

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

REGULAR MEETING  
September 9, 2024

The Board of Trustees met in Regular Session on Monday, September 9, 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: Makenzie Reed, Charlie Stickel, Chief Chad Lamb, Jacob A. Brooks (new hire)  
Attorney: Andy Bourey  
Visitors: Kenny Erwin, Nancy Flamm, Levi Hedges, and others

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 August 5, 2024 and Special Session held on August 19<sup>th</sup>. **Phil Jacobs made a motion to accept the Minutes as presented. Jeff Reed Jr. 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. Ross Carls seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.**

**Nancy Flamm** addressed the Board to express her appreciation and concerns for the Village of Blue Mound. She expressed her gratitude for the timing and the amount of rock that was spread throughout the town. She would rather have to deal with the dust from the rock than the tar on her car. She also expressed her concern about the large shed that was put on the Chapman property that she fears could lower her own property value. She asked if the shed met the Village zoning ordinances and if the Board approves the permits. Village President, Scott Younger said he was there when they were putting the shed up and he verified that the peak of the roof is exactly 20 feet from the ground. Additionally, the Village is aware that many of the ordinances are out of date as most were approved in 1977. Rick Moma is working on updating them and they will then be presented to the Board for their review. Ms. Flamm also expressed her concern about the speed of traffic on Seiberling. Phil Jacobs replied that the Board discusses that issue at almost every meeting. That is why Chief Lamb has been putting the speed monitor and caution flags on Seiberling. The Board will continue its efforts to address this issue.

**Treasurers Report** was presented in writing indicating deposits, debits, and balances of each account.

**Attorney Andy Bourey** swore in the new police officer Jacob A Brooks and Chief Lamb presented him with a badge. Rick Moma took pictures and the Board welcomed him to the Village. Today is his first day on the job.

- Going through the process for Clark and Damery properties. He is currently waiting on Court dates from the County Clerk
- Notice to Abate has been prepared for Cheri Engle properties on 219 S Lewis and 516 S Lewis.
- There are extra steps necessary for electronic service.

**Public Works - Water/Sewer Report** – presented by Charlie Stickel

- **August Projects**
  - Been cleaning out the back shed
  - Cleaning out the south side of the shop (for Chief Lamb's vehicle)
  - Mowed and sprayed
  - 8/5 brush picked up
  - 8/7 & 8/8 oiled and chipped town
  - Locate for CTI & METRO
  - painted crosswalks (will redo when chips settle)
  - Charlie learned DMR with Scott Tozier
  - Brush pickup 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday
  - Located service at 301 S St. Marie with hydro X
  - put in a meter pit and shut off at 301 S St. Marie
  - Water leak at 17 Margaret Dr after meter / fixed by Tim McArdle
  - Checked a list of non-advancing meters
  - Charlie on call for holiday on Labor Day Sept 2, 2024
  - Mowed 5 acres at sewer plant and ditch at thumbtack park with John Deere
  - Charlie had water class in Macon on 9/3
  - Picked up brush from storm and got help from Levi Hedges
- **September Projects (Tentatively)**
  - replaced non-advancing meters
  - Water Tower Rehab
  - Clean and organize the Water plant office
  - Find all Water Tower valves
  - Remove bulk water
  - Meeting with EPA on 9/10 regarding violations
  - look into enzymes
- **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)
  - Strobe lights for new truck
  - Plow mounts for new truck/keep the old plow for now ( See bid from Foremost Truck & Trailer \$3920.41)
  - White bucket truck generator motor has 0 compression on one cylinder and 17 pounds on the other. Engine runs great. (Board said to offer for sale)
  - Continue looking for a bucket truck

- Abandoned road McClelland (other side of tracks goes into Holly Varvel private drive but is non-beneficial to anyone else in the community. Scott will ask Attorney Andy Bourey how to handle the matter).

**Terre Moma made a motion to approve the bid from Foremost Truck & Trailer in the amount of \$3920.41 to install the new snowplow and strobe lights. Phil Jacobs seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.**

**Building Permits: one**

- Dana Stalets on 317 Brown St for the construction of a 24 x 24 garage.

**Police Report:** a written Shift Detail Report distributed showing 350 hours in August.

**Village of Blue Mound**

Patrolling:	206 hrs. + 19 in-office hrs
Complaints:	17 ea.
Ordinance Violations:	4 ea.
Training :	0 hrs.

**During the month of August**, there were 77 traffic stops, 1 traffic accident, 2 police assist, 1 arrest, 1 pedestrian stop, 4 special police detail, 2 welfare checks, 1 death investigation and 57 hours on administrative duties including writing reports. Chief Lamb met with his committee and provided a shift schedule for September to them.

- Officer Alex Kater submitted his letter of resignation.
- New hire: Jacob A Brooks-takes oath of office at the Board meeting
- Macon County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan – needs Board approval and Resolution #

**Rick Moma made a motion to adopt the Macon County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan with Ordinance #347. Terre Moma seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.**

- School's drop-off and pick-up policy is improving with practice. School is pleased. Pick-up is more challenging.

**New Business:**

- **Sidewalk project** needing replaced with Chastain Engineering is not moving forward. A grant was suggested for funding but the side of the street they wanted to use meant cutting down a lot of trees. The Village may move forward on the opposite side of the street with periodic passing lanes for wheel chairs. Village will pay for the project from funds received from Sin Tax income.
- Phil Jacobs said **Chastain representative** should be at our Board Meetings every month to explain the delays, changes, and extra expenses.

**Old Business**

- Forensic auditor, John Vanderberg recommended to review Village financial records.
- Special Agent Greenley from Pontiac is handling the investigation.
- Kenny Ervin requested water shut off at old BM Leader bldg. (It has been tagged 'vacation'.) Send final bill.

- Levi Hedges advocates for the Village to develop solar, nuclear, or wind energy plan.

**Terre Moma made a motion to add Makenzie Reed to the authorized signers for the Village accounts.**

**Jeanette Crackel seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.**

- Village will upgrade its bookkeeping system to Quick Books

**At 7:35 p.m., Jeff Reed Jr. made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Terre Moma seconded the motion.**

**The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes. The meeting adjourned**

The next **Regular Board Meeting** will be Monday October 7, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Approved:

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Scott Younger, Village President

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Diana Kupish, Village Secretary