

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

REGULAR MEETING
August 7, 2023

The Board of Trustees met in Regular Session on Monday, July 10, 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., Rick Moma, Ross Carls, Terre Moma, and Phil Jacobs
Absent: Jeanette Crackel
President: Scott Younger
Employees: Chadd Peden, Charlie Stickel, Chief Chad Lamb and Jenny Prasun
Attorney: Andy Bourey
Visitor: Brett Stock

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 July 10, 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. **Terre Moma made a motion to accept the Bills. Phil Jacobs seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.**

Treasurer's Report was submitted in writing. Received 1st installment of 2023 Macon Country Taxes of \$69,331.37 and received 1st installment for the TIF District of \$19,534.91 with an increase in revenue of \$27,901.83 from 2022.

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

- **July Projects:**

- Hired County Line Tree Service to cut a couple trees (new from Taylorville)
- Picked up brush on 3rd Wednesday with township backhoe
- Picked up brush for the 4th
- Replaced curb stop with meter pit at 209 S Powers after home owner hit line
- Stonington helped vac pit at 241 E Powers, plumber replaced entire service line
- Called Bodine Electric for generator bids but never showed up
- Got bid from Star Electric for Village Hall generator (entire bldg \$46,244.55)
- Got bid from Star Electric for Sewer Plant generator (\$20,517 labor & materials)
- Sewer plant generator needs work, no compression, needs head pulled
- Would like a generator plug on the shop to run doors and lights
- Nitrate unit 1,2,3 has been serviced and is back online
- Need to decide on 7 acres at Sewer Plant

- Dug new service for 120 N Sunnyside
- Broke valve on Nitrate unit 3 and rebuilt it
- Mowed, weed-eat, and sprayed
- Need alarm system for Water Plant, didn't know the generator shut off and it flooded
- Plumbing on pump 2 and lift station 1 broke so we are running on one pump until fixed
- Need to look into replacing or revamping both lift stations starting with station 2
- Star electric replaced electrical panel at Sewer Plant and wired up second blower
- **August Projects (Tentatively)**
 - Work on list from EPA for the Sewer Plant
 - 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
 - Work on Service for Macon Metal Building
- **Miscellaneous**
 - Backhoe on order still expected at end of August
 - Plow for Water Department truck around \$8177 installed
 - Trade Kubota on an XMark, (\$7397 after trade-in)
 - Need to call Chris Kupish about overhead door issues
 - Start actively looking for new street department truck and plow
 - Start looking for a bucket truck
 - Start looking for a hydro excavator on trailer
 - Lift station broke down, needs 2 pipes replaced, ordered \$15,212, 4-6 wk delivery

Rick Moma made a motion to approve the bid from Star Electric to install 240 volt 3 phase automatic transfer switch and 27 kw Generac liquid cooled 1800 RPM generator at the Sewer Plant for \$20,517. Terre Moma seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.

Terre Moma made a motion to proceed with the trade-in of the Kubota for an X-Mark for \$7397. Jeff Reed Jr. seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.

Building Permits: None in July

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 July with a total of 361 hours

	Village of Blue Mound	City of Macon
Patrolling:	135 hrs. + 42 in-office hrs	135 hrs
Complaints:	11 ea.	5 ea.
Ordinance Violations:	4 ea	1 ea

During the month of July, there were 13 traffic stops, 1 medical EMS/assist, 1 motorist assist, 1 police assists, 2 domestic disputes, 3 welfare checks, 1 death investigation, 2 special police detail, 21 radar checks, and 42 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
- Speed trailer has been effective; people noticing 40 mph speed limit at north end of town
- Will be using it on Wall St. in Macon when school starts.
- School resumes August 23rd for ½ day; officers will be spending more time there for a couple weeks to familiarize the parents of the procedures and expectations.
- Todd Washburn will be the crossing guard again this year (working around health issues).
- Officer Aaron Russell is available for more hours (Chief Lamb would like to increase his pay to a flat rate of \$23 per hour).

Terre Moma made a motion to increase part-time Officer Aaron Russell's pay to a flat rate of \$23 per hour. Rick Moma seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.

Brad Damery property has been the subject of complaints during the Fall Festival. Since this has been a recurring issue that seems to go unheeded, Chief Lamb will send him a Notice to Abate.

House on the corner of High and College is in a state of disrepair, posing a potential danger if someone crawled into the foundation window. Since the property owner has been contacted several times and has not followed through with promises made, Chief Lamb will send a Notice to Abate.

Attorney Andy Bourey: Nothing to report.

New Business:

- **Pool** is closed due to the need for expensive repairs. (Rick Moma commented that the pool is an asset to the community and he believes the community should do all it can to help it reopen.) Although the Village does not have written estimates, it has been told that they need a new chlorinating pump at about \$25,000, concrete work around the pool at about \$10,000, and a new roof on the building (amount not estimated). The Park District is actively looking for assistance. The Village will need more specifics before further discussion.
- **Meridian Middle/High School Teams** are requesting financial help in getting a new sign board for their concession stand in the amount of \$92.50. They will be asking the City of Macon to match that donation. The bottom of the sign will acknowledge donations from the Village of Blue Mound and City of Macon.
- **Special acknowledgement** to Julie Trimble, Matt Trimble and Cole Trimble who cleaned the corner boulevard in front of the P & G station while the Library roof was being installed.

Ross Carls made a motion to donate \$92.50 to the Meridian Middle/High School Softball teams for the purchase of a sign board for their concessions. Jeff Reed Jr. seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.

Brett Stock present on behalf of the Blue Mound Fire Department to inform the Board the fire hydrants will be opened for training. These maneuvers stir up the water and area residents will experience rusty water afterwards. Mr. Stock will put the information on Facebook as well.

Old Business:

- **7 acres adjacent to the Sewer Plant** now rented as farm ground, considering other options. After checking into it further, Scott Younger discovered the company requires a minimum of 27 acres for the project. Further investigation is necessary.
- **Roof of P & G was discussed.** Would like for Samsheer Singh to be present at a Board meeting to discuss what it would take for the P & G to reopen.

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

The next **Regular Board Meeting** will be Monday September 11, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Approved:

Scott Younger, Village President

Diana Kupish, Village Secretary