

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

REGULAR MEETING  
March 3, 2025

The Board of Trustees met in Regular Session on Monday, March 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  
Absent: Terre Moma  
President: Scott Younger  
Clerk: Katie Nashland  
Employees: Chadd Peden, Chief Chad Lamb, and Mackenzie Reed  
Attorney: Andrew Bourey  
Visitors: Greg Mathias, Tiffany Childers, Aaron Moma, Kenny Ervin

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 February 3, 2025. **Jeff Reed Jr. made a motion to accept the Minutes as presented. Rick Moma seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.**

**Bills** to be paid in the amount of \$16,447.14 were presented to the Board members for their approval. **Rick Moma made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Jeff Reed Jr. seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.**

**Treasurers Report** was presented by Mackenzie Reed in writing indicating balances of each account, final total of bills that were paid in February 2025, and bills to be paid in March 2025. Mackenzie also informed the board of the following:

- The Macon County Clerk's Office made an error, and the Village was not given our share of Road & Bridge for the tax year 2023, payable 2024. Pleasant View Township received our share of Road & Bridge, which was \$31,652.27. The Pleasant View Township paid \$31,652.27 to the Village for our share as directed by the Macon County Clerk's Office, and it was deposited into the General Fund.
- The ASAP Grant in the amount of \$122,240.00 was transferred from the General Fund to the Water Fund to pay the Era Valdivia Contractors for the Water Systems Rehab.
- The Water EPA Loan Disbursement #1 for \$92,350.09 was deposited into the Water Fund.
- Cash deposits for the month of February totaled \$3,460.
- (4) customers' water was shut off on 2/5/2025 due to non-payment of their water bill due 1/15/2025. A \$35.00 Reconnect Fee was applied to each of their accounts for a total amount of \$140.00.

- There are (38) customers scheduled to have their water shut off on 3/5/2025 due to non-payment of their water bill that was due on 2/15/2025.
- There were 491 water bills sent out that will be due on 3/15/2025 totaling \$26,920.52.

#### **Attorney Andy Bourey**

- Cherie Engle did get rid of a camper and a car. She is scheduled for knee surgery but is planning on getting a dumpster once she is healed and will dispose of the rest of her items.
- Andy suggested a revamp of the agenda for the Board Meetings. He suggested a section for public comments, limited to 3-5 minutes per visitor. After the comments are made, the Board can discuss whether they would like to include the issues presented on the agenda for the next board meeting to discuss further.

**Rajita Singhal with Chastain Engineers** was present and presented the Change Order for the standpipe, totaling \$46,130. **Phil Jacobs made a motion to accept the Change Order. Ross Carls seconded.** A suggestion was made that the Village should be reimbursed for the water, chemicals, and manpower used during this water leak from the weld breaking at the water tower. This is to be addressed further at a later meeting.

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

- **February Projects**
  - Cleaned water plant office
  - February 5th was shut off day, with 4 shut off and 3 back on
  - Used Moweaqua bucket truck to remove the Christmas lights
  - February 11th, meeting with Nick Clarck with Badger Meters
  - February 17th, bulk water valve broke in the tower flooding the inside of the tower
  - February 18th, Burdick came out and replaced the bulk water valve and line
  - February 18th-20th, Charlie was at the Water Conference
  - February 19th, main break at College and Crane
- **March Projects**
  - Replace non-advancing meters
  - Water Tower Rehab
  - Clean and organize the Water plant office
  - Work on shop
  - Work on leg tower
  - Work on bulk water
- **Miscellaneous**
  - Working with Mark Bingham on the Sewer Plant and lift station #2
  - Looking for ways to build a water plant; it is getting bad
  - Rebuild bulk water once tower is active (even running on 1 tower)

Chadd mentioned looking at Shannon Houser's culvert. He is going to patch the holes and topcoat it. He is going to go slow with it and see what helps.

**Building Permits: None**

**Police Report:** a written Shift Detail Report distributed showing 309.12 hours in February.

**Village of Blue Mound**

Patrolling:	154.2 hrs. + 58.63 in-office hrs
Complaints :	7 ea.
Ordinance Violations:	3 ea.
Training :	14.75 hrs.

**During the month of February**, there were 2 domestic disputes, 41 traffic stops, 4 motorist assist, 10 out of service, 6 police assist, 2 wanted persons, 3 follow up investigation, 1 medical call/assist, 1 special police detail, 26 stationary radar/village limits, 2 death investigations, 2 welfare checks, and 1 preserve the peace/property exchange.

- Office Brooks is scheduled for 1 day of training in March.
- Shift reports were distributed for the Board.
- February schedules were given to his committee
- Chief Lamb is working with Alpha Omega to get quotes regarding the removal of the squad equipment. Currently states it is \$360 for 4 hours. Chief Lamb believes this could cost anywhere between \$300-\$800 for the removal. He is going to speak to them again and double check on the estimate amount.
- Chief Lamb is going to meet with Raynor this week to get an estimate on the garage for the squad cars and other items.
- Received an animal complaint on Jared Crackel's abandoned property on Lincoln St. There are 2 large racoons. Chief Lamb is going to try to get ahold of Jared and will contact Animal Control.
- Eleanor Moma's building continues to have bricks falling. A letter has been sent with no response. It was noted that this should be handled with some urgency seen as The River Coffee Co will be opening soon and parking will be needed. Also, public safety is a concern. The suggestion was made to reach out to Eric or Paul Moma. May need to have a letter sent by Andy Bourey.

**New Business:**

**Jeanette Crackel** made a motion to appoint Katie Nashland as the new clerk. **Phil Jacobs** seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye votes.

## Old Business

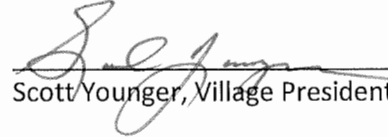
- TIF with The River Coffee Co was discussed. Aaron Moma was present and stated he has met with the contractors and is waiting for better weather to get the work started. He stated they are going to begin with the concrete drive and then rebuild the second story back on. Scott asked for a blueprint for the concrete drive that Aaron will provide. It was also decided that the Village needs to get an engineer involved about the removal of the fire hydrant. Scott is going to reach out to an engineering firm in Springfield for a bid.
- CTI has not gotten back to Mackenzie regarding the additional emails for Scott and Katie, but Mackenzie will be following up.

**Public Comments/Questions:** Kenny Ervin had a question regarding the Village Ordinance surrounding the number of chickens that are allowed. Mackenzie is going to double check and will let him know. It was also noted that the new ordinance has been sent off to the printer and will be put online once received.

**At 7:00 p.m. Jeanette Crackel 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, April 7, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Approved:

  
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Scott Younger, Village President

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Katie Nashland, Clerk