

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

REGULAR MEETING
December 2, 2024

The Board of Trustees met in Regular Session on Monday, December 2, 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: Chadd Peden, Chief Chad Lamb,
Attorney: Andy Bourey
Engineer: Rajita Singhal
Visitors: Alice Reed, Leon & Leanne Kallenbach, & Dan
Forensic Auditor: John Vander Burgh, CPA, CFE

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 November 4, 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 to the Board members. **Phil Jacobs made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Jeff Reed Jr. seconded the motion. The motion carried with unanimous consent.**

Treasurers Report was presented in writing indicating 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. There were 500 water bills sent out with a total of \$25,723.70 due to the Village. Alice Reed and Mackenzie continue to sort through IMRF records to determine their accuracy.

The Employee Handbook should be updated to accurately state that insurance does not kick in until 60 days after their hire date. Insurance coverage for employees who leave also should be clarified to state employees who leave with advance notice should be treated differently than an employee who is terminated. It should also be stated in the handbook that cessation of insurance coverage is determined on a case-by-case basis.

TIF Manager, Moran Economic Development provided a brief description of the general steps recommended for an entity to apply for TIF funds along with an application for anyone wanting to apply for those funds.

Attorney Andy Bourey

- Proved a draft for the Cupcake Ordinance which was reviewed by the Board. Jeanette Crackel asked what was necessary for 'proof of compliance' and who would do the inspection. Mr. Bourey said the Board would make the final determination. She will forward the information to Alexandria Brown who initiated the ordinance request.
- Ordinance 106(e) amending the original 'Chicken Ordinance' to prohibit roosters needs additional editing before being presented to the Board for approval.
- Dustin Clark has been working on securing the property.
- Brad Damery arrived in court a week early. A cleanup order was entered giving him 30 days from Nov 17th to have the property cleaned up.
- Cherie Engle has been in touch with the Village President, Scott Younger. Since that time, Ms. Engle has removed the junk from her yard. Court has been delayed until Dec 17th. Judge will want to know the progress.

Chastain Engineers represented by Rajita Singhal had a disbursement request for the Water Tower Project which is underway. Due to the weather, they do not expect the project to be completed until March. The contractor had promised the project would be complete by the end of the year. Valdivia Construction invoice was for \$136,000. Rajita suggested payment be reduced by 10% since it is not completed. The second tower is to begin on March 1st with an expected completion date of March 15th. A delay could complicate getting the second tower project started. Rick Moma made a motion to pay the invoice after deducting 10% for a check in the amount of \$122,490. Jeanette Crackel seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.

Terre Moma asked for an update on the Watermain Project delayed by the Osage Indians. Rajita said the EPA presented another proposal for the project to go forward with the Osage Indians monitoring every move made at the expense of the Village. Scott declined the proposal and said the Village will find alternate source of funding for the project.

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

- **November Projects**
 - Tower is currently being painted (said they are waiting until spring for the leg tower)
 - South side of shop is almost completed for police dept
 - Boil order from 11/2-11/7 due to a watermain break
 - 11/25 brush picked up (3rd Wednesday)
 - Phone lines to run well not working from 11/8 – 11/15 (need a different call system) mouse chewed through the lines.
 - Locate for CTI & METRO
 - GMC had first service
 - Plows are in shop and ready
 - Watermain break on 310 Territim 12/1 Sunday
 - Replaced several non-working meters

- **December Projects** (Tentatively)
 - Replace non-advancing meters
 - Water Tower Rehab
 - Clean and organize the Water plant office
 - Work on shop
 - Christmas lights
 - Look into enzymes
- **Miscellaneous**
 - Working with Mark Bingham on the Sewer Plant and lift station #2
 - Looking for ways to build a water plant; it is getting bad
 - Old truck has new plow since October

Building Permits: None

Police Report: a written Shift Detail Report distributed showing 295 hours in November.

Village of Blue Mound

Patrolling:	115 hrs. + 65 in-office hrs
Complaints :	9 ea.
Ordinance Violations:	1 ea.
Training :	22 hrs.

During the month of November, there were 2 domestic disputes, 38 traffic stops, 1 motorist assist, 1 police assist, 1 arrest, Stationary Radar 84 entries (54 hrs), 2 welfare checks, 1 preserve the peace/property exchange, 2 school events, and 65 hours on administrative duties including writing reports. Chief Lamb met with his committee and provided them a shift schedule for December.

- No training in December
- Will reapply for a grant to help in the cost of the new squad cars.

At 6:53 Jeff Reed Jr. made a motion to close the Regular Meeting and go into Executive Session to discuss financial matters. Terre Moma seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes. All employees and visitors left the room.

At 7:33 Terre Moma made a motion to resume the Regular Meeting. Rick Moma seconded the motion. In a roll call vote the following Board members voted in the affirmative to resume the Regular Meeting: Jeff Reed Jr., Jeanette Crackel, Rick Moma, Ross Carls, Terre Moma, and Phil Jacobs.

Phil Jacobs made a motion to engage John Vander Burgh to proceed in a forensic audit for the Village. Terre Moma seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.

New Business:

- Sidewalk project with Chastain, applied for a grant of an estimate of \$325,000 to do 5 ft wide both sides of Lewis in 2026 from the school to the church and maybe one side of St. Marie.
- Consider doing the watermain project a couple blocks at a time

Old Business

- Alexandria Brown Sweets is interested in the Cupcake Ordinance.

At 7:57 p.m., Terre Moma 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, January 6, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Approved:



Scott Younger, Village President

Diana Kupish, Village Secretary