

Village of Mapleton
Water Committee Meeting Minutes (Approved)
Mapleton Village Hall, 8524 W Main St
31 January 2018 at 6:30 pm

1. Roll Call

- a. Harvey Stidham, Chair; Mayor, Carl Bishop, Mark Brining, Brad Rusterholz, Mike Beecham . Also attending are treasurer, Kelley Brandenburg and Clerk, Pat Briggs

2. Pledge of Allegiance (skipped)

3. Call to order at 6:30 pm by Harvey Stidham, Chair

4. Goals for the year

- a. Harvey asked committee members for their input:
- b. Mark Brining shared a bid from Walker Excavating for the proposed hydrant at the water tower which needs to be done prior to painting and repair of the tower. This will be put on the Agenda for the February 14th meeting.
- c. Mark Brining had an opportunity to buy a fireproof safe that is rated 20 minutes fire. He thought this would be valuable for storing backup hard drives, important documents, cash and water payments. He would like this on the agenda for the next meeting to see if the Board will vote to reimburse him if we want to keep it. This will be placed on the Agenda for the February 14th meeting.
- d. Harvey asked if there is anything that needs to be done before April? Fred Rench and Mark Brining said no. However, Fred Rench stated there are five (5) residents on Astle Lane who have water service line that is on 2” pipe and they need to be switched to the 4” newer line. This is a major project and would require trenching under the road to do the hook up. The old line is very old and brittle and the last time we had to do repairs the excavator was afraid to get to close to the line. There have been two breaks within the last two years on that line. It was explained that the meter can be used as a connection point. The question was raised about the need to publish for bids. Harvey Stidham said he will call the two companies we

have had good experience with and get a quote. That way we will know if the cost is going to exceed \$20,000 and whether it needs to be put out for bid.

Harvey also asked if there would be a cost to the residents for this and was told no. This will be looked at for next year's budget. Residents will be notified that there will be a boil order. Mike Beecham asked how many homes were on the run, but Fred Rensch isn't sure if there is a shutoff for that area. He will look into that in the spring with a metal detector.

There was discussion about how much money is available for water repairs and the Treasurer was unable to give a definitive answer as we are still waiting to find out how much the recent audit is going to cost for the water portion. She said there is some leeway in the legal fees but she wouldn't recommend spending too much of it in case something comes up in the next three months that would use that money.

- e. The Treasurer stated that she would look into the Capital Development plan to see what that money is earmarked for. There is money put in every month for water.
 - f. She said there is money to reimburse Mark for the safe if it is approved at the Board Meeting.
 - g. Harvey asked if we need to bring the repairs at the April Meeting or have a special meeting regarding budget? The 2018 Budget is on the Agenda for the February 14th meeting. She thought the new hydrant would probably fall into the Capital Improvement Fund.
 - h. Harvey asked if the water tower painting was on next year's budget. Mark Brining pointed out that the Cathodic protection has to be done at the same time. This is all under preventative maintenance.
 - i. Mark Brining also brought up that we need to lay a road in at the water tower and put in the bins to hold gravel, etc. This will be a project for next year.
 - j. Mike Beecham asked about asking residents to pay for broken transmitters on the water meters. Mark Brining reminded him that at a previous meeting there was a lot of resistance to doing that. Discussion was made about mowing companies and meters that were on someone else's property and how would we know who actually broke the transmitter. The Clerk said she would put an article in the April newsletter reminding people to avoid the transmitter when mowing.
5. eBilling and ePayments survey results (Discussed at the Finance Meeting and will be on the board meeting agenda for the 14th).

6. Applications for water that are missing:
 - a. There was discussion about the need to have a signed application on file, but this raised the issue of refunds that have not been made due to the lack of record keeping. The Treasurer will continue to work on the deposits refunds but it is a big project. Clerk suggested doing an updated Contact Sheet to make sure we know who the responsible party is and a correct phone number they may be contacted at.

7. Adjourn

- a. Mike Beecham made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Brad.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:38 pm

Minutes were taken and transcribed by Patricia Briggs, Village Clerk

Approved by the Village of Mapleton Trustees 14 February 2018