained that the state wants to regulate everything, audits, records, etc. and show them where every dime is spent through GATA (state audit program). This includes General and Water, which has nothing to do with them. Andrew asked how much it would cost to replace the loop and was told \$200,000 to \$300,000 and will need to be done within five years.

c. Menards Credit Account

Rodney asked the board to consider setting up an account with Menards where they would bill us every month instead of using the credit card. Clerk will put on the agenda for next week

d. American Rescue Program Decisions about infrastructure Needs

We need more information about what we can actually use the money for. Clerk said there will be a training session and she and the treasurer will take part to get additional information.

7) Liquor – Liz Rensch

a. Underage patrons at BP gaming

Liz said she talked with several people because Patti had remarked that there were kids there who were under 21. She said she stayed in the game room for over 45 minutes and no kids came in. Apparently, they come in to get pizza and leave. They aren't staying. She stated that we are getting income from the gaming room and we need to just let them do their business. The entrance has been locked because there was a robbery so they have to come in from the front and go all the way to the back.

8) Other Business or Announcements

Alice said there is a hydrant in front of her house on Wheeler Road that is a dead line and she would like it to be removed. Rhonda told her the fire dept probably has to remove it. Diana hasn't had a chance to check on the splash pad.

Clerk explained that the Employee Poster with State and Federal information needed to be replaced, as it was obsolete. Board agreed she should order a new one, which is under \$30.00.

9) Adjourn

Bill Hodges made a motion to adjourn and Patti Monks seconded. Voice Vote was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Minutes recorded and transcribed by clerk, Patricia S. Briggs



Approved by the Board of the Village of Mapleton 11 August 2021