

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

REGULAR MEETING
August 5, 2024

The Board of Trustees met in Regular Session on Monday, August 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., Jeanette Crackel, Rick Moma, Terre Moma, and Phil Jacobs
Absent: Ross Carls
President: Scott Younger
Employees: Chadd Peden, Chief 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 July 1, 2024. **Phil Jacobs made a motion to accept the Minutes as presented. Jeff Reed Jr. seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.** Minutes for the Executive Session from July 1, 2024 were distributed and reviewed. **Jeff Reed Jr. made a motion to accept the Minutes from the Executive Session as presented. Jeanette Crackel seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.**

Bills were presented to the Board members and reviewed. **Rick Moma made a motion to accept the Bills. Jeff Reed Jr. seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.**

Treasurers Report was presented in writing indicating deposits and balances of each account. Although the report is in a different format, Scott assured the Board of its accuracy. Terre Moma inquired if the water bills were accurate. Scott praised Anjolee for clearing up the water bills and getting them in the mail in a timely manner for August. She has spent many hours with tech support to cull out the old outdated (obsolete) bills so only current accounts were billed. There were 115 overdue bills sent out, most of which will be paid up by the shutoff deadline.

Attorney Andy Bourey

- Filed the budget with the County Clerk
- Notice of Lien has been filed on the Doyle property so he can start foreclosure process.
- Received approval from the judge to file electronic service on Brad Damery.
- Dustin Clark's property 421 College has been sent a summons so it can move forward

Terre Moma inquired about the property on 526 S Lewis whose yard looks like a large flea market. Chief Lamb indicated he had been in contact with the property owner, Cheri Engel, last year regarding inoperable vehicles and an accumulation of junk on the property. Attorney Bourey will send a letter.

Another uninhabitable property is 219 S. Lewis. The roof is sagging; back door is open; mold is growing on the walls. This should also be addressed. Attorney Bourey said he will send Notices to Abate and then file notices. He will send appropriate documents for Scott to esign.

Phil Jacobs asked about the pile of tires behind the buildings on the west side of Rt 48, (aka Railroad Avenue). Chief Lamb said the tires are being used, sold, and inventory rotated.

Mark Bingham Engineer provided information regarding the Rural Development application which requires public notice prior to application for grants. Village of Blue Mound will be applying for a grant for the Sanitary Sewer Station. This is the first step. The meeting would be an opportunity for the public to ask questions.

- Source Water Protection summarizes what the Village is doing to protect the source water
- EPA got back to them and asked for a 45 day extension.

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

- **July Projects**
 - Been cleaning out the back shed
 - Cleaning out the south side of the shop (for Chief Lamb's vehicle)
 - Mowed and sprayed
 - Met Nick from Midwest Meter (from Edinburg) to learn our meter reading system.
 - Helped Jeff Reed replace water spigot at park
 - Locate for CTI & METRO
 - Lowered Jeffery Reed's Meter pit to ground level
 - worked for township oiling 7/11, 7/16, 7/17, 7/18, 7/19
 - Charlie to learn FMD with Scott Tozier
 - Brush pickup 3rd Wednesday
 - Well line broke
 - Mowed/filled in holes
 - Water leak at 17 Margaret Dr after meter
 - Ditch at Doc's corner of Prairie & Dunbar
 - CP vacation 7/29-8/4
 - Cleaned out Tower Base
 - Spread fortress in park for Fall Festival
 - Picked up brush after storm
 - Well ran on generator from Tuesday to Wednesday
- **August Projects (Tentatively)**
 - Spray for bugs (can't do it if it's 90 degrees)
 - Water Tower rehab
 - Clean and organize the Water plant office
 - Work on oiling & chipping roads
 - Clean culvert at Seiberling and Bolls
 - Charlie to take water test on 8/13

- **Miscellaneous**

- Working with Mark Bingham on the Sewer Plant and lift station #2
- 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

Building Permits: two

- 3201 E Seiberling, Gene Grandfield for sidewalk
- 138 S Sunnyside: Julie Chapman for a shed

Police Report: a written Shift Detail Report distributed showing 232 hours in July.

Village of Blue Mound

Patrolling:	182 hrs. + 19 in-office hrs
Complaints:	17 ea.
Ordinance Violations:	1 ea.
Training :	3 hrs.

During the month of July, there were 79 traffic stops, 3 motorist assist, 1 traffic accident, 4 police assist, 1 storm spotter event, 1 special police detail, 2 stationary radar at Village limits, and 19 hours on administrative duties including writing reports. Chief Lamb met with his committee and provided a shift schedule for August to them.

- The portable speed monitor is working and in use.
- Meridian Elementary School has established new procedures for drop off and pick-up of students and has sent them to all the children's homes. There will be one-way traffic along High St. from St. Marie to Lewis Sts. during drop-off and pick-up hours including early dismissals.
- Website launch date has not been determined. Ellen Moma will be updating information.
- Met with ISP will finish it up and have more information coming in.
- Working with Macon County EMA to get sirens automatic with a storm threat occurs. (It is BM's responsibility to maintain sirens for the first Tuesday testing.)

New Business:

- Levi Hedges praised the Village for the swift storm clean-up prior to the Fall Festival, and for postponing oiling and chipping roads until after the festival.

Old Business

- Laptop has been purchased.
- Safe has not been purchased.

Jeff Reed Jr. made a motion to exit the Regular Meeting and go into Executive Session. Jeanette Crackel seconded it. In a roll call vote, the following Board members voted yes: Jeff Reed Jr., Jeanette Crackel, Rick Moma, Terre Moma, and Phil Jacobs. Employees and visitors left the room.

At 7:43 Jeff Reed Jr. made a motion to return to the Regular Meeting. Terre Moma seconded the motion. In a roll call vote, the following Board members voted in agreement: Jeff Reed Jr., Jeanette Crackel, Rick Moma, Terre Moma, and Phil Jacobs.

Scott Younger has been in touch with people from IMRF and will attempt to determine the amount that should be paid for this calendar year. The Board needs to approve one other person to have access to IMRF reports and remain diligent that records are up to date and remain accurate. **Terre Moma made a motion to nominate Scott Younger to be the IMRF liaison. Rick Moma seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.**

At 7:50 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

Special Board Meeting to discuss hiring a new Village secretary set for August 19th at 6:00 p.m. Reminders should be sent to all the Board Members.

The next **Regular Board Meeting** will be Monday September 9, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Approved:

Scott Younger, Village President

Diana Kupish, Village Secretary