

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

REGULAR MEETING
September 11, 2023

The Board of Trustees met in Regular Session on Monday, September 11, 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: Charlie Stickel, Jenny Prasun, and Chief Chad Lamb
Attorney: Andy Bourey
Visitor: Alice Reed and Jodi 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 August 7, 2023. **Rick Moma made a motion to accept the Minutes as presented. Jeff Reed Jr. seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.**

Bills were presented. A payment of \$130,000 to Martin Equipment was listed as well as a receipt of \$100,000 as a backhoe loan. The \$30,000 balance came out of the Streets account. **Rick Moma made a motion to accept the Bills. Ross Carls seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.**

Treasurer's Report was submitted in writing. The Village received 2nd installment of 2023 Macon Country Taxes of \$6340.37 (which included those who paid late). Water shut-offs were delayed until the second week of September due to road construction.

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

- **August Projects:**
 - Sprayed for bugs for Fall Festival
 - Fixed water service at Macon Metal Building
 - Plumber hit second service at Macon Metal Building, Charlie called to repair
 - Flat tire on both trucks
 - Water Plant control malfunction and pressure switch stuck/boil order
 - Oil change on service truck
 - Service line leak at Water Plant/Macon came with hydro vac to help
 - Rebuild brine system in Water Plant
 - Service Leak at 10131 Kossieck Rd/ Macon came with hydro vac to help
 - Service Line leak at Spiker x 2 on Lewis/ Stonington brought hydro vac to help 2nd time
 - Need to decide on 7 acres at Sewer Plant
 - Received backhoe

- Received over 300 trucks of millings with the township/piled on township lot
- mowed, weed-eat, and sprayed
- Plow for service truck is \$8177 installed / for new Ford
- Received new mower / still waiting on airless tires
- **September Projects (Tentatively)**
 - Fix lift station #1 Vandeventer
 - Working with Scott at Rural Water for oxygenator for Sewer Plant discharge
 - Working on plumbing for second blower at sewer plant
 - Working with Scott from Rural Water on doing our own DO sampling and paperwork for EPA
 - Fix meters in Water Plant when parts come in
 - Working with Mark Bingham on the Sewer Plant and lift station #2
- **Miscellaneous**
 - Start looking for a bucket truck?
 - Start looking for a hydro excavator on trailer?

Terre Moma made a motion to purchase the plow for the service truck for \$8177 installed. Phil Jacobs seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.

Building Permits: None in August

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 August with a total of 399 hours

	Village of Blue Mound	City of Macon
Patrolling:	124 hrs. + 56 in-office hrs	163 hrs
Complaints:	8 ea.	6 ea.
Ordinance Violations:	1 ea	4 ea

During the month of August, there were 44 traffic stops, 3 traffic accidents, 1 motorist assist, 4 police assists, 1 domestic dispute, 2 preserve the peace property exchange, 2 welfare checks, 3 follow up investigation, 4 special police detail, and 56 hours on administrative duties including writing reports. Chief Lamb met with his committee and provided a shift schedule for August to them.

- No training scheduled for August
- Officer Kater is on vacation; Officer Russell will be back soon.
- Property at 101 Prairie is improving.
- Property at 210 E Seiberling served with fines and notice to abate. Not mowing back yard. Scott Younger will take care of the matter.

Attorney Andy Bourey has been working with engineers on ordinances.

New Business:

- **Blue Mound Park District** represented by Alice Reed and Jodi True, thanked the Village Board for the playground equipment.

- The park has had issues with **pet owners not cleaning up after their dogs**. Asking if the Village has an ordinance on the matter, Andy Bourey said the State ordinance section 510:ILCS 5/1-35 states the requirements of dog owners to clean up after their pets whether on private or public property and failure to do so can result in substantial fines. Chief Lamb and Attorney Bourey will check on inducements. The offending individuals have been contacted but not influenced to be responsible. The park will look into getting a pet waste bag dispenser for the park.
- **Pool update:** The pump has been removed and has been taken to Bodine to diagnose and provide an estimate. If the pump is not the issue, the floor of the pool may need to be dug out. Either way, the Park Board is running at a deficit, and the cost of the repairs is beyond the funds available. Previously, the community came up with the funds to make repairs. The Park District will keep the Village Board informed.

Old Business:

- **Chastain will reach out for bids for the water tower project (repainting).** Labor is now available so it is possible to get the work done in 2024. They will also rebid the watermain project down Seiberling and Sunnyside.
- **Safe Side Walks Project** was previously put on hold due to the number of trees that would need to be taken down in order to proceed with their plan. The sidewalks need to be 5 ft. wide to be in ADA compliance (to accommodate wheelchairs). The project now offers 100% federal grant.
- **Path to Dollar General** has been started by Jeff Reed Jr. by grating, spraying, and mowing easement. Most residents and businesses along the way are being cooperative. One resident has not responded to his numerous requests.
- **Solar Farm** idea was taken to the owner of the 7 acres near the water treatment plant. He wants to discuss it with family.
- **P & G** owner Samsheer has not been contacted yet.

At 6:48 p.m. Jeff Reed Jr. made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jeanette Crackel seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes. The meeting adjourned.

The next **Regular Board Meeting** will be Monday October 2, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Approved:

Scott Younger, Village President

Diana Kupish, Village Secretary