

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

REGULAR MEETING
October 2, 2023

The Board of Trustees met in Regular Session on Monday, October 2, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the Village Hall. The meeting was called to order by President Scott Younger. Roll call indicated the following Board Members present:

Trustees: Jeff Reed Jr., Jeanette Crackel, Ross Carls, Terre Moma, and Phil Jacobs
Absent: Rick Moma
President: Scott Younger
Employees: Chadd Peden, Jenny Prasun, and Chief Chad Lamb
Attorney: Andy Bourey
Visitor: Brett Stock and Rajita Singhal

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

Minutes were distributed and reviewed for the Regular Meeting held on September 11, 2023. **Phil Jacobs made a motion to accept the Minutes as presented. Ross Carls seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.** Scott requested that Jenny resume emailing Minutes to the Board members prior to the Board meetings.

Bills were presented. Phil Jacobs asked about the \$8000 invoice from Foremost Truck. Jenny indicated it was for the snow plow. **Phil Jacobs then made a motion to accept the Bills. Terre Moma seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.**

Treasurer's Report was submitted in writing. There are 15 water shut-offs scheduled for Wednesday, October 4th. The last payment for the Ford truck will be made next week. Ross Carls asked how long the Public Works truck will be traveling daily to Morrisonville. Chadd Peden responded that Charlie Stickel is actively looking for a house in Stonington.

Public Works - Water/Sewer Report – presented by Chadd Peden

- **September Projects:**
 - Plumbing, pumps, and control panel were installed at lift station #1; everything is working well. Looking for an alarm dialer.
 - Locates for CTI and METRO
 - Fill holes on Powers with blacktop patch
 - Rebuilt meter for #1 softener – parts ordered for shelf
 - Rebuilt brine system in Water Plant again
 - Chlorine system is down again. Pricing a new gas system and a liquid system
 - Picked up brush
 - Macon used Hydro Ex for new service at 421 S Prairie

- Need to decide on 7 acres at Sewer Plant
- Waiting on company for free sludge survey of sewer lagoons for new aeration
- Been working on weeds and banks at Sewer Plant
- Mowed, weed-eat, and sprayed
- Plow for Service Truck received and installed
- Received new mower/ still waiting on airless tires
- **October Projects** (Tentatively)
 - Working with Scott at Rural Water for oxygenator for Sewer Plant Discharge
 - Working on Plumbing on second blower at Sewer Plant
 - Working with Scott from Rural Water on doing our own DO sampling and paperwork for EPA
 - Working with Mark Bingham on the Sewer Plant and Lift Station #2
- **Miscellaneous**
 - Would like to consider buying a used hydro ex, use money from maintenance fund. Bids from Goodfield, IL for 2015, used, 2225 hours, \$54,900 from Galva, Vermeer Vactron, used 2011 689 hours, \$35,000
 - Need to start allocating ARPA funds before we lose them
 - Need an HVAC company to look at/replace furnace in Water Plant
 - Start looking for a bucket truck??

After some discussion, **Terre Moma made a motion to stop lease agreement with Ashburn's and start growing grass on those 7 acres. Jeff Reed Jr. seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.**

Terre Moma made a motion to take a trip to City of Galva to look at the Vac Excavator and purchase it for \$35,000 if they like it. Jeff Reed Jr. seconded the motion. The Motion carried with all 'Aye' votes. Money can come from the Maintenance Fund.

Building Permits: None in September.

Police Chief Chad Lamb Police Report: Chief Chad Lamb presented a written Shift Detail Report breaking down the department's activity for the months of September with a total of 364 hours

	Village of Blue Mound	City of Macon
Patrolling:	128 hrs. + 42 in-office hrs	131 hrs
Complaints:	8 ea.	20 ea.
Ordinance Violations:	3 ea	1 ea + 1 Civil complaint

During the month of September, there were 36 traffic stops, 4 traffic accidents, 2 police assists, 4 domestic disputes, 1 welfare check, 5 special police detail, 3 hrs training, and 42 hours on administrative duties including writing reports. Chief Lamb met with his committee and provided a shift schedule for October to them.

- Chief Lamb will be on vacation from October 9-13th.
- Officer Kater will be training next week.

- Russell will fill in while Chief Lamb is gone.
- **Trick or Treating in Blue Mound to 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** on both days (October 30th and October 31st), which would give the children four hours over the two day period to Trick or Treat. (Hours permanently set in November 2, 2020 Minutes).
- **Wise Park issues:** violators will be cited as complaints arise. Police will enforce State statutes and Park ordinances.
- Speed trailer has been effective in slowing traffic. It needs to be moved around.

Attorney Andy Bourey: Court date set for Susan Doyle for October 31st. Notice of Hearing served. Ordinance #326 Public Water Supply Loan Program authorizing Loan Agreement Non-Home Rule Entity Village needs to be amended due to combining the rerouting of Phase 1 Watermains Project and additional work included in the Water tower Rehabilitation Project. The combined estimated cost of construction, installation, engineering, legal, financial and other related expenses is not to exceed \$3,000,000. Although, the Amended Ordinance approves a loan not to exceed \$3,000,000, Scott Younger vowed not to saddle the Village with that much debt. **Phil Jacobs made a motion to accept the Amended Ordinance #326 to increase the approved loan amount not to exceed \$3,000,000. Ross Carls seconded the motion. The motion carried with 5 'Aye' votes, 0 'Nay' votes, and one absent.**

New Business: None

Old Business: P & G roof caving in. Ross Carls saw Shamsheer and others looking at the building last week.

At 6:55 p.m. Jeff Reed Jr. made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jeanette Crackel seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes. The meeting adjourned.

The next **Regular Board Meeting** will be Monday November 6, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Approved:

Scott Younger, Village President

Diana Kupish, Village Secretary