

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF MACON)
VILLAGE OF BLUE MOUND)

REGULAR MEETING
July 6, 2020

The Board of Trustees met in Regular Session on Monday, July 6, 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, Terre Moma, and Phil Crackel
(arrived at 6:03 p.m.)
Absent: Beth Butler
Village Attorney: Attorney Andy Bourey
Employees: Jenny Prasun, Lynn Wilcox, Andrew Walker, Chief Chad Lamb
Visitors: Dr. Doug Schroyer, Tjodi Schroyer, Jim Lynch, Kenny Ervin, Bill Berry, John Easter, and Laura Scott.

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

With so many visitors, Scott Younger opened the meeting by allowing the group to speak first. Dr. Doug Schroyer, Tjodi Schroyer, Jim Lynch, Kenny Ervin, Bill Berry, John Easter, and Laura Scott. Bill Berry addressed the board stating “their part of town was like hell.” The children of Danielle Alvero Saucedo, renter of the property owned by the Bandy’s at the corner of 305 S. Prairie are harassing the neighbors with profanity, vague threats, and trashing the neighborhood. Jim Lynch asked if the courts can do anything to address this issue. After being contacted by each of the neighbors, Chief Chad Lamb talked to the family on numerous occasions and will continue to do so. He suggested that the neighbors being harassed have the right to call the probation officer to relay the problems those on probation are causing. There is nothing in statutes for bad behavior or dirty mouths. Tjodi Schroyer suggested the neighbors avoid baiting them. She recommended being a calm, proactive, visible presence to take their neighborhood back. Phil Crackel suggested the neighbors install cameras which could be helpful to identify the problem and the troublemakers. Attorney Andy Bourey said there is a legal action called Stalking, No Contact Order in which the court acts to protect victims of stalking who are not eligible to file an Order of Protection. It might be more effective if each of the neighbors petition for this (Stalking, No Contact Order) remedy.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting for June 1, 2020 were presented to the Board for their approval. Terre Moma made a motion to accept the Minutes as presented. Phil Crackel seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ‘Aye’ votes.

Bills were presented in writing. Terre Moma questioned an invoice in the amount of \$683 identified as 'officer bit by a dog'. Jenny Prasun said, it was paid by insurance. Terre Moma made a motion to accept the Bills as presented. Bob Brownlee seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.

Treasurer's Report was submitted in writing. Jenny Prasun asked if the board would object to her paying the bills bi-monthly to avoid late fees which sometimes happen if she has to wait for board approval at the monthly Village Board Meetings. Also presented is a Chastain & Associates Agreement for Professional Services which needs approval by the Board for small projects not articulated in the previous agreements. Terre Moma made a motion to approve the Chastain & Associates LLC. Agreement for Professional Services for Municipal General Advisory Service Projects Without a Predefined Scope of Engineering Services. Margaret Sandberg seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.

Water/Sewer Report:

Lynn Wilcox presented the Water/Sewer Report.

- Lynn Wilcox and Andrew Walker assisted Stonington in their cleanup efforts following the heavy winds that caused extensive tree damage on the East side of route 48.
- The Village got a new locator but hasn't used it yet.

Terre Moma asked if the chipper had been advertised yet. Scott said it hasn't, but said it was purchased for \$23,000. Terre Moma also inquired if the truck that was approved to purchase from Ridings has moved forward. Scott said Ridings is waiting on a state bid. Terre asked if the Village could go elsewhere and get the same specifications. Chief Chad Lamb said some municipalities get their vehicles from Morrow Brother Ford Dealership in Greenfield, Illinois. Scott Younger said the board approved a one ton with a utility bed. Scott will revisit Ridings on the matter.

Streets and Alleys Report:

- Andrew has been spraying for Mosquitos and have received favorable comments from the citizenry.
- Worked on the grader with the Township. The brakes are working better but still not 100%. They have decided to use it as is instead of risking breaking old parts while trying to fix others.
- The mower has been fully serviced including new deck tires, new blades and new oil filter.
- Spoke with Matt Foster from Chastain and Associates regarding drainage issues on Peggy Dee/Kathy Ct. This includes the Gillespie property and the main drain leading out of town.
- Used the Township tractor an boom mower to knock down tall grass and weeds in the ditch next to the Rainey Addition (main drain waterway).
- Andrew spoke to Bub Hadden about fixing the Allis Chalmers Tractor. A mower can be purchased for it and used in situations where the mower would be inadequate. Bub said he would fix it at no labor cost to us, if Andrew helps and the Village pays for the parts.
- Roger and Andrew started on grading and re-rocking some of the alleys in the village. Andrew feels more comfortable with operating the equipment after getting some pointers from Roger.

- The Village of Stonington offered to help the Streets and Alleys department with jetting culverts around town. They have been able to clean out some culverts that they had not gotten to in the past.

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 June. With 274 total hours, 105 hours were spent patrolling the Village of Blue Mound and nearly 93 hours patrolling Macon. Chief Lamb emphasized that Blue Mound had a lot more issues to deal with in May than Macon. There were 13 complaints in Blue Mound and 9 complaints in Macon. , There were 17 traffic stops and 2 motor assists, one severe weather storm spotter. Thirty-nine hours were spent writing reports and doing administrative duties.

- Chief Lamb is scheduling for July while looking for another part-timer since one officer recently resigned.
- He will be taking vacation time during the second week of July from the 13th through the 17th.
- Camera equipment has been installed and is working in the second squad car. There have been no issues with the new equipment.
- Contrary to dates previously reported, the Police Academy did not begin on June 28 and Officer Clayton Graven resigned previous employment based on the expectation of starting at the Academy on that date. The new start date for the academy is 7/12/20 and graduation is expected to be on October 2nd. With this in mind, Chief Lamb asks the Board if Officer Graven employment could begin on June 28th as previously promised.

Bob Brownlee made a motion to start Officer Graven's employment and payroll compensation from June 28th, 2020. Terre Moma seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.

- July 4th weekend went well. The biggest problem was that they ran out of room to park for the fireworks display.

Building Permits: Bob Brownlee reported several building permits in the month of June:

- Christy Hanson 108 Kathy Ct for a fence
- Athena Spiker 109 N. Lewis for a garage
- Bill Berry 406 S Prairie for a garage
- Erin Groves 309 S Depray 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.

Jack Trimble is putting an extension on his building.

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.

Phil Crackel made a motion to accept Ordinance # 323 for the Annual Appropriations for Corporate Purposes for the fiscal year of May 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021. Terre Moma seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.

Phil Crackel made a motion to accept Ordinance # 322 to approve the Tax Levy Ordinance to levy of taxes for the fiscal year 2020-2021. Terre Moma seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.

New Business: Levi Hedges, Fire Chief from Blue Mound Fire Department, and other from the department used their personal vehicles to pick up junk around the village for the town cleanup day. He also loaded it in the dumpsters. Rick Moma made a motion to give a donation to the Blue Mound Fire Fighters Association of \$750 as a 'Thank you' for their help. Bob Brownlee seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.

Old Business: None

Margaret Sandberg made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bob Brownlee seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.

The next Regular Board Meeting will be Monday August 3rd, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Approved:

Scott Younger, Village President

Diana Kupish, Village Secretary