

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

REGULAR MEETING  
July 7, 2025

The Board of Trustees met in Regular Session on Monday, July 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:       Jeff Reed Jr., Jeanette Crackel, Ross Carls, Terre Moma, and Phil Jacobs  
President:       Scott Younger  
Employees:     Chadd Peden, Chief Chad Lamb, Mackenzie Reed  
Attorney:       Andrew Bourey  
Visitors:       Wayne Wigginton  
Forensic Auditor: John Vander Burgh, CPA, CFE & Luke Vander Burgh

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 with Executive Session held on June 2, 2025. **Jeffery Reed Jr. made a motion to accept the Minutes as presented. Jeanette Crackel seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.**

**Treasurers Report** was presented by Mackenzie Reed. She provided a copy of each department's budget which shows what has been spent through June 2025 and how much is remaining of the budget. Mackenzie also provided a transaction detail report showing all transactions between 6/2/2025 – July 7, 2025, which was a total of \$276,589.16. There were (4) shut offs for non-payment on 6/4/2025 totaling \$140.00 in reconnect fees. There are currently (32) customers on the list for 7/9/2025 shut off date. Cash deposits for the month of June totaled \$9,053.50.

**Attorney Andy Bourey:**

- 101 S. Prairie - Brad Damery appeared in court on 6/24/2025. The judge gave an extension until 8/26/2025 to allow Brad additional time to make progress on the clean-up.
- 404 N. Railroad – Court date set for Jason Bliesner on 7/22/2025.
- 213 N. Railroad – Court date set for Eleanor Moma on 7/22/2025.
- 401 North Street - Susan Doyle – Foreclosure has been filed.
- Terre Moma & Phil Jacobs are on the Public Health & Safety Committee which assists Chief Chad Lamb with finding properties that may be in violation of the Village Ordinance's. Terre & Phil brought up the following:
  - Stated that there are (6) properties that are in violation of the Village Ordinance's and wanted to know what the next steps would be. Bourey said that the first step would be a Notice to Abate and the second step would be filing an ordinance violation.

- They also brought up Dustin Clark's property on College and his property on Burgess. The front door is still being left open and there are windows that are needing boarded up at his house on College. The house on Burgess has big piles of limbs on the back porch and the property is needing to be cleaned up. They asked what we can do about this. Bourey stated that we originally backed off on the property on College due to the Board not thinking we had much of a case.
- Chief Chad Lamb advised Terre & Phil to give him a list of the properties, and he will send a letter to make initial contact with the resident.
- The Board discussed having Bourey look into restructuring the fines to include attorney fees.
- It was also discussed how we should handle billing for properties that we are having to mow. The Board agreed that Chadd Peden should provide Mackenzie Reed with a list monthly of properties that the Village has had to mow and Mackenzie will be responsible for sending the homeowner's an invoice.

**Chastain Engineers** was not present.

- The board agrees to let Era Valdivia take care of issues that are needing fixed on the water tower project. Board agrees to pay a percentage to Era Valdivia until the issues are resolved. **Ross Carls made a motion to have Era Valdivia correct the issues with the water tower project and only pay them a percentage of the final amount due until the issues are resolved. Phil Jacobs seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.**
- Rajita sent over two disbursement requests that need signed:
  - EPA Loan Disbursement Request = \$225,436.90
  - ASAP Grant Disbursement Request #3 = \$58,793.00

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

- June Projects
  - 6/2:
    - (4) Shut Offs
    - Township total patched roads for Chadd
  - 6/5: Got bug sprayer calibrated
  - 6/7: Township hosted the township wide clean-up day that the Village helped with
  - 6/10: EPA Inspection
  - 6/12:
    - Signed with Vestis
    - Sprayed for bugs
  - 6/23: Trimmed trees off roadways
  - 6/26:
    - New meter pit on Goltra
    - Chadd worked for township oiling roads

- 6/30:
  - Worked roadway to bulk water
  - Mowed & Trimmed
  - Sprayed Weeds
- **July Projects**
  - 7/3: Sprayed for bugs
  - Work on culverts on West Street, Lewis Street & College Street – Per Scott, Shannon Housers culvert will need to be replaced NOT repaired
  - Replace non-advancing meters
  - Install offset on bulk water
  - Work on shop
  - Install new meter pits
  - Put meter on trailer #48
  - Spray weeds
  - Work alleys
  - Due to P&G planning to re-open, the main located at the exit of the bank drive thru is needing fixed and is scheduled for 7/14. The bank is aware of the work that will be taking place.
- **Miscellaneous**
  - Start summer hours
  - Working with Mark Bingham on the sewer plant and lift station #2
  - Looking for ways to build a water plant, ours is getting bad
  - F250 & Bucket Truck sold for a total of \$4,519.00 – Ross & Jeffery agreed to put this money into Miscellaneous for Streets.
  - Chadd asked for permission to sign up for a couple auction sites to see if there is any equipment for sale that might be useful for the Village. The board approved for Chadd to sign up, but Chadd will need approval from one of the board members prior to bidding on anything. The board also mentioned setting a limit for a maximum bid.
  - Trailer Park Master Meter – Need to have Nick with Midwest Meter re-verify.

