

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

REGULAR MEETING
March 9, 2026

The Board of Trustees met in Regular Session on Monday, March 9, 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, Jeff Reed Jr, Phil Jacob's, Terre Moma, Ross Carls
Absent:
President: Scott Younger
Employees: Chadd Peden, Mackenzie Reed, Katie Nashland
Attorney: Andy Bourey

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

Public Comments: None

Minutes were distributed and reviewed for the Regular Meeting held on February 2, 2026. **Jeff Reed Jr made a motion to accept the Minutes as presented. Ross Carls seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.**

Treasurers Report:

- Mackenzie presented the General Fund Transaction Detail report, the General/Office Working budget, the Water Working budget, the Sewer Working budget, the Streets Working budget, and the Police Working budget. Terre Moma made a motion to accept these budgets as presented. Jeff Reed Junior seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.
- The village still needs to split the power meter between the village office and the old Dippin Merv's. Scott will call an electrician and get three bids.
- Mackenzie brought up the village's Solicitors Permit Ordinance. The village is to refund \$10 of the deposit once the solicitors are done. At the time, either the office is closed or they do not come back for it. Mackenzie brought the idea to the board of removing the refund policy at this time. The board decided not to remove it yet.
- Mackenzie, also let the board know that Community Solar is going around the village to see if residents want to subscribe to a savings program and they requested the village waive the solicitors fee. The board said no. They must still pay this fee.
- Mackenzie let the board know that she continues to get calls regarding the trees on the boulevard. Residents want to know who is responsible for trimming these trees- the village or the homeowner? According to Scott, the village is responsible for trimming these tree trees. The current ordinance is unclear and Andy is going to review this and get back to the board.

Attorney Andy Bourey

Andy presented the board with the new food truck permit.

- **Ordinance #358.** Mobile Food Units, Temporary Vendor Stands, and Food and Beverage Carts.
- A license to operate is \$50 per year from January 1 to December 31. Should a license be issued after August 15, it will be \$25 for the remainder of the year. Fines will be issued if a license is not acquired and the fee is not paid.
- **Rick Moma made a motion to accept the Ordinance as presented. Terre Moma seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.**

Engineers

- The board was presented with **Resolution #357.** Resolution Authorizing an Application to U.S. Congresswoman Mary Miller for Community Project Funding.
 - The village applied for an \$8 million grant.
 - This grant is 1 1/2 to 2 years away from being passed out of Congress.
 - **Phil Jacob's made a motion to accept the Resolution as presented. Terre Moma seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.**
- The village has an outstanding bill due to Chastain in the amount of \$1591.17. **Ross Carls made a motion to pass the IEPA Loan Project Closeout Documents. Rick Moma seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.**
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Public Works - Water/Sewer Report – presented by Chadd

Chadd provided a copy of the current budget and water report for February.

- **February Projects**
 - Removed the beaver dam from discharge creek
 - 2/17 through 2/19, Charlie was at a water conference in Effingham
 - Serviced the F-350
 - The plant had low pressure due to nitrate, regeneration being stuck open
 - They worked on the burn pile and dirt piles at the sewer plant
 - Worked on the brine system
 - Worked on the valve by tracks by the elevator
 - They toured Assumptions new water plant
 - Jenners picked up the mowers for spring service and returned them
 - They located and ran water reports on possible leaks
 - The sump pump quit and they replaced in brine discharge tank
 - They located water services for Saint Marie in College streets
 - They found a valve for the old school

- o Cut and capped water service to the old school
- **March Projects**
 - o Change non-working meters
 - o Locate the GIS valves and services
 - o Awaiting the arrival for VFD well pump
 - o Meeting with Midwest meter to set up the new tablet
- **Miscellaneous**
 - o Dealing with Mark for water plant grant
 - o Working with Mark on sewer plant lift station
 - o Lead service line inventory
 - o Work on 2026/2027 budget
 - o NPDES permit renewal application has been submitted

Police Report: a written Shift Detail Report distributed showing 267 hours for February.

Village of Blue Mound

Patrolling: 69 hrs. + 18 in-office hrs
 Complaints : 17 ea.
 Ordinance Violations: 0 ea.
 Training : 2 hrs.

During the month of February, there were 11 traffic stops, 5 out of service, 6 follow up investigations, 16 stationary radar/village limits, 1 domestic dispute/violence/trouble, and 1 arrest subject.

Old Business:

- Went over the contract for the TIF for Greg Thiele. This is found in **Resolution # 353**.
 - o The board approved \$50,000.
 - o Greg provided invoices for work done, and he will be reimbursed.
- The board went over Luka's Popcorn Project Proposal from Moran Economic Development.
 - o The Lukas requested \$75,000 and that matches Moran's recommendation.
 - o The board approves \$50,000 split in two payments.
 - They must supply invoices for reimbursement
 - If they provide an invoice for \$50,000 at once, they can be reimbursed to the full amount.
 - o They must also remain open for five years.
- **Jeanette Crackel made a motion to accept the TIF agreement for Lukas Popcorn as presented. Rick Moma seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.**

New Business :

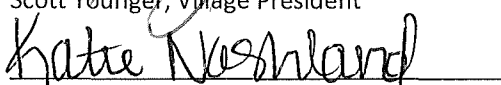
- Blake Noland wants to replace concrete on the property at 112 Lewis St. He got a quote from Nathan True for \$14,000. He also wants culvert work done on Lewis Street across from the Church of God along his three houses Scott will meet with him.
- Leon Kallenbach wants the building where the fire trucks are on the south of town. He was told no. Leon now wants to knock down his garage and build a shed. The board will talk about it in the April meeting for board approval.
- The board started the process for making amendments to the Employee Handbook.
 - Currently, the handbook states there are mid-year evaluations as well as annual evaluations. These evaluations determine the employees raises. The board elected to amend the evaluations to just an annual. Part B in the handbook #3 and 4 were removed.
 - Part C of the handbook regarding benefits, numbers 2 and 3 were removed.
 - Part J number 7, maintenance employees do not work a 40 hour work week due to being on-call on the weekends. They currently work 37.5 hours Chadd suggested they become salaried at 40 hours with on-call weekends being overtime.
 - The board will complete amending the handbook during the budget meeting.
- May 2026 to April 2027 budget meeting is scheduled for March 23, 2026 at 6 PM.

At 8:27 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