

Village of Mazon Board Minutes

September 23, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 pm on September 23, 2024

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

The minutes for September 9, 2024, were presented for approval. **D. Punke made a motion to approve the September 9, 2024, minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by D. Misener. Roll was taken; D. Misener-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, K. Webster-Yes, D. Punke-Yes. Motion carried.**

The Personnel Committee minutes for August 28, 2024, were presented for approval. **K. Houchin made a motion to approve the August 28, 2024, Personnel Committee minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by D. Misener. Roll was taken; D. Misener-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, K. Webster-Yes, D. Punke-Yes. Motion carried.**

The Judiciary Committee minutes for September 10, 2024, were presented for approval. **D. Misener made a motion to approve the September 10, 2024, Judiciary Committee minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by D. Punke. Roll was taken; D. Misener-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, K. Webster-Yes, D. Punke-Yes. Motion carried.**

The bill list for September 23, 2024, was presented for approval. **D. Misener made a motion to approve the bill list for September 23, 2024, as presented. The motion was seconded by D. Punke. Roll was taken; D. Misener-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, K. Webster-Yes, D. Punke-Yes. Motion carried.**

Treasurer:

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

Secretary:

M. Murphy informed the board that the Village's AT&T bills for phone lines at the sewer plant and pumphouse have gone up tremendously. She stated that she is working with IT to get those phone lines switched to Comcast lines as soon as possible to avoid further excessive costs. Tentatively, the lines will be able to switch to our comcast fiber October 7, 2024. D. Punke questioned about getting Marc Milburn a village cell phone. It was discussed and will be put on next agenda.

Public Comment:

D. Punke stated she has had complaints of multiple properties in the village that have become a nuisance. The board discussed sending letters to ask property owners to rectify the matters.

President:

J. Marques stated he spoke with landowners regarding the property around the park that the village has expressed interest in purchasing. The owners are hoping a developer will purchase all property

at once. They are looking to get about \$43,000 per acre which is out of the village's price range at this time. He added that perhaps in the future the village could set up a fund for this purchase.

Committee Reports:

The Judiciary Committee met on September 10, 2024, to discuss waste disposal bid/proposal.

C. Dearth explained the bid will open October 21, 2024, and he discussed the village's proposal for refuse and recycling collection and disposal services.

Old Business:

Nothing at this time.

New Business:

D. Misener made a motion to accept the resignation of Ed Emrich as Village Trustee. The motion was seconded by D. Punke. Roll was taken; D. Misener-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, K. Webster-Yes, D. Punke-Yes. Motion carried.

D. Misener made a motion to approve the appointment of Roland Tondini as Village Trustee. The motion was seconded by D. Punke. Roll was taken; D. Misener-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, K. Webster-Yes, D. Punke-Yes. Motion carried.

Roland Tondini was sworn in as Village Trustee by Village President J. Marques.

J. Marques and J. Frederick explained the BSI survey options for EPA compliance to the board. **D. Misener made a motion to approve the BSI Gold Survey. The motion was seconded by K. Houchin. Roll was taken; D. Misener-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, K. Webster-Yes, D. Punke-Yes, R. Tondini-Yes. Motion carried.**

The liquor license for Breaktime Corner Market was presented for review. **D. Misener made a motion to approve the liquor license for Breaktime Corner Market. The motion was seconded by D. Punke. Roll was taken; D. Misener-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, K. Webster-Yes, D. Punke-Yes, R. Tondini-Yes. Motion carried.**

Director of Public Works:

J. Frederick reported to the board that a leak was found at 506 Hill St. Leak was dug up and fixed. He reported the blower for well 21 quit working, was fixed, and is back in service. He explained that they started installing the transfer pump for 21 and were short a few parts, parts were ordered and received today. J. Frederick stated he called Metro Pump to come take a look at high service pump 2. They also could not find anything wrong with it and are doing some research into an air bleeder for that pump. He stated the white truck had 2 tires replaced and the other 2 tires also need replaced soon.

J. Frederick informed the board that the water and sewer connections are hooked up for the Pfeifers at 606 South St. While digging in the sewer connection for 606 South St, they discovered a lot of ground water. After investigating, they realized the old elevator basement and pit was completely full of water. They got the valve shut off and will keep an eye on water counts to see if that takes care of the high usage issue they've been having.

