

Village of Mapleton
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, July 8, 2020

7:00 p.m.

Meeting to be recorded

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES!

1) Call to Order at 7:00 pm by Carl A. Bishop, Mayor

2) Roll Call

In attendance: Trustees – Mike Beecham, Patti Monks, Liz Rench and Rodney Smith. Absent – Mark Foust and Harvey Stidham. Also attending: Patricia Briggs, Clerk; Rhonda Hodges, Treasurer and Lane Alster, Village Attorney.

3) Pledge of Allegiance to The Flag

4) Consent Agenda

All items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered routine by the Village Board and will be enacted by one motion with no separate discussion of the items. If discussion of an item is desired, that item will be removed from the consent agenda to be considered separately.

- A. Minutes from Public Hearing, June 10, 2020
- B. Minutes from Regular Board Meeting June 10, 2020
- C. Minutes from Public Hearing – June 23, 2020
- D. Minutes from Special Board Meeting – June 23, 2020
- E. Bills & Correspondence (June 11 – July 8, 2020)
- F. Treasurer's Report

Motion by Patti Monks and seconded by Rodney Smith to approve the Consent Agenda. Votes: Yes – Mike Beecham, Patti Monks, Liz Rench and Rodney Smith. Motion approved.

5) Public Comments

Residents who wish to speak should raise their hands to be recognized. All comments should be pertinent to the current discussion and shall be limited to three (3) minutes.

6) Addressing the Board

A. Mauer & Stutz

8) Old Business

A. Small building at Water Tower – repairs

After discussion it was decided the village will fix the door frame and repair the roof. Patti Monks made a motion to fix the building as long as costs were under \$1,000 and was seconded by Mike Beecham. Votes: Yes – Mike Beecham, Patti Monks, Liz Rensch and Rodney Smith. Motion approved.

7) Committee Reports (No motions can be made during reports)

A. Finance Committee – Mike Beecham

Mike stated that the water tower project is completed and the Streets & Alleys project is underway so everything is where it should be.

Clerk expressed concern over the number of hours she and the treasurer had been spending on the audit since the auditors won't come into the office due to Covid-19. There has been an inordinate amount of gathering and scanning information. Clerk thinks she has spent at least 100 hours already.

B. Health & Water

Liz – Water tower is done and is very pretty. The lettering is bigger and more visible. Patti commented that there is NO MORE RUST! Liz said the project went really well.

B. Liquor – Carl Bishop

1. J & B Butler – Discussion about prorating by 3 months the yearly license fee.

2. YMC (Mapleton BP) has already submitted their renewal.

C. Streets and Alleys – Rodney Smith

Rodney – Checked on the village clean ups we do twice a year. He said PDC could do a truck once a year that would go from house to house for 50 cents per month added to garbage bills. A brief discussion followed and no decision was made.

Liz asked if we had talked about a date for our fall cleanup and clerk said it is usually in September.

Rodney said the new tractor that was ordered is backed up due to the pandemic and he has no idea when it will be delivered. He said he had signed a contract for 6 months for the current tractor and when the new one comes in the cost will be prorated. Clerk pointed out that we had already received an invoice for the tractor in the amount of \$3,000 and Rodney said he would check into it, as it should have been for \$1,500 instead.

He said they have gotten lots of ditch work done and tubes put in. He said he was going to have Denny sweep the shoulders to get the dirt off where they had cleaned out the ditches. He will have the shoulders cut back to the tree line and brush and weeds mowed before seal coating.

Clerk asked if Rodney had gotten any information about a diesel tank and fuel. He stated they couldn't give him a price right now from FS but he knew of a tank with a stand that was 100-150 gallons and he will look into that.

Liz asked if we could get someone in to clean the hall and have the floor cleaned, waxed and buffed. She stated Mark Brining had done the floor previously and said he would do it again. She stated that the hall is smelling "old" and the normal cleaning person hasn't responded to calls. Alice let the board know the cleaning person was currently in the hospital.

Rodney asked about reimbursement for the mileage and gas he used to go to Springfield to pick up the part they needed and was told to submit and it would be taken care of.

D. Zoning and Code Enforcement – Harvey Stidham

There was a lengthy discussion about the current properties that need to be cleaned up and the fact it has been ongoing for over a year. Attorney Alster said that the court can now schedule zoom hearings and we can go

ahead with those property owners. It was also determined that the tenant and the owner are both liable and both should be brought into any action taken. Liz will call the tenant and see if we can get an address for the owner and will get the information to Lane for an August date. Liz stated she gets stopped with complaints about the house across from the bar frequently. She stated that the house is 100% improved and is still being worked on. Rodney said he doesn't care about back yards as long as it can't be seen from the street in reference to the house by the bar. Mike explained that the problem is too many vehicles down there. Clerk stated, that as a resident, it is a concern if mosquitoes and vermin are breeding in the backyards.

The issue of the house that needs demolished was also brought up again and there was another lengthy discussion about what can be done. Attorney Alster will discuss with the Zoning Chair and is ready to progress with the court hearing. He said we can also issue a fine and have the truck towed since it is inoperable and unregistered. Alice said as the Township Recorder, she gets complaints about the house being in the condition it is in. Lane – Put some tape up and put the lien on and get the title. Publish the notice. He also said that we can publish the notice instead of serving it since we do not have an address for the owner of the property. He felt if we set up a hearing, we can have the danger dealt with in the fall. Lane will work with Harvey to get this started.

