

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

REGULAR MEETING
June 3, 2024

The Board of Trustees met in Regular Session on Monday, June 3, 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., Jeanette Crackel, Rick Moma, Ross Carls, Terre Moma, and Phil Jacobs
President: Scott Younger
Employees: Jenny Prasun, Chadd Peden, Chief Chad Lamb
Attorney: Andy Bourey
Engineers: Rajita Singhal
Visitors: Lisa Gunnerson

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 May 6, 2024. Terre Moma asked if a certified letter had been sent to the Osage Indians. Scott Younger said he would have Attorney Andy Bourey write the appropriate letter and will send a copy to the EPA because they control the money. **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. **Terre Moma made a motion to accept the Bills. Jeff Reed Jr. seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.**

Attorney Andy Bourey

- Prepared the **Annual Appropriations Ordinance #346** in accordance with the approve budget and added certification and the Tax Levy
- Prepared the **Tax Levy Ordinance #345**
- Provided an opinion affidavit for the Village's existence since 1870.

Phil Jacobs made a motion to approve the Tax Levy Ordinance #345 for the Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 2024 and ending April 30, 2025. Rick Moma seconded the motion. With a roll call vote the following Board members voted in the affirmative: Jeff Reed Jr., Jeanette Crackel, Rick Moma, Ross Carls, Terre Moma, and Phil Jacobs. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.

- Attorney Bourey sent letters to Dustin Clark and Brad Damery regarding maintaining their properties. Each have had seven days to respond. He will now move forward to get it filed and have both served. With a cell phone number, Mr. Bourey can serve them by text message.

On behalf of Chastain Engineer, Rajita Singhal will send an agreement for the Water Tower project and the process can move forward as soon as it is signed.

Treasurer's Report was submitted in writing. Bank called to suggest moving three small CDs to be rolled over into one \$10,000 CD at 5% interest for the sewer plant. Jenny Prasun informed the Board that the Village has 17 shut offs on Wednesday, June 5th.

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

- **May Projects**

- Been cleaning out the back shed
- Cleaning out the south side of the shop
- Mowing season has started
- Met Nick from Midwest Meter to learn our meter reading system.
- replaced a lot of hand reads with electronic redos
- Locate for CTI & METRO
- Worked a few alleys
- Fixed service at 426 Niles (leak)
- Both Charlie and Chadd took spraying class/waiting on their licenses to arrive (both will be bug certified)
- Brush pick up on 3rd Wednesday
- Had 11 shut offs on list
- Decided not to wait on drainage district – mowed ditch at thumbtack park.
- Filled in pot holes at the drive thru entrance
- pre-marked holes around town to fill with durapatcher from township

- **June Projects (Tentatively)**

- Work on alleys
- Change out manual read meters for new digital ones
- Clean and organize the Water plant office
- Work on roads
- Clean culvert at Seiberling and Bolls

- **Miscellaneous**

- Working with Mark Bingham on the Sewer Plant and lift station #2
- Jeff Reed bid a new truck for the township and said we can jump on his bid (\$54k)
 - wants to keep third truck as backup
- Need to start allocating ARPA funds (\$75,000) before we lose them (Infrastructure projects only – earmark for well & pump)
- Continue looking for a bucket truck
- Rent JLG for trimming trees? Looking at Rural Rentals in Taylorville and Sunbelt

Building Permits: One

1 permit for a deck by Eleanor Moma at 215 E Niles .

Police Report: a written Shift Detail Report distributed showing 316 hours in May.

Village of Blue Mound

Patrolling: 193 hrs. + 64 in-office hrs
Complaints: 19 ea.
Ordinance Violations: 2 ea

During the month of May, there were 76 traffic stops, 1 domestic dispute/violence, 7 police assist, 1 medical assist, 1 wanted person, and 64 hours on administrative duties including writing reports. Chief Lamb met with his committee and provided a shift schedule for June to them.

- Majority of traffic stops were on Rt 48; will set up something on Seiberling
- Department received \$6000 from a grant and the information was posted on Facebook.
- Chief Lamb has been budgeting and saving from his department in order to purchase 2 new police vehicles with an approximate total for the two vehicles at \$129,293. He was just informed that federal grants have been used up and no more funds are available this year. The department is short \$29,293. Quote from Morrow Brothers indicates a government price of \$58,388 per vehicle; other extras would be an additional \$13,000. ETA end of the year.

Terre Moma made a motion to move ahead with ordering the cars and the Village will cover the remainder of the cost. Phil Jacobs seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.

- The Village website launch with the domain name of bluemoundil.gov is moving forward and hopefully by the end of the summer the Village can transition to the new domain.

New Business:

- Scott Younger asked Rajita where we are on sidewalks, to which Rajita said we need contract.
- Terre Moma commented that the town clean-up day went well.
- Lisa Gunnerson asked if the Village could find a place to have fireworks for the 4th of July since Jeff Foulks is not planning to host them this year. The school has already said they would not want it on their property since the school is relatively new and wouldn't want anything to happen to it due to fireworks. If no place is available, she suggests a fun day with food and proceeds donated to the Fire Dept and the Police Dept. Scott Younger said the sewer area is not big enough. The Mound is in the Conservation Dept so the Village has no say on it.

Old Business:

- Received a request from the Yearbook staff asking the Village to buy an ad and they requested a picture of the Board. After the meeting adjourns, a picture will be taken.
- Chadd asked about mowing near 48 Motors. Scott said to get as close as possible.
- The owner of the trailer park intends to attend the next meeting of the Board.

At 7:15 p.m., Jeanette Crackel 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 July 1, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Approved:

Scott Younger, Village President

Diana Kupish, Village Secretary