

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

REGULAR MEETING  
March 4, 2024

The Board of Trustees met in Regular Session on Monday, March 4, 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: Jenny Prasun, Charlie Stickel, Chief Chad Lamb,  
Attorney: Andy Bourey  
Engineer: Mark Bingham, Rajita Singhal, Tiffany Childers

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 February 5, 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. **Rick Moma made a motion to accept the Bills. Terre Moma seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.**

#### **Attorney Andy Bourey**

- **A motion to dismiss has been entered for Tim Stisko** who has been served and has since moved. However, the property has been cleaned up.
- **Brad Damery** was served with a Notice to Abate with a 7 day notice to respond. Chief Lamb also served Mr. Damery with an Ordinance Violation giving him until March 18<sup>th</sup> to clean the area. The later date will prevail.
- **P & G tanks** are in violation of state requirements with at least three tanks that need to be removed. James Bentley from the State of Illinois is leading the effort to have the area brought into compliance. Attorney Bourey will contact Mr. Bentley to obtain the exact violation.

#### **Mark Bingham of Bingham Engineering:**

- MFT map for rock and oil of Village streets with a projected cost of \$300,000. **Rick Moma made a motion to accept the Resolution for Maintenance under the Illinois Highway Code for the rock and oil Village streets project. Phil Jacobs seconded the motion. In a Roll Call vote the following Board Members voted in the affirmative: Jeff Reed Jr., Jeanette Crackel, Rick Moma, Ross Carls, Terre Moma, and Phil Jacobs. The motion carried with unanimous consent.**
- **Maintenance Engineering to be Performed by a Consulting Engineer** with a base fee of \$1,250. **Phil Jacobs made a motion to accept the Maintenance Engineering to be Performed by a**

Consulting Engineer as presented. Rick Moma seconded the motion. In a Roll Call vote the following Board Members voted in the affirmative: Jeff Reed Jr., Jeanette Crackel, Rick Moma, Ross Carls, Terre Moma, and Phil Jacobs. The motion carried with unanimous consent.

- **IEPA Pump Station Permit** has been received. The work to replace the rock bed and dams is planned to begin on Thursday, March 7, 2024.

**Chastain & Associates LLC Consulting Engineers:** represented by Rajita Singhal

- Era-Valdivia Contractors submitted the lowest bid for the Water Tower Rehabilitation project in the amount of \$431,500 bringing the anticipated total cost of the project to \$536,651. **Rick Moma made a motion to accept the bid of \$431,500 from Era-Valdivia Contractors for the Water Tower Rehabilitation project with the anticipated total cost of the project of \$536,651. Ross Carls seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.**
- Osage Nation from Oklahoma has not provided information to allow the watermain project to proceed. The IEPA Loan will not be approved without the additional approval of the Osage Nation which brings the project to an impasse. It is unclear what additional proof the Osage Nation would need to substantiate the area is previously disturbed ground. (Jenny Prasun provided a survey book dated October 20, 1912 by Charles E Bradley, as well as a survey map from that era that Rajita Singhal will scan and return. Attorney Bourey can request any and all records on gas, electrical, sewer and water.)

**Treasurer's Report** was submitted in writing. Jenny Prasun informed the Board that the Village has 38 shut offs on Wednesday, March 6th. The trailer park received 17,000 gallons more than amount billed to residents. Four meters are not reading. One trailer was billed 112,000 gallons indicating a serious leak that the tenant admitted to knowing about yet did not report it. The owners of the trailer park are being billed the difference between the amount delivered to the park and the amount billed to the tenants.

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

- **February Projects**
  - Work at trailer park (4 leaks & installed meter pits on a few trailers)
  - 10 shut offs
  - Cleaned and reorganized shop
  - Charlie went to water conference took two tests (D & C)
  - Removed a total of 8 beaver dams (now its flowing good)
  - Locate for CTI and METRO
  - Main break on N Sunnyside
  - Fixed chlorine gas system 3 times in February – added a new style check valve & rotometer
  - Brush pick up
  - Bulk water spout broke twice in February
  - Well #3 very broken – haven't made parts since 1993
  - Quote on new pump & motor (need new pit, motor, & pump)

Phil Jacobs made a motion to accept the bid by Municipal Well & Pump for a total of \$53,690 dated February 26, 2024. Terre Moma seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.

- **March Projects** (Tentatively)
  - Work on Sewer lagoon finish ponds
  - Change out manual read meters for new digital ones
  - Clean and organize the Water plant office
  - Look into CTI & METRO for internet and phones at the Water plant, Village Hall, and Shop
  - Remove Christmas lights
  - Clean and organize the Water Plant office
  - Looking into CTI and METRO for internet and phones at Water Plant, Village Hall, and shop
    - Want internet at the shop to install outdoor cameras
- **Miscellaneous**
  - Working with Mark Bingham on the Sewer Plant and lift station #2
  - Jeff Reed bid a new truck for the township and said we can jump on his bid (\$54k)
    - Need a plow before next winter which is an additional \$8500
  - Need to start allocating ARPA funds (\$75,000) before we lose them (Infrastructure projects only – earmark for well & pump)
  - Clean burn waste oil heater said to wait until April, furnaces will go on sale.
  - Continue looking for a bucket truck

**Building Permits: One** in February

Madison Craig @ 410 Territim Dr - concrete driveway

**Police Report:** a written Shift Detail Report distributed showing 339 hours in February.

	<b>Village of Blue Mound</b>	<b>City of Macon</b>
Patrolling:	115 hrs. + 48 in-office hrs	118 hrs
Complaints:	6 ea.	8 ea.
Ordinance Violations:	2 ea	0 ea

**During the month of February**, there were 39 traffic stops, 2 traffic crashes, 3 domestic dispute/violence, 4 police assists, 2 special police details, 1 medical/EMS Assist, 1 welfare check, 1 death investigation, and 48 hours on administrative duties including writing reports. Chief Lamb met with his committee and provided a shift schedule for February to them.

- ILEA Conference in Champaign on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>
- Hired part-time Officer Corban Winans with 46 hours scheduled for March
- Street Signs were counted and can be replaced for \$350 per sign
- Inquiries regarding the red & white dirt bike speeding around the Village

**New Business: None**

**Old Business:**

- **Demolition of the house at 401 W North** owned by Susan Doyle were opened for bids. The Village received two: Hutchens for \$12,000 & A & R for \$11,000. Jeff was approached by Brett Stock who indicated the BM Fire Dept would be able to use the house for training which would take about 2 weeks to destroy the building to the point of becoming rubble for dumpster removal. If the Village is to go in that direction, Attorney Bourey would need to be consulted for the question of liability. **Jeannette Crackel made a motion to hire A & R to demolish the house in the amount of \$11,000. Rick Moma seconded the motion. The motion received 3 'Aye' votes and 3 'Nay' votes. Village President, Scott Younger, broke the tie by voting 'Aye' to accept the A & R bid to demolish the house.**

**At 7:53 p.m., Rick Moma made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Terre Moma seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes. The meeting adjourned.**

The next **Regular Board Meeting** will be Monday April 1, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Approved:

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Scott Younger, Village President

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Diana Kupish, Village Secretary