

Village of Mapleton
MINUTES – COMBINED COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, July 8, 2021

6:00 p.m.

Meeting to be recorded

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1) Call to Order by Bill Hodges at 6:05 pm

2) Roll Call

Present: Mayor, Liz Rench; Bill Hodges; Patti Monks, Rodney Smith, and Andrew Wallen. Absent: Diana Merritt and Harvey Stidham. Also attending: Clerk, Pat Briggs and Treasurer, Rhonda Hodges.

3) Health and Water Committee – Bill Hodges

Discussion about water operator's pay. Bill said the contract will show 10 hours for \$600 a month and anything over 10 hours will be at \$15.00/hour. It was stated that he won't be working over 10 hours a month unless there is a major problem. It was also explained that if we have a contractor working, Fritz has to be there as the certified water operator.

Patti Monks shared that Will Monks has started the classes to become a certified water operator and has learned a lot by taking the class. Will needs to become licensed as a Class C, since we are going to have to do lead and copper sampling and may have to start treatment. Will is replacing meters while Fritz oversees.

Andrew asked about getting a contract employee and their cost of driving out. This would likely be \$100/hour and a two hours per call minimum. The contract goes with the election cycle for mayor.

Rhonda pointed out that Waterworks salaries in Mackinaw for this year are \$160,000.

There was a question about the sheriff's sale of 9524 S Mapleton Rd and the liens by the village being written off. Rhonda stated that in most cases the mortgage holder pays off the liens in order to give the buyer a clear title.

Balances on water that need to be collected or written off:

9524 S Mapleton Rd. - \$415.80 from last year. Lien attached and property sold on June 16th at a Sheriff's sale.

9502 S. Mapleton Rd. - \$642.36 – Lien attached. Owner has promised to pay multiple times but have not received any payments. Also \$1048.36 from a resident at this address; \$98.79 from another resident that did not pay. Board asked that clerk notify attorney to add all past due balances to the lien.

10220 Walnut Street - \$183.25 from 2018. Write off

8625 W. Main - \$113.35. He moved out but didn't tell anyone and says he isn't paying because no one was living there. 2020/2021. Add to lien that will be applied for weeds and tall grass and nuisances.

Account 0939 - \$841.73 from 2012. No idea where previous resident is and no way to find her. Write off.

Village attorney will have a weed ordinance ready for the next board meeting that we can use to start enforcing tall grass and weeds nuisance.

4) Zoning Committee – Harvey Stidham

West First Street and Astle Lane properties will go to trial the first week of August (postponed from July).

House on Main Street needs a decision on what we want to do with it. We have additional information about how to find the owner. Clerk stated that the owner never picked up registered mail so that probably won't work. It's possible people are coming in and out of the property. Should a notice be put on the door?

Attorney has not been able to find any information about a bank or mortgage company having a foreclosure on the property. Rhonda states the mortgage was rewritten and resident's name is on the mortgage. Put on agenda for July board meeting.

5) Streets & Alleys – Rodney Smith

Rodney stated that they will be out to spray patch next week (weather permitting). He said he was keeping in touch with UCM and they are working in Tazewell County right now. It will be August before they get here and the first week of August is

tentatively planned. Clerk stated she would use the water callout system to notify effected residents so they could make sure vehicles were off the street.

Rodney talked with Jim at the park district and they have a floor scrubber we can use to do the hall floors.

Patti thinks we should leave the paint colors on the outside of the building as they are but bring a more neutral color inside the hall, such as a beige. There was a discussion about the double doors needing to be replaced, as they are out of code. We should replace the door; paint inside and then clean and polish the floors. The door will cost \$2,000 for a new one that will be in code. Clerk suggested getting paint samples before making a decision about the color of the hall.

Mapleton sign – Rodney said he looked at some big blocks with a stone pattern which would be easier than hauling 400 blocks. These are 3' x 2' x 2'. They make caps and corners to finish them off. He wants to move the sign and make it more attractive. There would be a shipping/delivery fee for having the big blocks brought in. He thought it would run around \$1,000.

Rodney said they are pretty much done with patching and will start working on the ditches next week. Hollis Township had cut back brush on First Street this week which helped.

Patti asked if this was just W. First and Vickie Lynn that was being seal coated and Rodney said yes. W. First Street will be done from the recreation center to Route 24 with slag, as will Vickie Lynn. W. First on the other side of 24 will be done with pea gravel.

There are still a couple of bad spots on Vickie Lynn that need to be patched, but we're almost out of patching material and the truck isn't running yet. Bill Hodges said he had the parts for the truck but will need help with bleeding the brakes. Rodney said he would be able to help.

Liz said the tree at Hickory and Main needs to come down and she and Fritz will help pay to get it done. There are branches broken off that might come down and cause damage. There are electric lines in the tree so that could be an issue with getting it down. Rodney suggested finding a tree company to have on call when we have storm damage. Liz pointed out that we have had several large trees fall from the hill above W. First Street. The budget may need to be increased. Andrew stated that with the price of wood, we might be able to find someone to take the

tree(s) down for the wood. He saw a sign that Corsaw lumber was buying oak and hickory.

Clerk stated that she had spoken with village attorney, who had spoken with Kingston Mine's attorney about the intergovernmental agreement we are looking into. They would like to form a committee of four members, two from Mapleton and two from Kingston Mines to have quarterly or bi-annual meetings to plan for projects. Clerk said she informed the attorney that most projects weren't planned, but emergency situations. There was also an agreement to split attorneys' fees equally between the villages. After a brief discussion, Liz Rench recommended that we not pursue the agreement and the board agreed. Clerk was asked to notify the attorney of this decision.

6) Finance – Patti Monks

Rhonda passed out a worksheet that will be used to create an Appropriations Ordinance and asked that they contact her if any changes are needed. She reminded the board that a mower needs to be purchased for the water tower area as we should not be using a resident's mower for village work.

Liz asked if we are looking at an increase in water, and Rhonda say no, it looks like a good year.

7) Liquor – Liz Rench

All liquor and video licensing has been renewed.

8) Other Business or Announcements

The board agreed to do a potluck in August, just for our village. Patti and Diana to work on this.

9) Adjourn

All board members voted to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:19 pm.

Recorded and transcribed by Patricia S. Briggs, Clerk.

Patricia S. Briggs

Approved by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Mapleton on 14 July 2021