

STATE OF ILLINOIS	)	REGULAR MEETING & EXECUTIVE SESSION
COUNTY OF MACON	)	October 13, 2025
VILLAGE OF BLUE MOUND	)	

The Board of Trustees met in Regular Session for the Year-end Meeting on Monday, October 13, 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:	Jeanette Crackel, Rick Moma, Phil Jacobs, Jeff Reed Jr., and Ross Carls
Absent:	Terre Moma
President:	Scott Younger
Employees:	Charlie Stickel, Chief Chad Lamb, Mackenzie Reed, Katie Nashland
Attorney:	Andrew Bourey
Visitors:	Greg Thiele, Margaret Sandberg, Bret Stocks, Angie Ervin

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

Public Comments

- Bret Stock was present to discuss Fall Fest scheduled for Sunday, October 26th. There will be hayrides to take people around to see the Halloween porch decor. Bret is wanting the board's approval to use "Thumbtack" park on Seiberling as a turnabout for the event. The board granted approval.
- Greg Thiele was present to discuss a TIF Grant for the building located at 213 N. Railroad Ave. Greg is requesting \$50,000 to be used for repairs and upgrades to the property. The south storefront will be occupied by the Blue Mound History Room. Greg's hope is that the north storefront will be used as a retail lease space. **Phil Jacobs made a motion to accept the request as presented. Rick Moma seconded the motion. The motion carried with 4 'Aye' votes and 1 non-vote.**
- Angie was present to get a finalized lease amount. She wants to make sure she is giving correct information to potential leases. Per Scott, this is being discussed in Executive Session tonight.

Old Business

- The Village is under contract for the purchase of the (2) lots next to Dippin Mervs. The title company needs proof that the Board voted on this purchase. **Phil Jacobs made a motion to purchase the (2) lots. Ross Carls seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.**

New Business

- Mike Tarczan is buying the lot next to the Village Office and is blocking it off.

Minutes were distributed and reviewed for the Regular Meeting held on September 8, 2025. **Rick Moma made a motion to accept the Minutes as presented. Jeff Reed Jr. seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.**

Treasurers Report was presented by **Mackenzie Reed** in writing indicating balances of each account, final total of bills that were paid in May 2025, and bills to be paid in June 2025. Mackenzie also informed the board of the following:

- Total cash deposits totaling \$3,955.50.
- 11 customers are scheduled for water shut off by 10/15 due to non-payment.
- 498 water bills due by 10/15, were sent out, totaling \$26,209.26.
- 1 building permits for September 2025, totaling \$80.00
- Mackenzie brought the Garbage Ordinance to the Boards attention. An issue came up when a household did not have trash pickup, so the Village had to pick up the garbage. **Ordinance #292** states that a household shall be required to have once per week garbage pickup. Andy Bourey is going to amend the 292 Ordinance to include abatement and cleaning issues. The Village will bill the homeowner \$100 per hour if the Village employees have to pickup the garbage.

Attorney Andy Bourey

- Brad Damery has a hearing scheduled for 11/18/25.
- Susan Doyle's property at 401 North St has a court date set for 10/29/25. Andy is filing a Motion for Default on the foreclosure property.
- Don Cisco has started to work on cleaning up his property.

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

- It was brought to the Boards attention that street signs are missing and need to be ordered and replaced. Chief Lamb also mentioned a project for the new year that includes cleaning up the signs around the Village, including replacing existing signs and adding new ones.
- **September Projects**
 - Brush Pickup
 - New decals were put on the trucks
 - Trimmed brush on the corner of Lewis and Burgess
 - Added enzymes to water plant
 - Read meters
 - Ran a new air line in the shop
 - Trash pickup at 101 N St Marie St
 - Fixed a clogged drain due to calcium buildup in the plant

- o Took the dump truck to Alpha Omega for tower paint removal quote. Alpha Omega quoted \$2,880.00 to remove the overspray from the cab and windshield and then to buff the entire cab after clean up.
- o New lights were installed in the water plant office
- o Fixed sidewalk on Lewis St
- o Clean and rebuild the softner #1 turbine
- o Patch crosswalk on High St
- o Locate for CTI and METRO
- **October Projects**
 - o Fix the broken shut off valve on Railroad Ave
 - o Replace non advancing meters
 - o Roof for water plant
 - o Village is looking into switching from gas chlorine to liquid chlorine. There are permits in process.
 - o Village is also looking into a new fluoride pump. The current one is outdated.
 - o Hydrant flushing will begin on Monday 10/27. The Village will put out a PSA to notify residents.
- **Miscellaneous**
 - o Working with Mark Bingham on the Sewer Plant and lift station #2
 - o Getting a quote on VFD system for well pumps.
 - o Start painting and restringing Christmas lights. The Village will order LED bulbs.
 - o On 10/16, there is a meeting scheduled with the Illiopolis Mayor and URWC to discuss emergency connection.

Police Report: a written Shift Detail Report distributed showing 304.37 hours for May.

Village of Blue Mound

Patrolling:	90 hrs. + 28 in-office hrs
Complaints :	6 ea.
Ordinance Violations:	7 ea.
Training :	7 hrs.

During the month of September, there were 25 traffic stops, 2 motorist assist, 1 traffic crash, 7 out of service, 2 follow-up investigations, 8 stationary radar/village limits, 5 Police Assist, 2 Check Welfare/individuals, and 3 preserve the peace.

- Chief Lamb stated there are a couple days of training scheduled.
- Reminded the Board that Halloween Trick-or-Treating hours are October 30th and 31st from 5pm-8pm.

- Chief Lamb discussed what the bids would start at for the old police cruisers. They are 2017 Ford Explorer Police Interceptors. They have about 140,000 miles on them. The equipment is removed, there are plastic backseats, and the seatbelts are not installed in the back, but Chad as them to give to the buyer. It was suggested to start the bidding at \$4,500.00, and bids will be accepted until 4:00 pm on December 1, 2025, and will be opened at the Board Meeting on December 1, 2025, at 6:00 pm.

At 7:15 p.m. Ross Carls made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Phil Jacobs seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes. The meeting adjourned

Village Employees left the room

At 7:15 p.m. Ross Carls made a motion to open an Executive Session to discuss the lease amount for Dippin Mervs. Phil Jacobs seconded the motion.

Dippin Mervs is located at 317 Railroad Ave. It was discussed that the monthly lease would be \$750.00/per month. This is to be re-evaluated after a year. The tenant will be responsible for fall repair and update costs. However, anyone who comes in to do any work on the building has to be approved by Scott. Power and water will be separate from the Village building. An electrician will split the power meters. The tenant will also have to prove proof of insurance for the interior of the building. Andy Bourey will draw up a lease.

7:32 p.m. Ross Carls made a motion to exit the Executive Session and return to the Regular Board Meeting. Jeff Reed Jr. seconded the motion.

7:32 p.m. Rick Moma made a motion to return to the Regular Board Meeting. Jeanette Crackel seconded the motion.

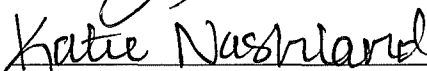
At 7:32 p.m., Phil Jacobs made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jeannette Crackel seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes. The meeting adjourned.

The next **Regular Board Meeting** will be Monday November 3, at 6:00 p.m.

Approved:



Scott Younger, Village President



Katie Nashland, Village Secretary