

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

REGULAR MEETING
February 5, 2024

The Board of Trustees met in Regular Session on Monday, February 5, 2024, 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., Rick Moma, Ross Carls, and Phil Jacobs
Absent: Jeanette Crackel and Terre Moma
President: Scott Younger
Employees: Jenny Prasun, Chadd Peden and Chad Lamb
Attorney: Andy Bourey
Engineer: Mark Bingham

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 January 8, 2024. **Rick Moma made a motion to accept the Minutes as presented. Ross Carls seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.**

Bills were presented. **Ross Carls made a motion to accept the Bills. Jeff Reed Jr. seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.**

Treasurer's Report was submitted in writing. Jenny Prasun informed the Board that the Village has 28 shut offs on Wednesday. The trailer park hired a company out of Springfield to find the leaks. To date they have found 4 leaks, but they are still looking. The owners of the trailer park are being billed the difference between the amount delivered to the park and the amount billed to the tenants.

Project Engineer, Mark Bingham reported on the **Motor Fuel Tax** – Rebuild Illinois funds allocated \$76,000 to Blue Mound which must be used by 2025. It can be used for anything road related such as equipment, tools, culverts, etc. The Village intends to use the funds to tar and rock all the Village streets in 2024 which will use up all of that money plus considerably more. Mr. Bingham will put together the program documents and will get better figures to proceed.

The **Sewer Plant Pump Station** must be replaced with an approximate cost of \$250,000. The old one is leaning about 22 degrees. A permit is required. The life expectancy of the replacement is 30-50 yrs. It would be put adjacent to the current pump station. Rick and Scott recommend going forward with the project. Mr. Bingham said it takes about 3 months to get the permit. Scott asked if the Indians could interfere with the project. Mr. Bingham said the site is on previously disturbed ground so it should not be an issue. The project will go up for bids.

Bids for the **Water Tower Project** will be open on February 20th.

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

- Plowed snow and spread cinders on Lewis and Seiberling at stop signs and at fire house.
- Helped Macon with a water main break
- Cleaned and reorganized shop
- Gas leak at Water Plant and electrical problem at shop
- Rebuilt brine pump for nitrate units
- Locate for CTI and METRO
- Main break at 118 St. Marie
- Excavation training on 1/29/2024
- Well line broke and had to run the water plant in manual for 2 days
 - (Charlie and Chadd took turns coming in overnight checking the plant)
 - Now have a camera system installed to watch the plant live on personal phones
- Well #3 went down, now running on well #4 (getting 3 inspected...not sure what's wrong).
- Bulk water spout was broken for a few days. It is now fixed and running again.
- **February Projects** (Tentatively)
 - Remove Christmas lights
 - Clean and organize the Water Plant office
 - Looking into CTI and METRO for internet and phones at Water Plant, Village Hall, and shop
 - Want internet at the shop to install outdoor cameras
 - Working with Mark Bingham on the Sewer Plant and lift station #2
- **Miscellaneous**
 - Jeff Reed bid a new truck for the township and said we can jump on his bid (\$54k)
 - Need a plow before next winter which is an additional \$8500
 - Need to start allocating ARPA funds before we lose them
 - Clean burn waste oil heater said to wait until April, furnaces will go on sale.
 - Looking for a bucket truck
 - Cinders no longer available to purchase due to regulations (may get sand in future)
 - Bid from Vandevanter Engineering for pump repair estimate \$2843.70

Rick Moma made a motion to accept the bid from Vandevanter Engineering for a pump repair in the amount of \$2843.70. Jeff Reed Jr. seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.

- Received two bids for Well 3 Pump System Replacement
 - Layne Christensen Co, Fenton, MO \$22,720
 - Municipal Well & Pump Waupun, WI \$ \$19,970

Rick Moma made a motion to accept the bid from Municipal Well & Pump Well 3 Pump System Replacement in the amount of \$19,970. Phil Jacobs seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.

Building Permits: One in January

Dennis Wilson – 206 E Lincoln - deck

Police Report: a written Shift Detail Report distributed showing 298 hours in January.

	Village of Blue Mound	City of Macon
Patrolling:	115 hrs. + 30 in-office hrs	101 hrs
Complaints:	8 ea.	5 ea.
Ordinance Violations:	0 ea	0 ea

During the month of January, there were 27 traffic stops, 2 traffic crashes, 3 domestic dispute/violence, 2 special police details, 2 medical/EMS Assist, 1 welfare check, and 30 hours on administrative duties including writing reports. Chief Lamb met with his committee and provided a shift schedule for February to them.

- Squad car #71 fixed.
- recommends putting something on roads when its slick
- Received Norfolk Southern RR Safety First Grant of \$5000 (upgrade equip & AED device)
- Hiring part-time officer – need to submit paperwork, could take a couple weeks (regulations)

Attorney Andy Bourey

- A court date is set for Feb 13 for Tim Strisko. They have not been able to serve him. Scott said he now lives in Decatur and will give Mr. Bourey the address.
- **Paid Leave Act ordinance #344** completed and sent to the Village office. Jenny Prasun gave each Board member a copy.

Old Business:

- **P & G** no new information regarding the roof caving in. Jeff Reed Jr. said he believes one of the buried tanks is metal and not in compliance with EPA standards.

At 7:21 p.m., Rick Moma made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jeff Reed Jr. seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes. The meeting adjourned.

The next **Regular Board Meeting** will be Monday March 4, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Approved:

Scott Younger, Village President

Diana Kupish, Village Secretary