

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

REGULAR MEETING  
April 1, 2024

The Board of Trustees met in Regular Session on Monday, April 1, 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, Chadd Peden, Chief Chad Lamb,  
Attorney: Andy Bourey

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 March 4, 2024. **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. **Ross Carls 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.**
- **FOIA request** regarding P & G tanks has been submitted.
- **Brad Damery** was served with a Notice to Abate. He has partially cleaned up the boulevard but the yard is still a nuisance with an unfit structure on it and an accumulation of junk. Andy Bourey will file more notices as needed. The property is in Brad Damery's name.

**Chastain & Associates LLC Consulting Engineers** submitted a report in writing.

- Water Tower Project
  - CPF Grant: docs submitted to EPA, now with Grant Specialist for review. Submitted grant extension request with updated project schedule as recommended by EPA Project Officer.
  - IEPA Loan: All bid docs submitted. May take a month for review before issuing loan agreement. No timeline provided.
- Watermain Phase 2 Project
  - March 18<sup>th</sup> IEPA reached out to Osage Nation Historic Preservation Officer (HPO) concerning availability of their updated monitoring stipulations and inadvertent discoveries plan. They received an out-of-office message from Sarah O'Donnell,

who is understood to be the ONHPO archaeologist responsible for finalizing that plan. She was performing fieldwork throughout the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of March.

- IEPA followed up on March 28<sup>th</sup>. Luke Morris, the ONHPO archaeologist responsible for reviewing projects in Illinois, was copied on both emails. He is presently performing fieldwork, with an expected return to the office of Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. Considering that the HPO as well as the Archeologist are back in the office starting today, expect response in the next couple of weeks, if not sooner.
- Safe Routes to School
  - Project Development Report (PDR) underway. Will contact Village for survey coordination in the next few weeks.

**Treasurer's Report** was submitted in writing. Jenny Prasun informed the Board that the Village has 28 shut offs on Wednesday, April 10th. Usually, after most have paid the delinquent bill there are about 10 that get shut off.

**Public Works - Water/Sewer Report** – presented by Chadd Peden

- **March Projects**
  - Been cleaning out the back shed
  - Cleaning out the south side of the shop
  - Filled pot holes around town and focused on holes by mail boxes
  - Cleaned ditch from main break on N Sunnyside
  - Replaced a lot of hand reads with electronic reados
  - Locate for CTI and METRO
  - Disconnected water at 401 W North (Varvel house)
  - Service break at the green shed 315 N Goltra
  - Bulk water is back running again
  - Well #3 is very broken, haven't made parts since 1993
  - Rock filters at sewer plant are cleaned and operational again
    - Discharge line on north pond was blocked so it was jetted & viewed with camera.
    - It has been repaired and is fully operational
  - Would like to put a manhole on each discharge to make it serviceable in the future
    - Estimate from Nolen to extend standpipe 7 feet both sides \$19,640

**Terre Moma made a motion to accept the estimate by Nolen Services to install sewer pond outlet riser on both sides for a total of \$19,640. Phil Jacobs seconded the motion. The motion carried with unanimous approval.**

- **April 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
  - Work on Well #3

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Scott Younger, Village President

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Diana Kupish, Village Secretary