

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

REGULAR MEETING
July 13, 2026

The Board of Trustees met in Regular Session on Monday, July 13, 2026, 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: Rick Moma, Jeanette Crackel, Jeffery Reed Jr, Phil Jacobs, Terre Moma & Ross Carls
Absent: Katie Nashland
President: Scott Younger
Employees: Chadd Peden & Mackenzie Reed
Attorney: Andy Bourey
Engineer: Mark Bingham with Bingham & Associates
Visitors: Margaret Sandburg, Tiffany Childers and Angie Ervin

After the meeting was called to order and attendance recorded, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comments:

- Carson Price with Globe Life Liberty National Division was going to come to the meeting to discuss no cost life and health supplements for employees but she had a family emergency and was unable to attend the meeting. Carson would still like to meet with the Village at a later date.
- Angie Ervin – No public comments but turned in a FOIA request.
- Tiffany Childers – She was wondering when the work is going to start in front of her house. The board told her that we would look into when that would be starting and get back with her.

Minutes were distributed and reviewed for the Regular Meeting held on June 8, 2026. **Rick Moma made a motion to accept the Minutes as presented. Jeffery Reed Jr. seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.**

Treasurers Report:

- Mackenzie provided the monthly budget report and transaction detail report for May 2026 and June 2026.
- Mackenzie advised that we did not charge late charges or send the late notices to customers for the bill due 6/15/26 due to the tornado/power outage. However, Mackenzie and Anjolee still ran the late list and called everyone on the list and made sure their bill got paid.
- As of 7/13/2026, 169 accounts are enrolled in eBilling and 54 accounts are signed up for Auto Pay.
- The Audit for the Fiscal Year ending 4/2024 has been completed by Mike Coffman and a copy of the Annual Financial Report was given to each board member.

- (3) Building Permits were issued in June 2026:
 - Leon Kallenbach – New Building = \$170.00
 - Tom Sargeant – Enclosed Porch - \$25.00
 - Tom Sargeant – New Fence - \$25.00
- TOTAL= \$220.00**

At 6:17 p.m. Ross Carls made a motion to adjourn the meeting and go into Executive Session. Terre Moma seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes. The meeting adjourned and all employees and visitors left the room except for Mackenzie Reed and Attorney Andy Bourey.

At 6:32 PM Phil Jacobs made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session Meeting and enter back into the Regular Session Meeting. Terre Moma seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes. All employees and visitors re-entered the room.

Charlie Stickel passed his Class B test for his water license. Board discussed his pay raise due to passing his test. Terre Moma made a motion to accept Charlie's raise. Jeanette Crackel seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.

- Scott Myers, our current water operator, has already been paid for July. Now that Charlie is licensed, we need to see when we can end the contract with Scott Myers.

Engineers Report – Mark Bingham:

- Mark advised that we received bids for the Route 48 Fire Hydrant Removal Project. Petersburg Plumbing & Excavating came in with the lowest bid, which was \$39,986.00. **Rick Moma made a motion to accept the lowest bid of \$39,986.00 for the Route 48 Fire Hydrant Removal Project from Petersburg Plumbing & Excavating as presented. Phil Jacobs seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.**
- Permit will be issued on August 1, 2026. No parking on both sides of Route 48 during this project. Anticipating this project to only take a few days and they are anticipating starting sometime in August/September of 2026. Petersburg Plumbing & Excavating will be responsible for traffic control.
- The Village will have to try to locate the water main as best as they can and they will have to sample when the project is completed.

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

- June Projects:
 - 6/9/2026-6/11/2026 - Trimmed Trees
 - 6/12/2026 – Storm Clean-Up
 - 6/15/2026-6/16/2026 – Worked for Township, Trimmed Trees & Picked Up Limbs
 - 6/17/2026 – Mowed & Picked Up Limbs/Storm Clearing
 - 6/18/2026-6/19/2026 – Storm Clean-Up with Help
 - 6/22/2026 – Picked Up Brush

- 6/23/2026-6/24/2026 – Worked for Township, Picked Up Brush & Mowed
- 6/25/2026 – Picked Up Brush
- 6/26/2026 – Cleaned Brine Discharge Tank & Picked Up Brush
- 6/29/2026 – Picked Up Brush
- 6/30/2026 – Mowed & Picked Up Brush
- 7/1/2026 – Mowed Sewer Plant
- 7/2/2026 – Worked on Burn Pile, Lunch with Township, Got Parts in Decatur
- 7/7/2026 – Picked Up Brush, Replaced Stop Signs on High & Saint Marie, Burn Pile, Intergovernmental Agreement.
- 7/8/2026 – Worked on Brine Pit, Samples & Mowed
- 7/9/2026 – Mowed
- 7/10/2026 – Mowed & Picked Up Brush
- July Projects:
 - Change Non-Working Meters
 - Locate and GIS Valves and Services
 - Valves in Streets
 - GIS
 - Help Monte with Ditch on Saint Marie
- Misc:
 - Working with Mark Bingham for Water Plant Grant
 - Working with Mark Bingham on Sewer Plant Lift Station
 - Discuss Replacing 2021 Ford Service Truck (Water Dept.) – truck has an engine tick and ball joint noise.
 - Look at buying Jetter or JLG.
- Chadd presented the tree bids that were received to take down (22) trees located in the Village. The board decided to table until the August 2026 meeting. Mackenzie mentioned that it would be in the Village's best interest to get a certificate of insurance from whoever the board picks to do the work naming the Village as additional insured on a primary & non-contributory basis and a waiver of subrogation. The bids we received are below:
 - Adams Lawn & Tree Maintenance = \$4,800.00/8 Hour Daily Rate – includes a (3) man crew, 70 ft Spider Lift, 70 ft Crane, Tractor w/ Grapple, Truck w/ Dump Trailer, Chipper Truck and 12 Inch Chipper. They will cut trees down, clean-up and take to the Village's burn pile.
 - Sky's The Limit Tree Service, Inc. = \$5,000.00/Daily Rate – includes all Equipment, Crane w/ Operator, Bucket w/ Operator, Loader Truck w/ Operator and Stump Grinder w/ Operator. Debris will be dumped at the Village's burn pile.
 - Lufkin Environmental - Grand Total Tree Work = \$20,650.00 / Optional Stump Grinding & Backfill Hole Additional \$4,500.00 – Includes removal & clean-up of (22) trees
 - A-1 Tree Care = \$3,500.00/Daily Rate

