

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

REGULAR MEETING  
January 8, 2024

The Board of Trustees met in Regular Session on Monday, January 8, 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  
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 December 4, 2023. **Terre Moma made a motion to accept the Minutes as presented. Ross Carls seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.**

**Bills** were presented. **Rick 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. Jenny Prasun informed the Board that the Village has 50 shut offs on Wednesday, higher than usual probably due to the holidays. The Village President met with the trailer park owners after the December Board meeting to give them an understanding of the volume of water that has been bypassing trailer park meters. Effective January 2024, the Trailer Park is being billed for the difference between the water metered by the trailers and the water meter reading for the trailer park. This leaves the ones on the Trailer Park owners to determine where the water is going. The Trailer Park was billed \$552.86 for the difference between billed water usage from trailers and metered water entering the trailer park (roughly 36,000 gallons).

**Public Works - Water/Sewer Report** – (presented in writing)

- **December Projects:**
  - Cleaned and reorganized shop.
  - Received hydro excavator.
  - Repaired blower at Sewer Plant.
  - Locate for CTI and METRO.
  - Replaced pit at 410 Territim.
  - Replaced pit and added a 2<sup>nd</sup> service at old doctor's office.
  - Replaced leady yoke on Jackson St.
  - Rebuild brine system in Water Plant.
  - Well #3 went down, now running on well #4 (getting 3 inspected...not sure what's wrong).

- Doing our own DO sewer samples now and are in compliance.
- Bulk water spout was broken for a few days. It is now fixed and running again.
- Several beavers causing problems in the Sewer discharge creek. Talked to IDNR and farmer. Chadd acquired trapping license and will start the trapping and removal process soon, as well as the dam removal.
- Been working on the weeds and banks at sewer plant
- Replaced 4 meter redos from manual reads
- **January Projects (Tentatively)**
  - Clean and organize the Water Plant office
  - Working with Scott at Rural Water for oxygenator for Sewer Plant Discharge
  - Working on plumbing for second blower at Sewer Plant
  - Working with Mark Bingham on the Sewer Plant and Lift Station #2
- **Miscellaneous**
  - Need to start allocating ARPA (COVID) funds for infrastructure before we lose them. With several projects in the works, it's not a problem.
  - Clean burn waste oil heater said to wait until April, furnaces will be on sale
  - Township bid a new truck, offered to let us jump on the bid if we want to start looking for a bucket truck.

**Building Permits: One** in December

Mike Pritchard – shed – 502 S Lewis

**Police Report:** a written Shift Detail Report distributed showing 303 hours in December.

	<b>Village of Blue Mound</b>	<b>City of Macon</b>
Patrolling:	98 hrs. + 34 in-office hrs	120 hrs
Complaints:	8 ea.	7 ea.
Ordinance Violations:	3 ea	7 ea

**During the month of December**, there were 23 traffic stops, 1 police assist, 2 special police details, and 34 hours on administrative duties including writing reports. Chief Lamb met with his committee and provided a shift schedule for December to them.

- Squad car #71 in for maintenance.

**Attorney Andy Bourey**

- Paid Leave Act requires all employers to provide employees 1 hour paid time off for every 40 hours worked. The Village offers its employees ten paid sick days, three personal days, plus five days or more paid vacation (depending on length of employment) annually. The Village is already in compliance with the new act.

**Terre Moma made a motion to Opt Out of the Paid Leave Act since the Village is already in compliance. Rick Moma seconded the motion. In a roll call vote the following Board Members voted affirmatively: Jeff Reed Jr., Jeannette Crackel, Rick Moma, Ross Carls, Terre Moma, and Phil Jacobs. There were no descending votes. The motion passed with unanimous consent.**

**New Business:**

- Doug Schroyer needs ditch fixed.

**Old Business:**

- **P & G** has not responded to Scott's attempts to discuss the roof caving in.

**At 6:30 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 February 5, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Approved:

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Scott Younger, Village President

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Diana Kupish, Village Secretary