

Village of Mazon Board Minutes
January 27, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 6:13 pm on January 27, 2025.

Present were: Jeff Marques, Melanie Murphy, Rachel Carrell, Kris Webster, Kirk Houchin, Diane Punke, Roland Tondini, John Frederick, Larry Pastick, Chris Dearth, Tim Hejny, Tim Stiles

Absent: Dalton Misener

Guest: Ben Biros

The minutes for January 13, 2025, were presented for approval. **D. Punke made a motion to approve the January 13, 2025, minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by K. Webster. Roll was taken. K. Houchin-Yes, K. Webster-Yes, D. Punke-Yes, R. Tondini-Yes. Motion carried.**

The bill list for January 27, 2025, was presented for approval. **D. Punke made a motion to approve the bill list for January 27, 2025, as presented. The motion was seconded by K. Webster. Roll was taken. K. Houchin-Yes, K. Webster-Yes, D. Punke-Yes, R. Tondini-Yes. Motion carried.**

Treasurer:

R. Carrell reported to the board that we have 2 CDs due from SOCU.

CD #2014 for the Audit fund in the amount of \$32,506.77 is currently a 12 month CD getting 5.5% and is due February 3, 2025.

CD #2013 for the TIF fund in the amount of \$108,365.92 is currently a 12 month CD getting 5.5% and is due February 3, 2025.

SOCU is offering an 11 month special with 4% and a 19 month special with 4.25%.

R. Carrell informed the board that the past few years the amount levied for the audit have been approximately \$1,100 - \$1,200. We increased the amount to \$11,262 on this levy, but we won't fully receive that levied money before our next audit. Our next audit invoice will be \$12,100 and will probably be billed to us in the summer. R. Carrell added that she is recommending withdrawing \$11,000 from the audit CD before renewing to help cover the costs of the upcoming audit.

R. Carrel also informed the board that she and M. Murphy are recommending that going forward, the board should be adding funds to all vehicle, equipment, and infrastructure CDs. This recommendation is based on the fact of aging equipment and rising costs.

D. Punke made a motion to approve withdrawing \$11,000 from CD #2014 and reinvest the remaining balance at SOCU for 11 months at 4%. The motion was seconded by K. Webster. Roll was taken. K. Houchin-Yes, K. Webster-Yes, D. Punke-Yes, R. Tondini-Yes.

K. Houchin made a motion to reinvest CD #2013 at SOCU for 11 months at 4%. The motion was seconded by D. Punke. Roll was taken. K. Houchin-Yes, K. Webster-Yes, D. Punke-Yes, R. Tondini-Yes.

The December 2024 Treasurer Report was presented for approval. **K. Webster made a motion to approve the December 2024 Treasurer Report as presented. The motion was seconded by D. Punke. Roll was taken. K. Houchin-Yes, K. Webster-Yes, D. Punke-Yes, R. Tondini-Yes. Motion carried.**

Secretary:

M. Murphy informed the board that she and R. Carrell started the setup and training for Locis 8. She also stated that they have a date set to go live on March 1, 2025.

Public Comment:

Ben Biros was present to thank the village board for allowing him to have use of the farmland. He informed the board of his achievements this past year and also shared what he learned.

K. Webster stated that she received complaints about growing amount of clutter on west end of the fire department's property. The board decided the best way forward would be to ask the fire department to clear the clutter and offer the village's dumpster to help them get rid of things.

President:

Nothing at this time.

Committee Reports:

Nothing at this time.

Old Business:

Nothing at this time.

New Business:

D. Punke made a motion to approve the S-7 Supplement to update the village's ordinance books And update online at the price range of \$3,090 - \$3,960. The motion was seconded by K. Webster. Roll was taken. K. Houchin-Yes, K. Webster-Yes, D. Punke-Yes, R. Tondini-Yes. Motion carried.

K. Houchin made a motion to approve the Axon contract to purchase in-car cameras for Mazon Police Department police vehicle for the total price of \$12,284.38. The motion was seconded by D. Punke. Roll was taken. K. Houchin-Yes, K. Webster-Yes, D. Punke-Yes, R. Tondini-Yes. Motion carried.

K. Webster made a motion to approve the Axon contract to purchase body cameras for Mazon Police Department for the total price of \$9,996.80. The motion was seconded by D. Punke. Roll was taken. K. Houchin-Yes, K. Webster-Yes, D. Punke-Yes, R. Tondini-Yes. Motion carried.

K. Houchin made a motion to approve an annual donation to Grundy Transit System in the amount of \$1,200. The motion was seconded by D. Punke. Roll was taken. K. Houchin-Yes, K. Webster-Yes, D. Punke-Yes, R. Tondini-Yes. Motion carried.

