

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

REGULAR MEETING
April 7, 2025

The Board of Trustees met in Regular Session on Monday, April 7, 2025, 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:	Jeanette Crackel, Rick Moma, Terre Moma, and Phil Jacobs
Absent:	Jeff Reed Jr., Ross Carls
President:	Scott Younger
Employees:	Charlie Stickel, Chief Chad Lamb, Mackenzie Reed, Katie Nashland
Attorney:	Andrew Bourey
Visitors:	Greg Mathias and Larry Brown
Bingham Professional Services:	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 March 3, 2024. **Rick Moma made a motion to accept the Minutes as presented. Jeannette Crackel seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.**

Bills to be paid in the amount of \$23,315.08 were presented to the Board members for their approval. **Phil Jacobs made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Rick Moma seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye votes.**

Treasurers Report was presented by **Mackenzie Reed** in writing indicating balances of each account, final total of bills that were paid in March 2025, and bills to be paid in April 2025. Mackenzie also informed the board of the following:

- Total cash deposits for the month of March 2025 totaled \$3,239.00
- 4 customers' water was shut off for the month of March 2025, due to non-payment of their water bill. A \$35.00 Reconnect Fee was applied to each of their accounts for a total amount of \$140.00.
- There are 28 customers scheduled to have their water shut off on 4/9/25 due to non-payment of their water bill that was due in March 2025.
- There were 497 water bills sent out that will be due on 4/15/2025, totalling \$24,941.93.
- Meridian Post Prom requested a donation of \$250.00. **Phil Jacobs** made a motion to approve the donation. **Terre Moma** seconded the motion.
- Mackenzie will be doing a demo with a new software company called Muni Building Software to see what it has to offer the community.

Attorney Andy Bourey

- The next court date for the Brad Damery property is set for 5/6/2025. Per Chief Lamb, progress is being made on the property.
- A notice was sent to abate to Rodney Stanfill for his property at 154 N. Railroad Ave. If no response by the next Board Meeting, an Ordinance Violation Case will be started.
- Megan with Andy's office was suppose to send Mackenzie a revised agenda for the meetings. It was never received. Andy is going to email Mackenzie another copy.
- Some board members brought up concerns over Dustin Clark's property at 421 College St. Doors are being left open and it is not thought to be a secure location. Andy is going to look into the statute and see if there is anything that can be done and will let Chief Lamb and Scott know.
 - Chief Lamb also suggested inviting Dustin to the next Board Meeting to discuss what his plans for the property are.

Bingham Professional Services

- Mark went over the 2024 Maintenance Expenditure Statement. He also went over the 2025 Resolution for maintenance under the Illinois Highway Code.
- **Phil Jacobs made a motion of accept Resolution #348. Rick Moma seconded.**
- Mark also presented a breakdown of what is needed in order to move the fire hydrant for the River Coffee Co., as far as bids and permits. The board approved for Mark to go ahead and get the permit process started with IDOT.

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

- **March Projects**
 - March 11th: Isolated and drained East Tower
 - March 12th: Main break at water plant/boil order
 - March 13th: Trees cut on St. Marie and Lincoln
 - March 19th: Brush pickup
 - March 20th: Meeting with EPA regarding previous violations
 - March 24th: Tower painting began
 - March 25th: Meter Reading
- **April Projects**
 - April 1st: New signs for burn pile rules
 - April 2nd: Worked sewer plant road
 - April 3rd: Fixed stop sign on Lewis and High. Also, the transformer for the auto system burnt out, but Star Electric is providing a new one
 - April 7th: Rebuild plumbing for chlorine system

- **May Projects (Tentatively)**
 - Replace non-advancing meters
 - Water Tower Rehab
 - Clean and organize the Water plant office
 - Work on shop
 - Work on leg tower
 - Work on bulk water
- **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
 - Charlie explained that you may see a couple of fire hydrants that are leaking water out that have fire hoses hooked up to them. This is because, while the water tower on Lewis St is out of service, they have added pressure relief valves to avoid any more water line breaks. Once the tower is back in service, the pressure relief valves will be removed.

Police Report: a written Shift Detail Report distributed showing 316.37 hours in December.

Village of Blue Mound

Patrolling:	148.4 hrs. + 60.37 in-office hrs
Complaints :	10 ea.
Ordinance Violations:	0 ea.
Training :	21 hrs.

During the month of March, there was 1 domestic dispute, 48 traffic stops, 2 police assist, 9 out of service, 3 police assist, 4 follow up investigations, 1 severe storm spotters, 37 stationary radar/village limits, and 3 welfare checks.

- Chief Lamb explained that the Village is having issues with Tree and Landscaping companies using our burn pile and leaving logs that are bigger than what we allow. Signs are posted at the entrance of the burn pile and explain what is allowed. It also states that these companies must check in at the village or with the water plant prior to using the burn pile. Chief Lamb also suggested more signage and stated he reposted the ordinance showing the burn pile stipulations.

New Business:

- Chadd's village truck is to have lettering put on it showing it is a village employee's vehicle. The board believes it is a safety concern when shutting off water or approaching individuals in the community without knowing he is a village employee.
- There is concern over the fire department volunteers not answering the EMS calls. Because of this, Macon comes over to assist frequently. It was suggested that any fire department concerns be directed to the Fire Department Board.

Old Business

- The culvert located at Shannon Houser's property needs to be replaced. Scott advised that we are going to do this and he has already been in contact with the township regarding this.

Public Comments/Questions: Greg Mathias has downspouts on the East side of his church that are causing buckling in the concrete due to water sitting underneath. He wanted permission to dig a trench to help the water drain from his downspouts. The board did not see a problem with that.

Budget Meeting is scheduled for April 28th at 6:00 p.m.

At 7:27 p.m. Phil Jacobs made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jeanette Crackel seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes. The meeting adjourned

The next **Regular Board Meeting** will be Monday, May 5, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Approved:



Scott Younger, Village President

Katie Nashland, Village Secretary