

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

REGULAR MEETING
April 13, 2026

The Board of Trustees met in Regular Session on Monday, April 13, 2026, 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: Rick Moma, Jeanette Crackel, Jeff Reed Jr, Phil Jacob's, Terre Moma, Ross Carls
Absent:
President: Scott Younger
Employees: Charlie Stickel, Mackenzie Reed, Katie Nashland, Chief Lamb
Attorney: Andy Bourey
Visitors: Jan Bandy, Bill and Courtney True, Kenny Irvin, Carol Moomey, Melody McCoy

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

Public Comments:

- Jan Bandy is having a water issue at her residence. It is village property and she is asking for a culvert to be put in. She provided a bid from Holesapple grading for \$4,500. **Phil Jacobs made a motion to accept the bid as presented. seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.**
- Bill True is having water issues at his property as well due to the pump. He wants something more than a light when the pump goes out. Charlie is going to look into an alarm. Charlie is also going to get a quote for a dialer that would go straight to Charlie and Chad's phones when the pump goes out.
- Melody McCoy also brought up a water issue at her residence. The water goes into her garage and up to the house with heavy rainfall. She thinks the drain is too small and would like a resolution for her drain issue. She also feels as though the sidewalk needs fixed and has noticed people tripping and falling.

Minutes were distributed and reviewed for the Regular Meeting held on March 9, 2026. **Ross Carls made a motion to accept the Minutes as presented. Jeff Reed Jr seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.**

Treasurers Report:

- Mackenzie provided the board with the new employee pay rates.
- The board received a request from Meridian Post prom for a donation. **Terry Moma made a motion for a \$250 donation. Rick Moma seconded the motion. The motion carried with all "Aye" votes.**

- The board also received a request from the Blue Mound Library for the summer reading program. **Phil Jacobs made a motion for a \$250 donation. Jeanette Crackle seconded the motion. The motion carried with all “Aye” votes.**
- E-billing and E payments rolled out. As of May 1 court money will no longer be an option.
- As of March 15, 2026. There were \$760 in late charges, 8 shut offs, 1 building permit for \$25, and \$3584 in cash was deposited
- Mackenzie brought up the increase in the employees health insurance. There will be a 29% increase and Mackenzie is waiting to see if there are better options available.

Attorney Andy Bourey

- Board Members had concerns over the Golf Cart Ordinance. The boards opinion is that no golf cart permit should be issued to a resident if they have anything outstanding such as water bills or ordinance violations that are unpaid. Andy is going to revise the current Golf Cart Ordinance, and presented at the next meeting.

Public Works - Water/Sewer Report – presented by Charlie

- **March Projects**
 - Rebuild brain system, for softener regen with nitrate pump
 - Hydrometer pit for Fran, Crawley meter pit
 - GIS Saint Marie and Prairie
 - Force softener regen with nitrate
 - VFD install, brush pick up, Charlie stayed until 1900 hour
 - VFD finish install, locate GIS
 - Nitrate regen 3,2,1, budget report softener regen, board meeting
 - Read the meters, service on Niles Street, work on ditch and brine pitt
 - Went to Decatur for brine system parts, and valve boxes, installed meter and lid a community garden
 - Talk to the Township and trimmed all the trees at thumbtack Park
 - Unplugged ditches at both lift stations
 - Went on plant tours in Bloomington
 - Picked up brush at the park and burn pile
 - Mow, locate, back flush

- **April Projects**
 - Changed nonworking meters
 - Locate and GIS valves and services
 - Flags
 - Valves and streets
 - GIS

- **Miscellaneous**
 - Dealing with Mark for water plant grant
 - Working with Mark on sewer plant lift station
 - Lead service line inventory
 - Work on 2026/2027 budget
 - Start looking for summer help
 - Start looking for a JLG since truck will be paid off in July and loan won't be due until next year

The water meter and the trailer park was brought back to the boards attention. Residence in the trailer park are billed the minimum because the meter is under asphalt. Mackenzie is going to have Andy send a letter to the owner of the trailers, letting them know the village will be taking up the asphalt, so the meter can be read and water bills billed appropriately.

Police Report: a written Shift Detail Report distributed showing 328.2 hours for February.

Village of Blue Mound

Patrolling:	74 hrs. + 35 in-office hrs
Complaints :	11 ea.
Ordinance Violations:	2 ea.
Training :	2 hrs.

During the month of February, there were 16 traffic stops, 9 out of service, 10 follow up investigations, 11 stationary radar/village limits, 3 domestic dispute/violence/trouble, and 3 arrest subject, 1 traffic crash, 3 police assist/another agency, 1 wanted person, 1 medical call EMS/assist, 1 preserve the peace/property exchange.

- On April 15, both Chief Lamb and Officer Brooks have mandated training in Springfield
- On April 30 and May 1, Chief Lamb has training in Springfield

On April 9, a Macon County Board Member called requesting Chief Lamb or Officer Brooks attend their meeting. The Macon County Board provided the Village of Blue Mound with a brand new 2026 Tahoe along with \$25,000 to outfit it. This was completely funded by the Howard Buffett Foundation and Chief Lamb presented it to the board for approval. . **Rick Moma made a motion to accept the donation as presented. Jeanette Crackle seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.**

Old Business:

- **Ordinance #359**, regarding the redevelopment agreement for Luca popcorn. The board had to approve this ordinance. . **Ross Carls made a motion to accept the Ordinance as presented. Rick Moma seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.**
- Scott is going to talk to Angie regarding the lease of the old Dippin Merv's building. If nothing is done by June 1, the village will find a business. The Board Members agreed on a monthly lease of \$750 for the first year. At that time they will reevaluate and increase it to at least \$1000 per month.
- The village has anywhere from 5 to 6 tree stumps that need removed. The village is going to get bids and present it to the board.
- Ryan Turnlap requested to put bushes and plants on the boulevard however the board member said no.

At 7:45 p.m. Jeff Reed Jr made a motion to adjourn the meeting and go into Executive Session. Ross Carls seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes. The meeting adjourned

Passed Employee Raises. **Rick Moma made a motion to accept the Employee Raises. Ross Carls seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.**

At 8:30 p.m. Jeanette Crackel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rick Moma seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes. The meeting adjourned

Approved:



Scott Younger, Village President

Katie Nashland, Village Clerk