

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

REGULAR MEETING  
March 6, 2023

The Board of Trustees met in Regular Session on Monday, March 6, 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 members present:

President: Scott Younger  
Trustees: Jeff Reed Jr., Beth Butler, Ross Carls, and Rick Moma  
Absent: Terre Moma and Phil Crackel  
Employees: Anthony Rusher, Chief Chad Lamb and Jenny Prasun  
Attorney: Andy Bourey  
GFL Eric Shangraw  
Chastain Representatives: Rajita Singhal, Stephani Brown  
Visitors: About 20 people from the area

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

**Mr. Eric Shangraw**, a representative from GFL was in attendance to answer questions regarding what to expect from them since they bought out IV Container effective January 1, 2023. There were about 20 people from the area in attendance to get a better understanding of what to expect going forward with the new garbage service. Mr. Shangraw started his presentation with the statement that fees will be going up and at some at some point pick-up days will be reduced to once per week. Citing cost of diesel, equipment, and wages as just some of the reasons for prices increases, automated pick-up is the ultimate goal to decrease injuries and liabilities. Annual cleanup will continue. Some attendees suggested that the Village negotiate the contract with GFL and include the fees on the Water bills. Scott Younger reminded the audience that the Village is not a dictatorship and there may be some in the Village who might prefer to use the open market and free choice to negotiate fees and services. He will look into other options.

**Minutes** were distributed and reviewed for the Regular Meeting held on February 13, 2023. **Ross Carls made a motion to accept the Minutes as presented. Beth Butler seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.**

**Bills** were presented and reviewed. **Beth Butler made a motion to accept the Bills as presented. Jeff Reed Jr. seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.**

**Treasurer's Report** was submitted in writing. There were no follow up questions. The Board expressed approval and appreciation for the new format in which the reports are being presented.

**Building Permits in February:** None

**Public Works - Water/Sewer Report** – presented by Anthony Rusher

- February Projects:
  - Locates for CTI - ongoing
  - Exterior light installed on sewer plant metering building
  - worked on east pole light at the sewer plant
  - Adjusted brakes on dump truck (parts needed next time in Springfield)
  - Plexi-glass installed in sewer plant metering building
  - Met with Nick from Midwest Meter on trouble shooting of non-working meters
  - Anthony to IRWA Conference in Effingham
  - Replaced or repaired about 20 non-working meters
  - Replaced meter yoke valve at 313 Cantrell
  - IEPA inspection of waste water treatment plant (preliminary results received)
  - Picked up sticks in road from recent storm
  - Picked up steel shed from the middle of the road from the storm
- March Projects (Tentatively)
  - work on list from EPA for the sewer plant
- Miscellaneous
  - Survey has been completed
  - Sewer pump on back order until end of March
  - Anthony Class B Water License approved (waiting on Certificate)
  - Resin replacement on Nitrate units has begun (expect 4-6 weeks for completion of the project)

**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 January with a total of 328 hours

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Patrolling:	95 hrs. + 54 in-office hrs	130 hrs
Complaints:	16 ea.	9 ea.
Ordinance Violations:	0 ea	0 ea

**During the month of February**, there was 1 traffic stop, 2 traffic accidents, 2 motorist assists, 1 arrest, 2 pedestrian stops, 9 police assists, 1 fire assist, 8 hours training, and 54 hours on administrative duties including writing reports. Chief Lamb met with his committee and provided a shift schedule for February to them.

- ILEAS Conference March 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> at cost of \$150 for the department
- Good weather brings out the golf carts. Nine have renewed their stickers for 2023
- Have received a few applications for the fulltime officer

Someone asked about installing a stop sign at the corner of St. Marie and Seiberling due to the problem with visibility resulting from vehicles parked close to the corner. Rick Moma added that by ordinance and state laws the vehicles need to be at least 15 feet from a fire hydrant. Chief Lamb will talk to homeowners.

**Attorney Andy Bourey:** Nothing to report.

**Chastain & Associates** represented by Rajita Singhal brought two contracts from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency on two proposed projects (water tower work and additional water main work) requiring signatures. Scott indicated the Watermain Project with an estimated cost of \$1.7 million was scrapped. Scott signed the previously approved Water Tower Project with an estimated cost of \$2,189,000 for the rehabilitation of the two water towers and some watermain replacement.

**New Business:** None

**Old Business:** Backhoe ordered may not be available until the end of August due to availability of parts and inventory shortage. They could bring us one and charge us by the hour. The downside of that is that the equipment is for sale and it could be picked up just as we need to use it. At present, the Village is renting the required equipment through May, but it may be possible to extend that contract.

**7:37 p.m. Jeff Reed Jr. made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Beth Butler seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes. The meeting adjourned.**

The next **Regular Board Meeting** will be Monday April 3, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Approved:

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Scott Younger, Village President

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Diana Kupish, Village Secretary