

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

REGULAR MEETING
May 5, 2025

The Board of Trustees met in Regular Session for the Year-end Meeting on Monday, May 5, 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, Terre Moma, Phil Jacobs, Jeff Reed Jr., and Ross Carls
President: Scott Younger
Employees: Charlie Stickel, Chadd Penden, Chief Chad Lamb, Mackenzie Reed, Katie Nashland
Attorney: Andrew Bourey
Visitors: Alice Reed and Tiffany Childers
Chastain Engineers: Rajita

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

Year-end Bills were presented to the Board for review. **Jeffery Reed Jr. made a motion to accept the Year-end bills as presented. Terre Moma seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.**

At 6:01 p.m. **Jeff Reed Jr. made a motion to adjourn the Year-end Meeting. Rick Moma seconded the motion the motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.**

The Board of Trustees opened the Regular Session on Monday, May 5, 2025, at 6:01 p.m. at the Village Hall. The meeting was called to order by President Scott Younger. Roll call indicated the following members present: Jeff Reed Jr., Ross Carls, Rick Moma, Terre Moma, Jeanette Crackel, and Phil Jacobs.

Minutes were distributed and reviewed for the Regular Meeting held on April 7, 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 to be paid in the amount of \$44,356.00 were presented to the Board members for their approval. **Jeff Reed Jr. made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Terre Moma 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 April 2025, and bills to be paid in May 2025. Mackenzie also informed the board of the following:

- Total cash deposits for the month of April 2025 totaled \$2,299.00
- 2 customers' water was shut off for the month of April 2025, due to non-payment of their water bill. A \$35.00 Reconnect Fee was applied to each of their accounts for a total amount of \$70.00.

- There were 500 water bills sent out that will be due on 5/15/2025, totalling \$25,982.53.
- Ordinance on late fees for the water bill was discussed and approved at a \$10.00 flat fee. This will take effect starting July 1st, 2025.
- Mackenzie did a demo with a new software company called Muni Building Software to see what it has to offer the community. It was a promising demonstration and Mackenzie is now waiting on firm pricing.

Attorney Andy Bourey

- The Brad Damery property is still not taken care of. Mr. Damery agreed to the time and the fine. Andy is going to file for a Petition of Contemp, set a date for the fine to be paid, and set another court date.
- The Cheri Engle property is making progress. It was agreed upon to extend her timeline and reassesses in 90 days.
- A notice was sent to abate to Rodney Stanfill for his property at 154 N. Railroad Ave. Rodney received that notice and work on the property has started.
- Susan Wareham property at 401 W North St has a lien on the property. The Village wants that property. Andy is going to file a petition to foreclose on the lien.
- A Notice to Abate was sent to the property of Eleanor Moma. Her son, Paul, is working on the property and stated the family would like to get rid of it. The Board made the decision to extend the discussion another 30 days.
- The Village has an ordinance regarding properties that are in violation of the Village Ordinance and allowing the Village to go on the property to mow. Charlie is going to provide Mackenzie with a list of properties that are being worked on so they can be billed monthly.

Chastain Engineers

- The second Change-Order was approved.
- Scott received a request for Advance of Reimbursement. Scott denied this until he can review it further.

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

- **April Projects**
 - April 14th: Added chemical to ped tower
 - April 15th: Worked on service at 317 E Lincoln
 - April 16th: 1st tower sample taken
 - April 16th: End date for Tower Rehab Contract
 - April 16th: Brush Pickup
 - April 17th: 2nd tower sample taken
 - April 23rd: Fixed service at 317 E Lincoln
 - April 25th: Meter Read day
 - April 25th: Tower is back in service, 9 days past the contract end date for \$750 a day
 - April 28th: Water service leak at 114 N St. Marie. Shut water service off a main
 - April 29th: GMC service

- o May 2nd: Had the service line replaced at 114 N St. Marie and added a meter outside with shutoff
- **May Projects (Tentatively)**
 - o Replace non-advancing meters
 - o Water Tower Rehab
 - o Clean and organize the Water plant office
 - o Work on shop
 - o Work on leg tower
 - o Put meter on Trailer 48
 - o Spray weeds
- **Miscellaneous**
 - o Working with Mark Bingham on the Sewer Plant and lift station #2
 - o Looking for ways to build a water plant; it is getting bad
 - o Contacted Cintas and Aramark for uniform bids

Police Report: a written Shift Detail Report distributed showing 296.10 hours in April.

Village of Blue Mound

Patrolling:	148.38 hrs. + 74.38 in-office hrs
Complaints :	15 ea.
Ordinance Violations:	1 ea.
Training :	8 hrs.

During the month of March, there was 33 traffic stops, 1 motorist assist, 1 traffic crash, 9 out of service, 5 police assist, 12 follow up investigations, 2 pedestrian stops, 1 special policy detail, 25 stationary radar/village limits, 3 welfare checks, 3 preserve the peace/ property exchange, and 1 civil complaint.

- Chief Lamb explained that Office Brooks will be on vacation from May 9th-May 15th and Chief Lamb will help cover
- Shifts will change once school is out
- Chief Lamb and Officer Brooks will be participating in a Special Olympics Fundraiser on May 16th at Dunkin Donuts. The Village made the suggestion to donate \$200.00 to the Special Olympics. **Phil Jacobs made a motion to accept the donation . Ross Carls seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.**
- Firearms Training was completed on May 3rd
- The Village Ordinance book is in draft status. Once complete, a hard copy version will be available, as well as a PDF version uploaded on the Blue Mound webpage.

New Business:

- Waiting on a bid to move the hydrant for the River Coffee Co.
- The Tiff application for the River Coffee Co. was approved for \$25,000 now, and it will be revisited at a later date. **Ross Carls made a motion to accept the Tiff approval as presented. Phil Jacobs seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.**
- The Village is going to place the bucket truck and the 4-wheel drive truck up for auction.
- Researching firms who can do the Audits for 2023/2024 and 2024/2025.

Budget:


- It was explained that the Village has too many banking accounts. It is suggested that the Village gets down to 1 banking account. **Jeff Reed Jr made a motion to accept the suggestion as presented. Phil Jacobs seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.**
- Separate debit cards are needed for Village Employees. It is estimated that will be possible by the end of the summer

Final Budget Meeting is scheduled for May 19th at 6:00 p.m.

At 9:45 p.m. Jeff Reed Jr 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, June 2, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Approved:



Scott Younger, Village President



Katie Nashland, Village Secretary