D. Punke made a motion to increase the village secretary's pay rate to \$22.00 an hour retroactive to January 1, 2025. The motion was seconded by R. Tondini. Roll was taken. K. Houchin-Yes, K. Webster-Yes, D. Punke-Yes, R. Tondini-Yes. Motion carried.

M. Murphy informed the board that the old printer and scanner in the secretary's office are both starting to have some function issues and she would like the approval of a new machine that would replace both. The new machine would cost \$650.00. **D. Punke made a motion to approve the purchase of a new printer/scanner. The motion was seconded by K. Webster. Roll was taken. K. Houchin-Yes, K. Webster-Yes, D. Punke-Yes, R. Tondini-Yes. Motion carried.**

Director of Public Works:

J. Frederick reported to the board. He stated that fluoride testing is still ongoing, and Marc has taken the lead of that. This is a slow process that consumes a good chunk of his time. He said they are doing field testing to get consistent samples. They have dropped off samples to TEST for comparison and are still waiting for the results from them.

J. Frederick stated that he is still waiting on Adam Nut to respond to him on where the water quality samples need to be taken at. He stated that he also emailed Kathryn Capranica with the EPA. He added that they did respond to the sample sites amendment and have approved but there were a few things wrong on their end that we are working together to get straitened out. After that, we need to work on the optimal corrosion control that's due by April 1, 2025. J. Frederick stated that they have sent samples to Carus to check our quality and see if phosphate needs adjusted.

J. Frederick stated that snow removal has been pretty mild this year, so they have had no issues keeping up. Logan has been staying on top of desalinating, greasing, and PM-ing the equipment and also keeping the sidewalks and church shoveled and salted.

J. Frederick stated that he and Marc have thawed 4 residents' frozen pipes over the past couple weeks.

J. Frederick stated that he and Marc rebuilt the axel and wheels on the torpedo heater due to wheels busting off. He added they put a heavy duty axel and wheels on it.

J. Frederick informed the board that the hydraulics on the salt truck were sticking so he and Marc adjusted and fixed them.

J. Frederick reported that he and Logan diagnosed and changed out a starter solenoid on the service truck. It is now up and running. He added that Logan painted the bed on the red dump truck. He stated that meters were read and water report was done.

J. Frederick also informed the board that last Wednesday at about 1 am, we had a flushing hydrant blow. He stated that they were able to isolate the area, dug it up, and capped the leak. This summer, we will be digging it back up and reinstalling a new flushing hydrant with brass fittings.

Chief of Police:

L. Pastick reported to the board. He informed the board that he is attempting to get caught up with the IDOT traffic report for 2024. He stated that he has ordered ticket books for traffic. He does not have a shipping date yet.

L. Pastick stated that he is looking to purchase a new desk or addition to his existing desk. This will offer him more workspace and fulfill his need for functional/locking drawers.

Zoning:

T. Stiles reported that he has 3 permits out right now.

T. Stiles informed the board that he is having issues with the zoning desktop computer and would like the board to consider replacing it with a laptop. He expressed that having a laptop would give him the flexibility to work from home and out in the field if necessary.

J. Marques stated that he does not believe there is a need for a laptop. He added that all work should

be done in the office and not at home. T. Stiles stated that him being able to work from home would give him more time to stay current with ongoing permits and would allow S. Stiles who is the Zoning Board Secretary access to a village device to do her agendas and minutes.

J. Marques stated that S. Stiles can come into the office as well to do any paperwork that she needs to do.

T. Stiles reminded J. Marques that S. Stiles is a volunteer on the Zoning Board and receives no pay for her work. T. Stiles also stated that he has not had a pay raise for several years. He added that if the board would like him to come into the office every day, he would gladly go on the payroll and get paid hourly.

D. Punke made a motion at 6:57 to enter into executive session.

1. "Executive session pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1) to discuss the employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body.

The motion was seconded by K. Webster. Roll was taken. K. Houchin-Yes, K. Webster-Yes,

D. Punke-Yes, R. Tondini-Yes. Motion carried.

K. Webster made a motion to reconvene the regular session at 7:25 pm. The motion was seconded by D. Punke. Roll was taken. K. Houchin-Yes, K. Webster-Yes, D. Punke-Yes, R. Tondini-Yes. Motion carried.

The board recommends getting some pricing on computers and an Ipad.

Engineer:

Nothing at this time.

Attorney:

Nothing at this time.

K. Webster made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 pm. The motion was seconded by D. Punke. Roll was taken. K. Houchin-Yes, K. Webster-Yes, D. Punke-Yes, R. Tondini-Yes. Motion carried.