

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

REGULAR MEETING
February 3, 2025

The Board of Trustees met in Regular Session on Monday, February 3, 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: Jeff Reed Jr., Jeanette Crackel, Rick Moma, Ross Carls, and Phil Jacobs
President: Scott Younger
Employees: Charles Stickel, Chief Chad Lamb, Officer Jacob Brooks, and Mackenzie Reed
Attorney: Andrew Bourey
Visitors: Dan Burris, Levi Hedges, Wayne Wigginton, and Katie Nashland

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 January 13, 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.**

Minutes for the Executive Session from January 13, 2025, were distributed and reviewed. **Jeanette Crackel made a motion to accept the Minutes from the January 13th Executive Session as presented. Ross Carls seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.**

Bills to be paid in the amount of \$15,760.66 were presented to the Board members for their approval. **Rick Moma made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Phil Jacobs seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.**

Treasurers Report was presented in writing indicating balances of each account. Mackenzie Reed informed the Board that the current Shut Off total is 44 customers and is scheduled for Wednesday, February 5, 2025. Cash deposits for the month of January totaled \$3,031. There were no shut offs in January due to inclement weather. There were 496 water bills sent out due in February totaling \$27,353.21.

Attorney Andy Bourey:

- Brad Damery appeared before the court on January 28th. Brad was fined \$500 and agreed to a 60-day clean-up. After 60 days they will re-evaluate.
- Cherie Engle appeared before the court on January 28th. Chief Lamb allowed her an extension until later April/early May for a cleanup. Therefore, a status hearing was set for May 06, 2025, at 1:30 pm to re-evaluate.

Chastain & Associates were not present at the meeting.

Building Permits: None for the month of January.

Public Works - Water/Sewer Report - presented by Charles Stickel

- **January Projects:**

- Tower was being painted. They said they are waiting until spring for the leg tower.
- South side of shop is almost completed for the police.
- Cleaned water plant office.
- 01/27 had 811 Julie Class in Decatur.
- 01/28 fixed water service line at 258 Burgess.
- Locates for CTI and METRO.
- GMC had a couple of recalls. Took to Bob Brady on 01/23.
- 01/29 bad welds on tower, re-welded expansion joint, and new bulk water union.
- 01/30 work on service line at 17 Margaret.
- 01/31 water tower overflow plugged and flooded inside the tower badly. Fixed overflow plug on 02/03.
- 02/03 Bob Riding's oil change for Ford.
- 02/03 welder cutoff overflow and cleaned it out and was rewelded.
- Water tower full of water and sample was taken on 02/03 at 1315 and resampled on 02/04 at 1320. Tower still not in service. Estimated to be back in order either Thursday 02/06 or Friday 02/07.
- Replaced non-working meters
- Plowed snow and spread cinders on bus route.

- **February Projects:**

- Replace non-advancing meters.
- Water tower rehab.
- Clean & organize the water plant office.
- Work on the shop.
- Remove the Christmas lights hopefully by the end of the week.

- **Miscellaneous:**

- Working with Mark Bingham on the sewer plant and lift station #2. Looking for ways to build a water plant as it is getting bad.
- Rebuild bulk water tower once tower is active.
- Tentative start date for other water tower is 03/15.

Police Report: a written Shift Detail Report distributed showing 315.75 hours in January.

Village of Blue Mound

Patrolling:	139.8 hours + 58.78 hours In-Office
Complaints:	9 Each
Ordinance Violations:	None
Training:	50 hours

During the month of January, there were 44 Traffic Stops, 3 Motorist Assists, 5 Police Assists, 5 Wanted People, 2 Investigation Follow-Ups, 1 Medical Call/EMS Assist, 30 Stationary Radar Entries (26.77 hours), and 1 Welfare Check.

- Chief Chad Lamb went over the following:
 - Shift reports were distributed to the Board.
 - February schedules were given to his committee.
 - RMS Training was put on hold.
 - He has been working with Rodney Stanfield who owns the Central Service Center building at 154 Railroad Ave to get him to fix the ladder on the fire truck that has extended towards 48. He was supposed to come on 02/03 to take care of it and did not. He will be working on getting it towed starting 02/04. There are barriers up for the time being.
 - Bricks are falling above Fran Eson's old shop. Barricades & caution tape have been put up surrounding the area. Scott is going to contact the building owner.

New Business:

- Katie Nashland will be taking on the position as the new clerk.
- Chief Chad Lamb mentioned getting Katie her own Village email address. Scott advised that he thought we were maxed out at the 5 email addresses that we have now and would probably have to purchase more. Mackenzie Reed will work with CTI to figure out if there is any additional cost to add more email addresses between now and the next meeting. Scott & Katie both need their own Village email addresses.
- Mackenzie Reed agreed to coordinate the Spring community garage sales. The garage sale dates will be Friday, May 2nd & Saturday, May 3rd. Entry forms can be picked up at the Village office and will be due no later than April 25th to secure a spot on the garage sale map.

Old Business:


- River Coffee Company – TIF Assistance:
 - A proposal from Moran Development was distributed to the board.
 - Scott advised the next step, which would be discussing what form/amount of assistance we are wanting to provide (examples in memo from Moran Development).
 - Scott said we will invite Aaron Moma (Owner of River Coffee Co.) to the next board meeting.
 - The amount in the proposal does not include moving the fire hydrant. Need to get a couple of firm bids between now & next meeting.

Levi Hedges: Stated that the Fall Festival dates for 2025 will be August 7th, 8th & 9th. They are bringing in a new carnival this year. He believes that they will start setting up the carnival 48 hours before and will take down the carnival 48 hours after the festival has ended. The carnival will possibly have two campers for employees. They will have bigger rides for the teens. Levi stated that he may need assistance from the Village trimming trees and fixing busted spickets in the park. Also discussed potentially looking at closing different roads to accommodate the fall the festival and allowing easier access for emergency vehicles to get through.

At 7:00 p.m. Jeanette Crackel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jeffery Reed Jr. seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes. The meeting adjourned

The next **Regular Board Meeting** will be on Monday, March 3, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

Approved:



Scott Younger, Village President



Mackenzie Reed, Village Secretary