

Village of Mazon
Board Minutes
April 22, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm on April 22, 2024

Present were: Jeff Marques, Melanie Murphy, Rachel Carrell, Dalton Misener, Kirk Houchin, Diane Punke, Ed Emrich, John Frederick, Larry Pastick, C. Dearth, T. Hejny, Tim Stiles

Absent: Kris Webster

Guest: Mike Breisch

The minutes for April 8, 2024, were presented for approval. **D. Misener made a motion to approve the April 8, 2024, minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by D. Punke. Roll was taken; D. Misener-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, D. Punke-Yes, E. Emrich-Yes. Motion carried.**

The Bill list for April 22, 2024, was presented for approval. **D. Misener made a motion to approve the April 22, 2024, bill list. The motion was seconded by D. Punke. Roll was taken; D. Misener-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, D. Punke-Yes, E. Emrich-Yes. Motion carried.**

Treasurer:

The March Treasurer report was presented for approval. **E. Emrich made a motion to approve the March 2024 Treasurer report as presented. The motion was seconded by D. Punke. Roll was taken; D. Misener-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, D. Punke-Yes, E. Emrich-Yes. Motion carried.**

Secretary:

M. Murphy reported that the Village's quarterly taxes have been completed and filed. She scheduled the audit with Tri-County Management for the week of June 3rd. She will begin gathering all information and reports for auditor. M. Murphy also stated the water and sewer rate analysis was completed and presented to the water/sewer committee. Gaming and Liquor Licenses were completed, signed, and delivered.

Public comment:

Nothing at this time

President:

J. Marques phoned Eddie Wendler so he could speak to the village board regarding updating the Comcast internet from coax to Comcast Fiber.

E. Wendler explained the benefits to the village and public works. He went over how switching to Fiber would help with the future plans of our security system, cameras, and wifi access locations around the village. He explained the fiber is much more reliable than coax cable internet during times of power outages. He also explained to the board our cyber security capabilities at this point.

J. Marques went on to explain the monthly cost of fiber with Comcast and what we would save if switching the service. The Board agreed to move forward with the Comcast Fiber Program.

J. Marques updated the board about the Consent Order release. He stated all things were completed

on the Village's end. Chris Dearth will be drafting a letter.

Committee Reports:

K. Houchin reported the water/sewer committee met and they recommend to raise the water rate 6% and sewer rate 0%.

J. Marques questioned the 6% increase. He stated with the possible charge for the upcoming project, he believes this 6% increase will be a harsh financial jump for village residents.

The board decided to recommend a 0% rate increase to water and sewer.

Old Business:

Nothing at this time

New Business:

Mike Breisch was present to discuss the upcoming firework display. He explained with cost increases, They are requesting a larger donation this year in the amount of \$4,000.00.

J. Marques recommended the \$4,000.00 for fireworks donation. He stated it is something that is put on for our village residents. The board agreed. **D. Misener made a motion to approve the Fireworks donation in the amount of \$4,000.00. The motion was seconded by D. Punke. Roll was taken; D. Misener-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, D. Punke-Yes, E. Emrich-Yes. Motion carried.**

J. Marques presented a letter from Harold Webster recommending to not accept the zoning text amendment that was presented to the zoning board in regards to Solar Panels. J. Marques stated the village does require a facts and finding and said that C. Dearth will be helping with that.

J. Marques discussed sending a letter to the park foundation stating what can and can not be done with Village property. He went on to explain the cost of maintenance and upkeep on the park property.

C. Dearth added the importance of stating duties and obligations on paper. He stated we need a written policy or intergovernmental agreement that everyone is aware of.

The board discussed not wanting a barrier between the village board and the park foundation.

The board agreed to reach out to the park foundation to inform them of the plan of putting written policies in place.

Director of Public Works:

J. Frederick reported that Gasvoda came and fixed the influent sampler at the sewer plant. Now both influent and effluent sampler are operational. He stated the aerator in Pond 2 which was out, was now unclogged and back up and running. The aerators in Ponds 3, 4, and primrose pond were installed for the year.

J. Frederick informed the board that public works participated in Park Clean-Up on Saturday April 20, 2024 and there was a good turn out of volunteers.

The salt spreader and auger have been taken off the yellow dump truck for the year.

He also informed the board of an upcoming preconstruction meeting with Opperman Construction Company regarding upcoming project.

Chief of Police:

L. Pastick reported numerous traffic stops and call outs. He stated he hand delivered the liquor licenses and gaming license. He attended a meeting with Braidwood Police Department. While there, he was given a Radarsign TS-500 to place around the village streets. He will reach out to the manufacturing company and find out the cost to update or reset the machine. He will be attending Mandatory Building Entry/Control Tactics training 4/29-4/30 and Communication for Law Enforcement Execs on 5/1.

Zoning:

T. Stiles reported that there are 7 permits out at this time and 2 are completed.

Engineer:

Nothing at this time.

Attorney:

C. Dearth stated Budget and Appropriations will be on the agenda for the first meeting of FY25.

D. Misener made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 pm. The motion was seconded by D. Punke. Roll was taken; D. Misener-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, D. Punke-Yes, E. Emrich-Yes. Motion carried.