

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

REGULAR MEETING
June 1, 2020

The Board of Trustees met in Regular Session on Monday, June 1, 2020, at 6:22 p.m. Blue Mound Civic Center with each participant at separate tables at least six feet apart per social distancing guidelines.

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

President: Scott Younger
Trustees: Margaret Sandberg, Beth Butler, Rick Moma, Bob Brownlee, Terre Moma, and Phil Crackel
Village Attorney: Attorney Andy Bourey
Employees: Jenny Prasun, Lynn Wilcox, Andrew Walker, Chief Chad Lamb, and Clayton A. Graven (FT Officer to be sworn in)
Visitors: Clayton Graven family, Matt Gillespie and Chris Kupish

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

Minutes of the Regular Meeting for May 4, 2020 were presented to the Board for their approval. Beth Butler made a motion to accept the Minutes as presented. Rick Moma seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.

Bills were presented in writing. All bills are through May 31st, 2020. Margaret Sandberg 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 added that Bulk Water usage was up and the last week of May the usage increased more due to people filling their pools. Online bill pay is working well. Bulk sales have really increased but Lynn has been called out to assist when coins don't work.

Water/Sewer Report:

Lynn Wilcox presented the Water/Sewer

- Sewer lines were plugged during the first of May. A 3" pump was running all night long but it wasn't enough. Lynn drained and jetted from the inside but it didn't improve the flow. He rented a 6" pump for a week and eventually discovered that four turtles had plugged up the line. After removing the turtles, the lines are flowing 100%.
- Mark Bingham, an engineer from Chastain and Associates working on the Water System Project is trying to get their portion finished and will be sending it to the EPA soon. A response should be within 45 days. Lynn is hoping for things to start in the fall.

- Lynn has been changing a lot of meters in the trailer park because the outside faucets are located before the meter so the water usage to fill pools and such are not included on their water bills. He has replaced four meters that froze during the winter. Each year he has to replace some that were damaged due to having no protection from the elements. Each replacement is \$50 for the meter and \$50 in labor that should be passed on to the customer.

Scott added that the reading on the main meter for the trailer park should match the combined totals of the meter readings for the trailers. He will get a letter sent to Joi Boudreau with pictures of water leakage. Hopefully, that will get her attention.

Terre Moma made a motion to have the homeowners pay for the cost of replacement and labor when meters have been damaged or tampered with. Phil seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.

- Water meter transponder has been causing a lot of problems. It's a software issue and the contact is in Texas. In hind-sight, the Village should not have gone with Badger. Changing software could cost \$3,000 - \$5,000. A different system could allow reading the meters from the office. Jenny will get bids on other software.
- Water Main project will be starting in the fall.
- Unpaid water bills are up in spite of the stimulus money sent from the federal government to help during the Covid 19 related layoffs. Lynn mentioned that there are a number of programs available to help people with utilities. He will get more information to the Village to pass on to the citizenry.

Scott asked Jenny if she had an idea of how many water bills are delinquent since the pandemic; she answered, "100 unpaid water bills, but not necessarily due to unemployment."

Terre Moma made a motion to accept the bid for a Premier Locator for \$1400. Bob Brownlee seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.

Streets and Alleys Report:

- Andrew has been grating the alleyways. Roger showed him how to run the machine.
- He's been spraying for weeds in the alleys too, which will help with the grating
- Bub Hadden who has years of experience on the road machines and will help Andrew get it fixed.
- Andrew has been spraying for mosquitoes. Village had 6 gallons left so he purchased another 55 gallon drum. Six gallons is what it takes to spray the entire village. The spray kills the adult mosquito.

Police Chief Chad Lamb:

Swear in Clayton Graven as newest Blue Mound Police Officer. Officer Clayton Graven will be attending the Academy all summer. A small celebration to meet and greet Officer Graven and his family will follow the board meeting.

Police Report: Chief Chad Lamb presented a written Shift Detail Report breaking down the department's activity for the month of May. May first is when the department started patrolling Macon. With nearly 310 total hours, over 100 hours were spent patrolling the Village of Blue Mound and nearly 88 hours patrolling Macon. Chief Lamb emphasized that Blue Mound had a lot more issues to deal with in May than Macon. There 36 complaints, one traffic accident, one severe weather storm spotter. Over 40 hours were spent writing reports and office work. There were twenty reports sent to the States Attorney office

- Adam Jones, a part-time officer didn't have as many hours in May as in April (not sure why). Officer Cody Tally worked over 100 hours.
- No training in May. Officer Clayton Graven should begin at the Academy in South Shores on June 28th.
- Equipment- still waiting on the camera to be installed in the second squad car.

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

- Bill & Lori Younger for a fence at 113 S. Depray
- Tom Ritter for a shed at 512 S. Lewis
- Steve Hood for a fence at 417 S. St. Marie

Terre Moma asked whose house it is on St. Marie with a lean-to and concrete work. It was determined that it is Levi Hedges at 218 S. Saint Marie. 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 the courts are now open but obtaining dates for ordinance violations is slow. There is a backlog. He hopes he will have more information by the July meeting.

Matt Gillespie asked if the village had talked to the engineer regarding the drainage issue around his house on Peggy Dee Drive. Scott said, the Village is limited on what can be done because the village cannot go on private property without the owner's permission and then the liability for any subsequent water issues would fall on the Village. The Village cannot dig into the waterways unless it's village property. Most of the waterways in the Village are part of the Drainage Districts (Blue Mound Twp, Mosquito Twp, or Pleasantview Twp). Matt Gillespie left the meeting. After further discussion, Terre Moma asked if the Village could ask someone from the Drainage District to come to talk at the Board Meeting to clarify where the Village responsibility ends and the Drainage District responsibility begins. Jenny Prasun said she will try to get someone and will publicize it for other residents to attend if they have questions.

New Business: None

Old Business: None

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

Scott called the meeting back to vote on the budget.

Roll Call:

Margaret Sandberg, present;

Beth Butler, present;

Rick Moma, present;

Bob Brownlee, present;

Terre Moma, present;

Phil Crackel, present.

Beth Butler made a motion to accept the Budget as presented with a 3% raise to current employees and a holiday bonus in December for each employee of \$750. Rick Moma seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.

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 July 6th, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Approved:

Scott Younger, Village President

Diana Kupish, Village Secretary