

Village of Mazon
Board Minutes
November 27, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm on November 13, 2023.

Present were; Jeff Marques, Kim Marques, Melanie Murphy, Rachel Carrell, Dalton Misener, Kirk Houchin, Jim Matteson, Kris Webster, Ed Emrich, John Frederick, C. Dearth and T. Henjy.

Absent: Diane Punke

Guest: Larry Pastick, and Jared Kowalewski

The minutes for the November 13, 2023, were presented for review. **D. Misener made a motion to approve the November 13, 2023, minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by J. Matteson. Roll was taken; D. Misener-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, J. Matteson-Yes, E. Emrich-Yes. Motion carried.**

The bills for November 27, 2023, were presented for review. **D. Misener made a motion to approve the November 27, 2023, bills as presented. The motion was seconded by K. Webster. Roll was taken; D. Misener-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, J. Matteson-Yes, E. Emrich-Yes. Motion carried.**

Treasurer:

R. Carrell reported at American Commercial Bank and Trust CD#73301400 in General fund for Police Vehicle comes due on December 07, 2023 in the amount of \$5,101.30 they are offering 5.25% for 12 month renewal. **K. Webster made a motion to add \$5,000.00 and reinvest CD#73301400 for 12 months at the best rate. The motion was seconded by E. Emrich. Roll was taken; D. Misener-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, J. Matteson-Yes, E. Emrich-Yes. Motion carried.**

R. Carrell reported at American Commercial Bank and Trust CD#73302000 in General fund for Infrastructure comes due on December 07, 2023 in the amount of \$36,080.64 they are offering 5.25% for 12 month renewal. **D. Misener made a motion to add \$5,000.00 and reinvest CD#73302000 for 12 months at the best rate. The motion was seconded by K. Houchin. Roll was taken; D. Misener-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, J. Matteson-Yes, E. Emrich-Yes. Motion carried.**

The October Treasurer report was presented for approval. **K. Houchin made a motion to approve the October 2023 Treasurer report as presented. The motion was seconded by J. Matteson. Roll was taken; D. Misener-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, J. Matteson-Yes, E. Emrich-Yes. Motion carried.**

Secretary:

M. Murphy reported the current liability due to IMRF ERI is \$141,377.45. A payment of \$71,000.00 was made on November 22, 2023. The original plan was to pay the balance within 7 years. The account was opened in 2019 and no payment was made due to lack of funding. Last

year's levy line item in IMRF was increased to allow for the payment of the \$71,000.00. In July of 2024 we will look at the balance in the IMRF account and make an additional payment with the balance to be paid in October 2024 provided tax funds have been received by then. We are currently paying 6.57% on employee's gross wages to pay down the ERI balance. When the balance is paid off the IMRF employer rate will drop by an additional 6.57%. The current IMRF rate is at 16.71%. This amount will decrease in 2024 to 13.34%. The rate should reduce again in 2025 as the balance will be paid off.

IL epay training has been completed. Having trouble with the card reader and it will be replaced. We will go live as soon as all issues are resolved.

Public Comment:

D. Misener reported that he has received several complaints about the fire whistle blowing for long periods of time very frequently. He suggested that the Village draft a letter to have them remedy the issue. The Board agreed to send a letter after they contact ISO for confirmation on the need of the siren.

Jared Kowalewski was present to complain about his current tax assessment on the church property he purchased on 7th St. He was told he would need to contact the County assessor.

President:

The Board discussed holding a second meeting in December. The Board agreed not to have a second meeting in December. There was no regular meeting scheduled for the second meeting in December.

J. Marques requested approval of the appointment of Lawerance Pastick as Police Chief. **D. Misener made a motion to approve the appointment of Lawerance Pastick as Police Chief. The motion was seconded by K. Webster. Roll was taken; D. Misener-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, J. Matteson-Yes, E. Emrich-Yes. Motion carried.**

J. Marques gave the Board information on the notice from Comcast regarding the price increase.

Committee Reports:

The Personnel committee met with employees today to discuss job performance. A report and recommendations will be presented at the next meeting.

Old Business:

None at this time.

New Business:

A resolution for the appointing of Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund Authorized Agents was presented for consideration. **K. Webster made a motion to approve the Resolution for the appointing of Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund Authorized Agents. The motion was seconded by E. Emrich. Roll was taken; D. Misener-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, J. Matteson-Yes, E. Emrich-Yes. Motion carried.**

K. Marques asked the Board to approve the appointment by the Clerk of Deputy Clerks. **K. Webster made a motion to Authorize the Village Clerk to appoint a Deputy Clerk to perform all duties and responsibilities under Illinois Statute. The motion was seconded by J. Matteson. Roll was taken; D. Misener-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, J. Matteson-Yes, E. Emrich-Yes. Motion carried.**

Director of Public works:

J. Frederick reported the fuses for the blower on #21 have been replaced and it is operational. John has contacted GasVota on the sampler, still waiting to hear back from them. All the buildings have been winterized for the year.

Police Chief:

Larry Pastick reported that he has signed up for Heros and helpers. His first official day of work will be on Friday December 1, 2023.

ZONING:

Nothing at this time.

Engineer:

Nothing at this time.

Attorney:

Nothing at this time.

D. Misener made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 pm. The motion was seconded by K. Webster. Roll was taken; D. Misener-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, J. Matteson-Yes, K. Webster-Yes E. Emrich-Yes. Motion carried.