

**Village of Mapleton**  
**WATER COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (Approved)**

Mapleton Village Hall  
8524 Main St  
24 May 2018 at 12 Noon

**A. Call to Order at 12:01 by Chair, Harvey Stidham**

**B. Pledge of Allegiance**

**C. Roll Call: Mike Beecham; Mark Brining and Harvey Stidham**

**D. Subjects:**

- a. Mapleton Inn (Fritz) Update: 6 more inches to go will be at the 5' limit. He isn't sure how deep the line is. His drawings don't show. Harvey wants to update with GPS for all water lines and meters. No timeline to Mark because they aren't putting anything in that place. They won't be using the water and more than likely won't connect to it again. Fritz got the transmitter with wires connected is in the back room. They will give us back the hydrant as they have no need for it. They will need to turn it back into farm land but not sure what that needs to happen though. It is zoned commercial at this time.

**E. New Business**

Harvey stated he hadn't done anything with the bids for the water tower, but it will be done in next year's budget. Mike stated that it could be scheduled and the budget can be amended if the board approves from savings. It should be done in the summertime so the weather is dry. Mark stated that we might need to get Stan Bersin involved. It costs around \$1200 charge to examine the tower on the inside. Fritz explained that there is a ring around the center of the tank that is rusty but the rest is in good shape. Committee discussed having to coordinate the painting of the tower with the replacement of the cathodic protection. Mark suggested having Stan run the bids for painters but we will be using Corpro for the cathodic since we've used them previously.

Mike stated that Jeff was finishing up the removal of stuff to the tower from the back of village hall, but his truck broke down so he has been delayed.

Harvey said he had a call from a resident, Tony Segree, saying the culvert we gave him is too big as it's going to stick up too high and was wondering if we have a 10" one instead. Harvey will verify if a 10 or 12" would work better than the 15". Mark could order one and

have it delivered to his address. Fritz stated the large culverts were for First Street on the other side of Spring Street.

Harvey made a motion that we move into a closed 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, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the Village for the public body to determine its validity. Mark seconded. Ayes – Mike Beecham, Mark Brining and Harvey Stidham. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Alice Dailey asked about the validity of going to Executive Session during a committee meeting. Clerk stated it had been checked with the attorney and was assured that any open meeting could go to a closed session. Alice stated that her attorney had told her it wasn't allowed.

#### **F. Adjourned Open Meeting at 12:18 pm**

#### **G. Open 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, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the Village for the public body to determine its validity.**

**Executive Session Minutes cannot be viewed until and unless they are approved for publication by the Board of Trustees.**

#### **H. Executive Session was adjourned at 12:23 p.m.**

#### **I. Return to Open Meeting at 12:24 p.m.**

Fritz stated that his water operator recertification so good for another two years and he is taking another class this Summer at no-charge. There is a six week course and then a test in Springfield. There are two levels, A&B and C&D. There is also an on-line class. Mark asked if d Harvey get certified. Fritz explained that there has to be one year of on-the-job training under a certified operator. The question was asked if that would be a conflict since Harvey is a paid trustee. He wouldn't be as a certified water operator.

## **J. Additional Business**

### **Paying bills on line (water).**

- a. Clerk stated she had had several inquiries from residents wanting to know when we expected to add the ability to pay water bills on line. She said when the bank representative was in the office he made mention that since we have a portal for paying village bills on-line we could also open that up for residents to pay water bills on line and wondered if the treasurer had followed up on that. Mike was unaware if she had. There was a discussion about making sure the residents knew there would be a fee for paying on-line. Mike was going to check with the treasurer about what the bank could offer and what the fees would be.

Harvey stated that he will get GPS on phone and will go out marking drawings up so we know where everything is.

Fritz stated that they mowed at the tower but didn't trim and thought we should have it mowed for Memorial Day weekend.

Alice asked about why an area around First Street across Rt. 24 was not mowed and Mark will check into it.

Mark asked if we want to dive into replacing the transite? It was discussed that since it is a major project it should be put off for a couple of years but we could get some bids to see how much and cost of replacing it. Maybe the village could get an IEPA loan to do the last portion. It was also stated that while we need to prioritize, nothing should hold us back in looking at projects so we are prepared. Transite and Water tower are the biggest projects. Mike asked if the transite was having any issues. Harvey will get estimates.

Fritz hasn't heard anymore about the testing for copper but thought it might be coming up soon. He does a monthly bactine sample, but no big groupings for copper as he hasn't heard from the IEPA.

## **K. Adjourned Open Meeting at 12:18 pm**

Transcribed by Patricia S. Briggs

Approved by the President and Board of Trustees 13 June 2018