

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

REGULAR MEETING
May 6, 2024

The Board of Trustees met in Regular Session on Monday, May 6, 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, Charlie Stickel, Chief Chad Lamb
Attorney: Andy Bourey
Engineers: Mark Bingham
Visitors: John & Leslie Wolpert

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 April 1, 2024. **Rick Moma made a motion to accept the Minutes as presented. Ross Carls seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.** Minutes were distributed and reviewed for the Special Meeting for Budget held on April 29, 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. Terre Moma asked about the reason for the Animal Control expense of \$62.50. It was explained that the City of Decatur has a fee per animal pick up versus an annual fee. In this case it was a dead raccoon that was picked up. The Village of Blue Mound has opted to pay per pick up which is cheaper for the Village in the long run. **Rick Moma made a motion to accept the Bills. Phil Jacobs seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.**

Attorney Andy Bourey

- **Tim Strisko** issue is gone.
- **Still waiting on the reply to his FOIA request** regarding P & G tanks. It is 500 pages long.
- **Brad Damery** has a court date but has been unable to serve him due to a poor address.

Terre Moma asked about the property on College St. with an open back door and a hole in the building. The property is being mowed but is an eye sore as well as a hazard to neighbor children. Mr. Bourey will send the property owner a letter. It had been slated for demolition before it was purchased by the current owner.

Chief Lamb left a contract for software to be reviewed by Attorney Bourey.

Mark Bingham Engineer:

- **MFT acceptance** Bid from Earl Walker Co for oil & chip material for all streets in Village. Last oiled 5-7 years ago. **Rick Moma made a motion to accept the Bid by Earl Walker Co., Inc in the amount of \$237,630. Terre Moma seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.**
- **Pump Station** permit received with expected cost of \$250,000. USDA Rural Development has a small grant available that Mark will apply for in the amount of \$45,000. It is federal funds so it must go through the same tribal approval process. Mark mentioned that when the Osage Nation receives a certified letter, they have 30 days to respond or the project can proceed. EPA requires tribal approval. (VP Harris started this program.) The Board members gave verbal approval to proceed with the process to replace the tilting pump station.
- **Source Water Protection Plan** mandating ground water protection – protect raw water sources. Mark is putting together a plan for the Village Aquifer Committee, hopefully to be done by June or July. Scott needs to look through ordinances for a 'Well Head Ordinance' due by end of project. **Phil Jacobs made a motion to move forward with the Source Water Protection Plan. Rick Moma seconded the motion. (Terre abstained.) The motion carried with five 'Aye' votes.** Terre Moma asked how the farmers are notified of requirement to have a plan in place and is enforcement up to the Village?

Treasurer's Report was submitted in writing. Jenny Prasun informed the Board that the Village has 28 shut offs on Wednesday, May 8th. News on Trailer Park, Village will pursue legal route to recoup water loss. The financial loss going to the trailer park is pushing \$40,000. Everything west of Snell is private property.

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

- **April Projects**
 - Been cleaning out the back shed
 - Cleaning out the south side of the shop
 - Mowing season has started
 - Well #3 is fixed and will be turned on Tuesday afternoon
 - replaced a lot of hand reads with electronic reados
 - Locate for CTI & METRO
 - Worked a few alleys
 - Worked sewer plant road since it was torn up
 - Needed 10 loads to fill in the demolition on Goltra.
 - Brush pick-up on 3rd Wednesday
 - Rebuild brine pumps
 - Replace brine motor again
 - Replace brine primer
- **May Projects (Tentatively)**
 - 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
- Put flags up before Memorial Day
- **Miscellaneous**
 - Working with Mark Bingham on the Sewer Plant and lift station #2
 - Jeff Reed bid a new truck for the township and said we can jump on his bid (\$54k)
 - Need a plow before next winter which is an additional \$8500
 - Need to start allocating ARPA funds (\$75,000) before we lose them (Infrastructure projects only – earmark for well & pump)
 - Grant writer would be an asset
 - Dawson 5.1 mil Edinburg 6 miles east
 - Continue looking for a bucket truck

Building Permits: None

2 sheds should have had permits.

Police Report: a written Shift Detail Report distributed showing 353 hours in April.

	Village of Blue Mound	City of Macon
Patrolling:	129 hrs. + 65 in-office hrs	126 hrs
Complaints:	13 ea.	7 ea.
Ordinance Violations:	0 ea.	1 ea.

During the month of April, there were 33 traffic stops, 1 domestic dispute/violence, 3 police assist, 2 welfare checks, 2 wanted persons, and 64 hours on administrative duties including writing reports. Chief Lamb met with his committee and provided a shift schedule for May to them.

- Rural Water Impact & Municipal Impact provided bid for website software at \$665 and one time set up fee for \$449 with a total of \$1114.00
- CIRDC – Dispatch system needs to get new computers to run CAD system with an annual cost of \$1755.04 or \$1500 per unit on a six-year plan.
- CDS Office Technologies provided a bid for new printer equipment for each police vehicle at a cost of \$4818.
- 2 new squads will have new computer and will keep Chad’s squad as backup.
- Projected coordination for timing for ordering and installation of these new units will be tricky. He would like everything to be coordinated so transitioning is simplified.
- CDS equipment necessary to run computers; will be put in new cars. Battery lasts about 3 years (considerably less than a standard vehicle due to power draw.)
- The contract was given to Andy Bourey to review.
- Old computer can be used by the Public Works Dept.

Phil Jacobs made a motion to accept proposals from CIRDC on the 6-year plan at \$1500 per year per unit (or \$4500) with the recommended equipment, and CDS bid for printer equipment at \$4818, and Rural Water Impact subscription and set up fees at \$1114. Jeanette Crackel seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ‘Aye’ votes.

- **Municipal Impact Website:** proposal for a Village Website with a simple name: bluemoundil.gov Chief Lamb said Ellen Moma is willing to enter data as a volunteer.

Phil Jacobs made a motion to change our website domain to bluemoundil.gov, platform and administrator. Ross Carls seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.

New Business:

- Terre Moma asked about abandoned cars on an empty house.
- Village will start mowing at \$150 on Rt 48 where the municipal vehicles are sitting.

Village employees left the room.

Terre Moma made a motion to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting in order to go into Executive Session. Ross Carls seconded the motion. In a roll call vote, Jeff Reed Jr. Jeanette Crackel, Rick Moma, Ross Carls, Terre Moma, and Phil Jacobs voted in agreement. The motion carried.

Jeff Reed Jr. made a motion to return to the Regular Board Meeting in order to set employee salaries. Ross Carls seconded the motion. In a roll call vote, Jeff Reed Jr. Jeanette Crackel, Rick Moma, Ross Carls, Terre Moma, and Phil Jacobs voted in agreement. The motion carried with unanimous consent.

The Village employees returned to the Board Meeting.

Scott Younger informed the employees that the Board has agreed to an increase in pay of \$1.50 per hour for each employee and full-time employees will receive a Christmas bonus of \$500 in December.

Phil Jacobs asked about the pool. The Board was informed that the repairs are so extensive the Park Board has decided to sell the pool. The new owners are expected to rip out the old pool and put in new. The project will be expensive due to an increased cost of materials.

Old Business: None

At 8:10 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 June 3, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Approved:

Scott Younger, Village President

Diana Kupish, Village Secretary