

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

REGULAR MEETING
November 6, 2023

The Board of Trustees met in Regular Session on Monday, November 6, 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., Jeanette Crackel, Rick Moma, Ross Carls, and Phil Jacobs
Absent: Terre Moma
President: Scott Younger
Employees: Charlie Stickel, Jenny Prasun, and Chief Chad Lamb
Attorney: Andy Bourey
Visitors: Mark Bingham and Rajita Singhal

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 October 2, 2023. **Rick Moma made a motion to accept the Minutes as presented. Phil Jacobs seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.**

Bills were presented. **Rick Moma made a motion to accept the Bills. Ross Carls 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 received another TIF deposit bringing the TIF account for the first year to \$27,888.94. As a point of reference, Phil Jacobs asked how much the Village initially paid for the TIF program; to which Jenny answered \$31,000.

Engineer Mark Bingham has been working with the Public Works department at the Sewer Plant and presented a map of the sludge depth in the lagoon. He recommends aeration for the future to fluff it up and wash it out of the rock filter. However, to get it fully operational, the rock filter needs to be addressed. The pump station is leaning about 22° and should be upgraded. The Sewer Plant needs to get a rock filter and a new pump station. It's not worth rehabilitation at this point. Although test levels are meeting the EPA required DOs (dissolved oxygen levels), replacement is the best way to go. Scott asked if the project could be done in the winter months. Mark indicated that it could be done in the mild months. He also indicated that the EPA would be pleased to see the efforts being made to address the problems.

Rick Moma made a motion to have Mark get a more detailed quote and to pursue the rock filter and move forward on the lift station replacement. Jeff Reed Jr. seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.

Rajita Singhal: Water Tower Project: [Sandblast & paint pedestal; legged: spot repairs exterior & interior]. The comment period on the Water Tower project has expired. The Checklist needs Village

President, Scott Younger's signature. The Village needs to advertise for bids as soon as Lanina Clark (IEPA Loan Manager) approves.

Water Main Project: [5500 LF of watermain replacement] Archeological monitoring led by Luke Morris indicates delay due to Osage Nation artifacts. No timeline on delays was provided. Archeological personnel are to monitor and report weekly during construction. Meanwhile Chastain will reach out to contractors for rough budget quotes. Plans & specs for bid will be emailed to IEPA Loan Manager Lanina Clark and await her response on archeological monitoring aspect before advertising.

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

- **October Projects:**
 - Bids on furnace for water plant
 - Bids on used motor oil furnace for shop
 - Cut 3 trees on S. College
 - Fix shutoff at 301 S. St. Marie
 - Lots of issues with pumps at lift station; one plugging up
 - Locate for CTI & METRO
 - C12 system went down again 10/12/23 injector
 - Replace meter yoke at 113 S Prairie
 - Rebuild brine system in Water Plant
 - C12 system maintenance and rebuilt 10/16/23
 - Brush pickup
 - Macon vac out service for trailer park (bad leak)
 - 2021 F350 to Riding 10/19/23-10/26/23 (u-joint exploded)
 - Sludge report came back from sewer plant survey
 - Working on weeds and banks at sewer plant
 - mow, weed eat, spray
 - Rebuild car trailer (tongue, ramps, lights, wiring, paint)
 - Replace meter at 118 Peggy Dee
 - Replace meter at trailer 32
 - Replace reado at Spiker's

- **November Projects (Tentatively)**
 - Going through Christmas lights
 - Working with Scott at Rural Water for oxygenator for Sewer Plant Discharge
 - Working on Plumbing on second blower at Sewer Plant
 - Working with Scott from Rural Water on doing our own DO sampling and paperwork for EPA
 - Working with Mark Bingham on the Sewer Plant and Lift Station #2

- **Miscellaneous**
 - Would like to consider buying a used hydro ex, use money from maintenance fund. Bids

- Vermeer offered 20,000-23,000 for trade on chipper
- Need to start allocating ARPA funds before we lose them
- Start looking for a bucket truck??

After some discussion, Rick Moma made a motion to accept the furnace bid for the Water Plant from Jesse Heating and Air Conditioning for the Ducane 96UH070 70,000 BTU 96% Furnace for \$3,285 installed. Phil Jacobs seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.

Building Permits: None in October.

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 September with a total of 356 hours

	Village of Blue Mound	City of Macon
Patrolling:	114 hrs. + 44 in-office hrs	122 hrs
Complaints:	12 ea.	8 ea.
Ordinance Violations:	3 ea	1 ea

During the month of October, there were 52 traffic stops, 3 traffic accidents, 1 police assist, 2 domestic disputes, 4 welfare checks, 2 special police detail, 25 hrs training, and 44 hours on administrative duties including writing reports. Chief Lamb met with his committee and provided a shift schedule for October to them.

- Officer Kater received 6-month probation evaluation at end of October.
- Officer Aaron Russell submitted his resignation on October 24, 2023.
- Speed trailer has been effective in slowing traffic. It needs to be moved around.
- Officer position continues to be advertised.
- Officer Lamb contacted IDOT regarding putting chevrons on the curve (site of a couple accidents).
- wreck on St. Marie

Attorney Andy Bourey: Court date set for Susan Doyle for October 31st was a 'no show' for Ms. Doyle. Attorney Bourey will send a Notice to Abate to Shamsheer due to neglected deterioration of P & G.

New Business:

- January Board Meeting on Monday January 8th.
- Smoldering grass fires in ditch disturbing neighbors. Attorney Bourey will check into it.
- GIF Garbage Service went to once a week pickup (on Thursdays) without notice. Village office called and asked about it and was told notices were sent out. No one in town received the notice.

Old Business: None

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