

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

REGULAR MEETING
December 4, 2023

The Board of Trustees met in Regular Session on Monday, December 4, 2023, 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, Jenny Prasun, and Chief Chad Lamb
Attorney: Amber Gedding
Visitors: Kerrigan True

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 6, 2023. **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. Phil Jacobs questioned the purpose of the \$6919 paid to Chastain's. Scott explained that it was from a previous agreement on the two pending projects now being delayed due to the Osage Nation questioning the results of the U of I archeological survey for Indian artifacts prompting them to want to monitor the Watermain project further. Rick Moma had inquired as to why the Osage Indians were interested in the project since the Osage Indians were never in Illinois. Of course, that additional monitoring increases the cost to the Village for the project by at least \$100,000. Phil Jacobs wants to further investigate this matter. **Rick Moma made a motion to accept the Bills. Terre Moma seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.**

Treasurer's Report was submitted in writing. Jenny Prasun informed the Board that the Village has 34 shut offs on Thursday, many of whom will pay before getting shut off.

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

- **November Projects:**
 - Furnace in water plant installed and working.
 - Dump cylinder yoke broke on dump truck; Charlie & Chadd fixed it.
 - Cleaned and re-organized shop.
 - Had 13 shut offs.
 - Hauling dirt from Water plant to burn pile and spreading it.
 - Locate for CTI & METRO.
 - Signed papers for Hydro.
 - Christmas Lights checked and hung.

- Borrowed Stonington's bucket truck to hang Christmas lights.
- Rebuild Brine System in water plant.
- Took '09 Ford to 29 Customs for oil change, tire rotation, and lube for winter.
- Brush pickup was Wednesday before Thanksgiving; plan to do same in December.
- Bulk water was down for one day. It is fixed and running again.
- Built an insulation tunnel on Bulk Water Line inside tower to try to keep it thawed.
- Been working on the weeds and banks at sewer plant
- Replaced 4-meter readers from manual reads
- **December Projects (Tentatively)**
 - Working with Scott at Rural Water for oxygenator for Sewer Plant discharge
 - Working on plumbing on second blower at Sewer Plant
 - Working with Scott from Rural Water on doing our own DO sampling and paperwork for EPA
 - Working with Mark Bingham on the Sewer Plant and Lift Station #2
- **Miscellaneous**
 - Arriving tomorrow, December 5th, from Vermeer (\$21,000 trade on chipper) with purchase of new 38 hp Kohler gas EFI engine, 500 gallon spoil capacity, 1000 CFM Vacuum pump with final price of \$46,673
 - Need to start allocating ARPA funds before we lose them
 - Clean burn waste oil heater said to wait until April, furnaces will be on sale
 - Start looking for a bucket truck

After some discussion, **Terre Moma made a motion to approve Goeckner for \$9,700 to repair the rock filters at the Sewer Plant. Phil Jacobs seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.**

Jeannette Crackel asked about **fixing potholes** on Brown and Dunbar and fixing the asphalt around manhole covers on Seiberling that are deteriorating. Scott explained that all road work adjacent to the Watermain project is being delayed until after the Watermain project is completed due to additional road repairs that will be necessary at that time.

Building Permits: None in November

Police Chief Chad Lamb Police Report: Chief Chad Lamb presented a written Shift Detail Report breaking down the department's activity for the months of November with a total of 268 hours

	Village of Blue Mound	City of Macon
Patrolling:	101 hrs. + 30 in-office hrs	98 hrs
Complaints:	7 ea.	11 ea.
Ordinance Violations:	0 ea	0 ea

During the month of November, there were 14 traffic stops, 2 police assists, and 30 hours on administrative duties including writing reports. Chief Lamb met with his committee and provided a shift schedule for December to them.

- Officer Kater was off 7 days due to emergency surgery.
- A couple training days scheduled for December
- The Village will be covered for New Years Eve.
- The Village Police Department has donated \$300 toward the Shop with a Cop event and will be taking a couple local children to the Shelbyville Wal-Mart for the shopping spree. Timi's Tours has donated they bus to transport about 100 families for the event.

Kerrigan True who resides on Dunbar has had encounters with unleashed dogs in her neighborhood causing her unwanted anxiety. One of the animals exhibited threatening behavior with hair standing up and showing its teeth. The other has not been wandering since Chief Lamb talked to the owner. Chief Lamb said he would talk to the owner of the offending animal. The process starts with a warning, followed by fines if the matter is not resolved, and eventually the animal could be removed if considered a nuisance or vicious. The latter would be the last resort.

Attorney Amber Gedding provided Amended Ordinance number 5 regarding the removal of 'grass or weeds' in the definition of Landscape Waste and adding 'grass or weeds' to the definition of Agricultural Waste. The Amended Ordinance will become effective January 8th, 2024.

- The Village has received approval to tear down the empty house on 401 West North due to the crumbling foundation and overall hazard. A couple bids have been received. Phil Jacobs suggested obtaining another bid from Anderson from Decatur.
- A Notice to Abate has been sent to Shamsheer regarding the deteriorating condition of P & G.

New Business: None

Old Business: The billed water and the metered water for the trailer park continues to be off by hundreds of thousands of gallons. The Public Works department has been replacing meters and attempting to track down the leak without success. At this point, it is decided to send the trailer park a bill for the difference in water usage and let them figure out the cause of the disparity. A verbal notice will be given immediately followed by a written letter.

At 7:08 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 January 8, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Approved:

Scott Younger, Village President

Diana Kupish, Village Secretary