**Building Permits: None**

**Police Report:** a written Shift Detail Report distributed showing 310.42 hours for June:

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Patrolling: 170.07 hrs. + 72.77 in-office hrs  
Complaints : 4 ea.  
Ordinance Violations: 0 ea.  
Training : 0 hrs.

**During the month of June**, there was 1 domestic disputes, 14 traffic stops, 5 motorist assists, 1 traffic crash, 8 out of service, 8 police assist, 2 arrest subject, 1 mental illness, 4 wanted person, 8 follow-up investigations, 1 pedestrian stop, Stationary Radar 10 entries (6.15 hrs), and 2 check welfare/individuals.

- July Schedule: Vacation 21<sup>st</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>
- Per Chief, they had a good holiday for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July – No Complaints
- Tornado siren not working – Vendor coming to access/fix on 7/8/2025. Batteries were just changed in March or April 2025.
- Complaint received regarding the pool at Chris Millers property located at 114 N. Saint Marie attracting mosquitos and frogs. Dead birds have also been found in the alley which may or may not be related to this issue. Chris stated that he has been treating the pool, but it does not appear to be treated. Macon Mosquito Abatement District stated that they do not handle our area because we do not have a contract with them. Chief will be sending a letter to Chris, and if nothing is done, we will revisit.
- Received a \$5,000.00 Safety 1<sup>st</sup> Grant from Norfolk Southern that is offered to first responders.
- We received the 1<sup>st</sup> new squad car last week and they are still working on the 2<sup>nd</sup> new squad car, which should be in by the end of July.

#### **New Business:**

- Mackenzie Reed brought up a complaint made by Carolyn Clark regarding the bushes located by the welcome sign as you are coming into town on 48 by Legacy Grain. Carolyn stated that when you are in a car turning left onto 48 from Blue Mound Road the bushes make it hard to see oncoming traffic. Mackenzie mentioned that Greg Mathias has been taking care of that property and has trimmed the bushes, but it is still difficult to see. Scott said he would talk to Greg to see if he can trim the bushes back more, but we also discussed restructuring that area.
- The property located at 305 N. Lewis has bushes getting out of hand. Scott is going to have it surveyed to see if the bushes are on the homeowners property or our property.
- Flushing Hydrants – need to remind the Fire Department to let us know when they are opening/flushing any hydrants.
- Kenny Ervin requested to have the Village run the grader through the alley behind the Village Office. Per the board, we will not be maintaining since it is private property. He will need to contact Legacy Grain regarding this matter.
- A potential new tenant for the restaurant contacted Scott with inquiries about having gaming and alcohol. Liquor License is available.
- On 6/27/2025 Scott attended a meeting in Taylorville with Sharpsburg and will be meeting again on 7/16/2025 at 1pm at our office with Sharpsburg, Mark Bingham, and Charlie to see about the feasibility to tie into Sharpsburg/Stonington water.

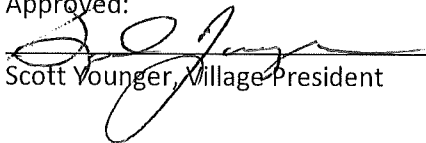
#### **Old Business**

- Late Fees – the board previously agreed to have all late fees increased to a flat \$10.00. Mackenzie advised that the notice has not gone out to the customers yet but will this month.
- Mackenzie advised that Auditor Michael Coffman, has been contacted and she will be following up this month to see what is needed to complete the audits.

**At 7:38 p.m. Jeffery Reed Jr. made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting. Ross Carls seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes. The meeting adjourned all employees & visitors left the room except for Mackenzie Reed, Chief Chad Lamb, John Vander Burgh, and Luke Vander Burgh.**

The next **Regular Board Meeting** will be Monday, August 4, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Approved:

  
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Scott Younger, Village President

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Mackenzie Reed, Village Secretary