

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

REGULAR MEETING
October 7, 2024

The Board of Trustees met in Regular Session on Monday, October 7, 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., Rick Moma, Ross Carls, Terre Moma, and Phil Jacobs
Absent: Jeanette Crackel
President: Scott Younger
Employees: Mackenzie Reed, Chadd Peden, Chief Chad Lamb, Officer Jacob A. Brooks
Attorney: Andy Bourey
Visitors: Alice Reed, Aaron Moma, Greg Mathias, Erin & 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 September 9, 2024. **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 orally to the Board members. Phil Jacobs asked when the office would be getting Quick Books. Scott Younger explained that the program would be purchased soon but not implemented until the next calendar year so everything would start fresh in 2025 with all billing on this same system. Likewise, payroll would be started on Quick Books in the 2025 which will simplify record keeping.

Treasurers Report was presented in writing indicating deposits, debits, and balances of each account. Late fees will be added to the water bills after the 15th as indicated on the bills sent to the customers, and the late bills will go out that same day. There are 34 on the shut off list. State payroll taxes are now up to date which included penalties and interest amounting to \$2,646.02. Mackenzie and Alice Reed are working on getting the federal payroll taxes current. Bank accounts have not been reconciled since April but Mackenzie will be working on them as she familiarizes herself with the 20 year old accounting program and enters all the deposits made since June. Water bills were mailed out on time and confusing accounts are being updated.

Aaron Moma was present to inform the Board that he purchased the property on 240 N RR Ave and will be bringing his Coffee Café to Blue Mound. He already has and will still operate the business in Decatur and will be planning to branch out into Bloomington and Springfield as well. The BM facility has the warehouse space needed for his bakery and roasting coffee. He hopes the business will generate some excitement in Blue Mound and he hopes to tap into some of the traffic in his drive through business. Mr. Moma asked if the Village would be able to provide any financial assistance repairing the awning and repairing the road his customers would use in the drive through area. Scott Younger said that he

would check with the TIF Administrator to see if TIF funds could be used in this area. Jeff Reed Jr. asked if Mr. A. Moma has bids for construction needed. Aaron said he has a bid from Trimble's Construction to complete the project, top to bottom, at \$24,000. The awning repair or replacement would cost another \$20,000. He has looked into the Small Business Administration for assistance. Scott will check with the TIF Administrator.

Attorney Andy Bourey Going through the process for Clark and Damery properties.

- Court dates for Clark, Damery, and Engle
- Requested court approval for service via text for next court date for Damery
- Engle unable to serve; next step to deliver at place of employment
- Clark house is vacant; although an eyesore, Dustin complies almost immediately to every request to secure the building. Someone is tearing down the boards used to secure the building. Basement window on High St. side accessible to animals or persons. Trash in yard.
- Burgess St. property deteriorating. Unfit structure; nothing done since purchase; needs to board up window. Needs different service address (home address was given to him). Jeff Reed Jr. suggested sending letter with itemized list of things the Village wants to be done: board-up doors, windows, basement windows, remove trash, etc. (Serve notice to home address 10533 BM Rd.)

Rajita Singhal representing Chastain Engineers. There seems to be a stalemate on Water Tower and Watermain projects due to EPA and Osage Indians. Scott Younger said the EPA needs to move forward or the Village will seek private funding. Scott Younger presented the Board and Rajita with a web post from the Osage Indians indicating a tribal burial ground in Blue Mound, Missouri. He speculates the Osage Indians may be confusing BM, IL with BM, MO.

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

- **September Projects**
 - Cleaning out the south side of the shop (for Chief Lamb's vehicle)
 - Mowed and sprayed
 - 9/18 brush picked up (3rd Wednesday)
 - EPA meeting said keep monitoring and keep records
 - Locate for CTI & METRO
 - Shut off day had 15
 - Replaced meter yolk at 330 N West
 - Replaced meter base at 145 S Sunnyside
 - Nolan Plbg cleaned out lift station #1
 - Ramiro from Chastain's helped locate tower lines and valves for draining tower
 - Replaced several non-working meters
 - Dug up water lines from tower and scheduled IL Meter to install an 'insert valve'
 - Changed all locks on shop, out buildings, and water plant
 - Changed locks on lift station gate and sewer plant gate (now they are all new locks)

- Replaced walk in door on storage shed behind the shop
- Had strobe lights and plow mounts installed on GMC
- New tires on the Ford
- **October Projects (Tentatively)**
 - replaced non-advancing meters
 - Water Tower Rehab
 - Clean and organize the Water plant office
 - Work on shop
 - Remove bulk water
 - Christmas lights
 - look into enzymes
- **Miscellaneous**
 - Working with Mark Bingham on the Sewer Plant and lift station #2
 - Hire part-time help for a while – 2-3 days per week. With Board approval, they can put out feelers for possible candidate; does not need to be posted since it is not long term.
 - Start allocating ARPA funds
 - Looking for bucket truck or JLG (Scott said this needs to wait. This month is repayment for EPA loan, purchase of backhoe and hydro excavator)
 - Trimble provided a bid for \$5820 to replace 2-3 boards on the shed

Rick Moma made a motion to approve the bid from Trimble Construction in the amount of \$5820 for replacement of the boards on the building before winter. Terre Moma seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.

Building Permits: None

Police Report: a written Shift Detail Report distributed showing 303 hours in September.

Village of Blue Mound

Patrolling:	52 hrs. + 74 in-office hrs
Civil Complaints:	4 ea.
Complaints :	12 ea.
Ordinance Violations:	4 ea.
Training :	74 hrs.

During the month of September, there were 30 traffic stops, 0 traffic accident, 2 police assist, 0 arrest, 1 domestic dispute, 2 special police detail, 22 school events, Stationary Radar 48 entries (27 hrs) and 74 hours on administrative duties including writing reports. Chief Lamb met with his committee and provided a shift schedule for October to them.

- Trick or Treat Dates October 30th & 31st. **November 2, 2020 Minutes:** Phil Crackel made a motion to **permanently change** the hours for **Trick or Treating to 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** on both days (October 30th and October 31st), which would give the children four hours over the two day period to Trick or Treat. Those who do not want to participate both days can do so my not putting outside lights on.

- Training on October 21st thru 26th & 29th.
- Speed monitor has issues when not level.
- Property owner Rodney Stanfill of Central Service Center Emergency Fleet Services at 154 Railroad Ave. has an accumulation of junk, not operating business, need to find him to serve Notice to Abate.
- 48 Motors still has cars on property

New Business: None


Old Business

- Levi Hedges asked to revisit traffic obscured at corner of St. Marie and Seiberling, perhaps a stop sign for safety sake.
- Speeding problem on Seiberling near Peggy Dee. Speed monitor and tickets have helped but the problem still exists.
- Village President Scott Younger wanted to acknowledge the awesome job Mackenzie Reed is doing in the office. Alice has helped to get things up to date.
- There are no new developments regarding the dismissal of Jenny Prasun, except going through the office record has revealed poor job performance. Still need to do a forensic audit.

At 7:07 p.m., Jeff Reed Jr. made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ross Carls seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes. The meeting adjourned

The next **Regular Board Meeting** will be Monday, November 4, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Approved:



Scott Younger, Village President

Diana Kupish, Village Secretary