

STATE OF ILLINOIS) REGULAR MEETING
COUNTY OF MACON) August 3, 2020
VILLAGE OF BLUE MOUND)

The Board of Trustees met in Regular Session on Monday, August 3, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

The meeting was called to order by President Scott Younger. Roll call indicated the following members present:

President:	Scott Younger
Trustees:	Margaret Sandberg, Rick Moma, Bob Brownlee, and Beth Butler
Absent:	Phil Crackel and Bob Brownlee
Village Attorney:	Attorney Andy Bourey
Employees:	Jenny Prasun, Lynn Wilcox, Andrew Walker, Chief Chad Lamb
Visitors:	Kenny Ervin, Bill Barry, Betty Smith, Fire Chief Levi Hedges, Brett Stock and John Easter

After the meeting was called to order, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting for July 6, 2020 were presented to the Board for their approval. Terre Moma made a motion to accept the Minutes as presented. Margaret Sandberg seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.

Bills were presented in writing. Terre Moma made a motion to accept the Bills as presented. Rick Moma seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.

Treasurer's Report was submitted in writing. Jenny Prasun reported that the first installment of county taxes has been deposited, and that they were down from last year but with COVID that was expected and the county was possibly changing the distribution of taxes from quarterly to monthly. She also contacted Rural Water Impact they do a lot of the local municipalities and got prices for a Village website Rick Moma made a motion to set up a Village Website. Terre Moma seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.

Betty Smith was present to discuss the golf cart ordinance and see about changing the legal age to drive from 18 years old to 16 years old. She reported that other local town's legal age is 16 years of age with a valid driver's license. The Board had conversation back and forth on this subject and then decided they would rather have the full Board present before they made a decision. So this subject was tabled till the September meeting.

Fire Department (Levi Hedges & Brett Stock) was here to discuss the major issues with the Village's fire hydrants. Levi stated that the hydrants on Saint Marie Street did not work. They need flow tested and

the hydrants need painted to show the flow of each hydrant. This is something that needs taken care of now and is a major safety issue for the whole Village. This was discussed in the past but did not go any further. Terre Moma suggested we make a schedule to start testing them. We have borrowed a flow meter from IRWA so we can start on this right away. We should start on the West side of the tracks and look at the iron mains first. Rick Moma said we needed to get on this right away. This will take between 2 and 3 weeks to get them all tested. There is a company that can fix these if they are not working. We need to get this started possibly the week of August 10th. Get it taken care of before school starts.

Water/Sewer Report:

Lynn Wilcox presented the Water/Sewer Report.

- Sampling with PDC and the EPA has changed. They have to be shipped in iced down coolers.
- EPA updates are constantly changing and updating.
- Flushing the fire hydrants could save on insurance.
- Storms a couple weeks ago caused some issues with the electricity but we were back up and running within an hour.
- There are a handful of transponders/meters left in basements to change out. Could we move them from the basement and install pits in the yards?
- Tore the roof off of the generator shed out by the water plant. Will have it all back together tomorrow 8/4/20.

Streets/Alleys Report:

Andrew Walker presented the Streets/Alley Report. Margaret stated that she liked the fuel log report that is now being turned in.

- Continue grading alleys.
- Sprayed weeds along highway.
- Started working on trimming overgrowth in alleys.
- Roads have been chipped several times due to the heat and the bleeding roads.
- Roger assisted cutting some dead branches on big trees.
- Maint. Equipment
- Helped Pleasant View Twp a couple times.
- Mowing and weed eating around town.
- Painted curbs on route 48.

Police Chief Chad Lamb:

Police Report: Chief Chad Lamb presented a written Shift Detail Report breaking down the department's activity for the month of July. Chief Lamb reported that Office Talley had been off due to guard duty, but will be back next week.

- Chief Lamb reported that school starts August 17th.
- Todd Washburn will be back on duty as crossing guard at the grade school.
- Camera equipment has been installed in the 2nd squad car and it is all ready to go.

- Officer Clayton Graven is in the academy and is on week #4. The academy is normally a 12 week program but they are crunching it down to 10 weeks. Graduation is scheduled for October 2nd.

Building Permits: There were two building permits for the month of July:

- Julie Doty 110 S. Saint Marie for a driveway
- Billy Brunk 321 S. Jackson for a fence

Levi Hedges at 218 S. Saint Marie still has not requested a permit for the work he did with a lean-to and concrete work. Bob will talk to him. Even though the work has started, he still should get a permit to ensure Village Ordinances remain in compliance.

Attorney Andy Bourey reported that there is a court date on August 26th for Mr. Jermain Whittey property owner of 533 N. Railroad Ave. The house was burnt, weeds taking over, and property is not only unsecure, it is a hazard. He also reported that the appropriations ordinance has been filed with the county clerk's office. And paperwork has been submitted to the property owners at 221 Goltra Street.

Kenny Ervin wanted to ask the board if we could spend a day or two around town trimming the limbs over the roads and alleys. They are getting to low to the ground and needs to be taken care of.

Executive session was called to order at 6:56pm. Beth Butler made a motion to go into executive session. Margaret Sandberg seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken, all "Ayes". **Executive session ended at 9:20pm.** A special meeting has been set for August 24, 2020 at 6:00pm.

New Business: The board discussed purchasing a new truck and they set the limit at \$45,000. Beth Butler made a motion to purchase a work truck. Margaret Sandberg seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes. Andy will send a letter to the property located at 101 S. Prairie to get it cleaned up. Margaret Sandberg brought up a tree on the blvd.

Old Business: None

Terre Moma made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Beth Butler seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.

The next Regular Board Meeting will be Monday September 14, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40pm.

Approved:

Scott Younger, Village President

Diana Kupish, Village Secretary