8) Mayors Report – Carl Bishop

The Mayor remarked about how narrow First Street is in regard to seal coating. It was explained that all the vehicles would be removed from the street prior to sealcoating and that there are water vaults that don't allow for the street to be widened.

Additional discussion about four-wheelers and dirt bikes being ridden on village streets that are not allowed per village ordinance. Attorney Alster stated that the county allows bikes under 50 cc but the village doesn't so the village can issue fines. Without an ordinance officer it is difficult to get anything done. They are not allowed on State roads and the state police can be called.

9) New Business

A. 2020-07-08-01 Appropriations -

Patti Monks made a motion to approve the Appropriations Ordinance and was seconded by Mike Beecham. Votes: Yes – Mike Beecham, Patti Monks, Liz Rensch and Rodney Smith. Motion approved.

B. Purchasing Stamps for a year

After a brief discussion Mike made a motion that we buy stamps annually from now on to avoid the usual January increase and was seconded by Patti Monks. Votes: Yes – Mike Beecham, Patti Monks, Liz Rensch and Rodney Smith. Motion approved.

C. J & B Butler – Extension or prorating of liquor license?

This had been discussed under Liquor so Mike made a motion and was seconded by Rodney Smith to prorate the liquor license for one year for J & B since they weren't open for 3 months. Votes: Yes – Mike Beecham, Patti Monks, Liz Rensch and Rodney Smith. Motion approved.

Clerk asked if it was ok to send a bill for video game permit fees and was told to do so.

D. Water tower capitalization

Rhonda explained that there was \$16,000 left on the previous water painting project and the auditor wanted to know whether this amount should be incorporated into the new or the new one should be an expense this year. The board agreed it should be incorporated. This was an accounting question and did not require a vote.

E. Storage of required documentation.

Clerk explained that with the amount of documentation the village is required to keep that storage has become an issue so we need to either rent a unit, purchase or build one on village property to accommodate it. Put on the Agenda for next month.

10) EXECUTIVE SESSION 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

12) Additional Business if any -

Patti explained that Butler Haynes Park will be hosting a USA 14 and under softball tournament this Friday and Saturday so there will be increased traffic. This will go on into the Fall and maybe into 2021.

13) Adjourn Open Session

Liz made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Rodney Smith. Vote was unanimous for adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm.

Patricia S. Briggs
Transcribed by Patricia S. Briggs, Clerk

Approved by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Mapleton on 12 August 2020

APPROVED

VILLAGE OF MAPLETON BOARD MEETING

July 8, 2020

ATTENDANCE		Motion: Patti Monks made a motion to accept the consent agenda and was seconded by Rodney Smith.		Motion: Patti Monks made a motion that the village fix the shed at the water tower up to \$1000. Seconded by Mike Beecham.	
Quorum Present?	YES	Present	Absent	Ayes	Nays
MAYOR					
Carl Bishop	X				
TRUSTEES					
Mike Beecham	X				
Mark Foust		X			
Patti Monks	X				
Liz Rench	X				
Rodney Smith	X				
Harvey Stidham		X			
MOTION PASSED					
CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED					
Pat Briggs – Village Clerk	X				
Rhonda Hodges - Treasurer	X				
Attorney, Lane Alster	X				

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Motion: Patti Monks made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-07-08-02 Appropriations and was seconded by Mike Beecham.		Motion: Mike Beecham made a motion to buy stamps for the village on a yearly basis to avoid increases each January and was seconded by Patti Monks.		Motion: Mike Beecham made a motion that the village pro-rate J & B Butler's Liquor License renewal fee by the 3 months he was unable to be open. Seconded by Rodney Smith	
MAYOR		MAYOR		MAYOR	
Carl Bishop		Carl Bishop		Carl Bishop	
TRUSTEES		TRUSTEES		TRUSTEES	
Mike Beecham	X	Mike Beecham	X	Mike Beecham	X
Mark Foust		Mark Foust		Mark Foust	
Patti Monks	X	Patti Monks	X	Patti Monks	X
Liz Rench	X	Liz Rench	X	Liz Rench	X
Rodney Smith	X	Rodney Smith	X	Rodney Smith	X
Harvey Stidham	X	Harvey Stidham		Harvey Stidham	X
APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE APPROVED		APPROVED		MOTION APPROVED.	

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Motion: Liz Made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Rodney Smith.

Motion:

Motion:

	Ayes	Nays		Ayes	Nays		Ayes	Nays
MAYOR			MAYOR			MAYOR		
Carl Bishop			Carl Bishop			Carl Bishop		
TRUSTEES			TRUSTEES			TRUSTEES		
Mike Beecham	X		Mike Beecham			Mike Beecham		
Mark Foust		X	Mark Foust			Mark Foust		
Patti Monks	X		Patti Monks			Patti Monks		
Liz Rench	X		Liz Rench			Liz Rench		
Rodney Smith	X		Rodney Smith			Rodney Smith		
Harvey Stidham		X	Harvey Stidham			Harvey Stidham		
Meeting Adjourned at 8:19 PM								