- Storm clean-up is still ongoing. Other towns came to assist with the initial clean-up and they are listed below:
 - Pleasant View Township
 - Blue Mound Township
 - South Macon Township
 - Village of Moweaqua
 - Village of Stonington
- Chadd advised that he will probably be doing Leon Kallenbach's culvert sometime in September 2026. Chadd talked to Leon and told him he was going to wait until the building is up.
- CB Radios – Jeff Reed, Road Commissioner of the Pleasant View Township provided a quote for CB Radios. Chadd said they would be beneficial to have, especially during storm clean-up, regular routine brush pick up, etc. During the storm clean-up all the other towns were able to easily communicate with each other over their CB Radios, but in order to reach our guys they had to call by cell and the service is not always great in Blue Mound.
 - Radio = \$325.00
 - Antenna & Mounting Bracket= \$75.00
 - FCC Charge will not apply because the guys can use Pleasant View Townships which will allow them to communicate with each other, Pleasant View Township, South Macon Township, and Blue Mound Township.

Jeffery Reed Jr. made a motion to purchase CB Radios in all (4) public works vehicles. Phil Jacobs seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.

Police Report: a written Shift Detail Report was distributed by Chief Lamb showing 216.33 hours for June 2026.

Village of Blue Mound

Patrolling: 140.4 hrs. + 23.1 in-office hrs

Complaints: 15 ea. Police Complaints & 1 Civil Complaint

During the month of June, there were 11 Traffic Stops, 1 Motorist Assist, 1 Traffic Crash, 8 Out of Service, 1 Police Assist/Another Agency, 2 Follow Up Investigations, 1 Medical Call EMS/Assist, 1 Pedestrian Stop, 2 Serve Storm Spotters/Weather, 2 Special Police Detail, and 22 Stationary Radar/Village Limits.

- Chief mentioned that there are quite a few residents in town with tall grass and he has not had the chance to talk to all of them. His process is to 1st send them a notice to abate, 2nd is giving a fine, and the 3rd is having the Village mow the property and bill the resident for it.
- The board discussed Brad Damery not cleaning up his property anymore and mentioned taking him back to court if the clean-up does not progress.
- Old Emergency Vehicle Building on Route 48 – Chief has still been trying to make contact with the property owner regarding the property violations and has been unsuccessful reaching him.
- Caps Cars – Chief Lamb made contact regarding the tall grass and the owner had it mowed. However, it is already tall again.
- Chief asked if the State would handle the tall grass that is in the ditches as you are entering and leaving Blue Mound. Per Scott Younger, the State typically only mows a couple times a year.

- Fall Festival Road Closures – Blocks around the park that have been closed in past years:
 - Dunbar
 - College (200 Block)
 - Lincoln
- Fall Festival Color Run is 8/1/2026 at 8 am
- Parade is on 8/1/2026 and is still starting at the school.
- We are still doing temporary golf cart/utv permits for the Fall Festival and there is no charge.

Old Business:

- We previously increased the budget for Fiscal Year May 2026 – April 2027 to cover increasing the clerk Katie Nashland's pay from \$50/per meeting to \$100/per meeting. However, no one voted on it at the last meeting. **Phil Jacobs made a motion to increase the clerk's pay from \$50/per meeting to \$100/per meeting. Ross Carls seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.**
- River Coffee Company – Jeffery Reed Jr. said the Board is needing an update on the status of River Coffee Company's progress and stated that Aaron is needing to come to the August 2026 Board Meeting to request an extension for his TIF funds.

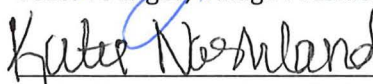
New Business:

- The thumbtack is starting to deteriorate and there are sharp edges and some graffiti. Margaret Sandburg said she would talk to her son to see if there is something that can be done to fix it.

At 7:26 p.m. Ross Carls made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Terre Moma seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes. The meeting adjourned

Approved:


 Scott Younger, Village President


 Katie Nashland, Village Clerk