J. Frederick also stated he was contacted by Spring Grove Nursery. They would like to donate 3 elm trees to put in the right-of-way in front of the wellness center parking lot on Grand Ridge.

Chief of Police:

L. Pastick reported traffic stops and police calls to the board.

Zoning:

J. Marques stated he spoke with T. Stiles regarding inspections at the Pfeifer new build. Inspections haven't been done yet. He added that there is no new information on the property located at 708 7th St.

Engineer:

T. Hejney reported that most of the road work is completed. He stated they will finish striping and shoulder work.

J. Frederick asked T. Hejney if they will be adding gravel to shoulders. T. Hejney stated they will where needed.

Attorney:

Nothing at this time.

D. Misener made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 pm. The motion was seconded by D. Punke. Roll was taken; D. Misener-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, K. Webster-Yes, D. Punke-Yes, R. Tondini-Yes. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

D. Misener reported the park committee is still waiting for prices for the pickleball courts. He stated He is having trouble finding a local black top company.

Old Business:

Nothing at this time

New Business:

D. Misener made a motion to pay for the Village to gain membership to the Grundy County Historical Society. D. Punke seconded the motion. Roll was taken; D. Misener-Yes, K. Houchin-Abstain, D. Punke-Yes, E. Emrich-Yes. Motion carried.

L. Johnson, 708 North St, requested a one-time adjustment to her water/sewer account from the Board. Her average bill is \$96.48 per month and her current bill is \$479.08 due to leak. **D. Punke made a motion to make a one-time adjustment to her account from \$479.08 to her average bill of \$96.48. This would result in a forgiveness of \$382.60 on her water bill. The motion was seconded by D. Misener. Roll was taken; D. Misener-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, D. Punke-Yes, E. Emrich-Yes. Motion carried.**

T. Hejny presented an invoice from Opperman Construction Co. for the sewer pond project to the board. He stated that the final invoice is about 13% more than the original contracted price.

C. Dearth recommends a change order due to the price being higher than original contract before paying this invoice. **The board agreed and decided to table this item.**

Director of Public Works:

J. Frederick reported the hydraulic tank for the yellow dump truck has been painted, reinstalled, and is Operational but now the oil pan is leaking and will be repaired before the beginning of the snow season. He informed the board that he mailed in the certification letter on the lead copper samples and hand delivered the test results to participating home owners. He stated the EPA rejected our lead copper inventory due to being submitted in the wrong format. With Melanie's help we changed it to the correct format and resubmitted. He finished and submitted the lead copper site plan to the EPA also. He informed the board that well 16 was pulled , inspected, reseated, and the hold down was installed. It was chlorinated and sampled and currently back in service. Hydraulic lines on the grader

were replaced. He stated public works has began painting lines in town and should be completed tomorrow. The battery on the white truck went bad and was replaced. The battery on the backhoe also needs replaced and he plans on replacing that this week. J. Frederick reported he was contacted by the homeowner at 503 7th St while out trimming trees. Homeowner was concerned about a hackberry tree in front of his house. He contacted Precision and they said tree is dying and needs removed. The price for that tree is \$850.00 for removal and grinding. He was also contacted by owner 607 Depot St about a big oak tree that had a hanging limb detached over the road. He contacted Precision to remove it and he recommended removal of this tree also. Price for removal and grinding of oak is \$1000.00. **Board agreed to cut both down.**

Chief of Police:

L. Pastick reported numerous traffic stops in the village. Pastick reported the July citation fees Received. He stated he was still working on finding funding for flock cameras. L. Pastick also questioned whether the village needed an ordinance regarding abandoned vehicles as there is not one currently.

Zoning:

T. Stiles reported that he has issued several new permits. He listed 1 fence, 2 roof, 1 solar, and 1 chicken permit. He stated that the 2 roof permits were complete.

Engineer:

T. Henjy reported that the MFT contract has been signed and sent to IDOT.

Attorney:

Nothing at this time.

D. Misener made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 pm. The motion was seconded by E. Emrich. Roll was taken; D. Misener-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, D. Punke-Yes, E. Emrich-Yes. Motion carried.