

Village of Mazon Board Minutes
Meeting held at 520 Depot St. Mazon, Illinois
April 24, 2023

The April 24, 2023 meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm.

Present were:, Jeff Marques, Kim Marques, Rachel Carrell, Dave Hammen, Jim Matteson, K. Webster, Diane Punke, Jim Hintze Tyler Baseley, John Frederick, Tim Henjy and Chris Dearth.

Absent: Dalton Misener

Guest: Ed Emrich

The April 10, 2023 Board minutes were presented for review. **D. Punke made a motion to approve April 10, 2023 minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by J. Hintze. Roll was taken; D. Hammen-Yes, J. Matteson-Yes, K. Webster-Yes, D. Punke-Yes, J. Hintze-Yes. Motion carried.**

The April 10, 2023 Personnel committee minutes were presented for review. **D. Hammen made a motion to approve April 10, 2023 Personnel committee minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by K. Webster. Roll was taken; D. Hammen-Yes, J. Matteson-Yes, K. Webster-Yes, D. Punke-Yes, J. Hintze-Yes. Motion carried.**

The April 19, 2023 Water/sewer committee minutes were presented for review. **J. Hintze made a motion to approve April 19, 2023 water/sewer committee minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by J. Matteson. Roll was taken; D. Hammen-Yes, J. Matteson-Yes, K. Webster-Yes, D. Punke-Yes, J. Hintze-Yes. Motion carried.**

The Bills for April 24, 2023 were presented for review. **D. Hammen made a motion to approve and pay the bills with the addition of precision Tree for \$800.00. The motion was seconded by J. Hintze. Roll was taken; D. Hammen-Yes, J. Matteson-Yes, K. Webster-Yes, D. Punke-Yes, J. Hintze-Yes. Motion carried.**

Treasurer

R. Carrell reported there are no CD's coming due until May 16, 2023.

The March Treasurer report was presented for approval. **K. Webster made a motion to approve the March Treasurer report as presented. The motion was seconded by D. Punke. Roll was taken; D. Hammen-Yes, J. Matteson-Yes, K. Webster-Yes, D. Punke-Yes, J. Hintze-Yes. Motion carried.**

Secretary:

K. Marques reported that she has ordered the replacement baby swing for the park. The cost is \$547.22.

We received the AT&T bills and they increased over 5x the regular rate. Every year they call to introduce the new rate and if you do not decline the increase it goes into effect on the next bill. When they called

the person here did not decline the rate and it went into effect. Kim called and got the rate reduced back to the regular rate plus their new rate increase. This will make each line approximately \$140.00 per month. Comcast will be contacted about changing the police phone to Comcast but the other two lines have to stay AT&T because they are alarm lines and cannot be internet based.

Kim is currently working on the Budget and Appropriations and will email out when complete. Would like to approve this at the next meeting.

Kim contacted Dynegy to follow up on the refund that was requested two months ago. We have a refund of \$34,411.11 due and should receive the check in the next 14 days.

Public Comment:

Ed Emrich asked for permission to plant a tree on Depot St. in front of his house where a recent storm took a tree down. The Village Board said he could plant a tree to replace the downed tree.

K. Marques was contacted by Ralph Binion regarding a tree branch falling on his vehicle and causing over \$700 damage to his vehicle. This is the second time this has happened since 2020. After the 2020 incident we cut down a tree but he said it was not the right tree. J. Frederick contacted Precision Tree service to inspect the three trees in front of Mr. Binion's house and they found only the tree (a maple tree) located at the north end of his property but on Village property needs to be cut down. The maple tree will be cut down soon. The two hack berry trees where the branches have fallen are in good condition and do not show any signs of rot or need to be cut down. The last claim in 2020 was denied by our insurance company because the trees were inspected by Beshore tree service and were determined to be in good condition. Kim will submit the current claim to insurance this week.

At the last zoning Board meeting there was discussion and concern about the condition of the fencing at the loco docs property on South St. The gates are being left open and the east gates are in need of repair. There is also concern that there is no screening on the fence around the property. The Board had discussed the screening issue in the past and asked him to remove it as it was shredding in the wind. As far as the gates being left open this is private property and we can ask him to close the gates but there is nothing in the ordinance that says the gates must be closed. J. Marques will talk with Bob Bekker the owner of Loco Docs.

There have been several complaints about the dogs at 604 Hill St. being allowed to be tied out in the front yard and extending beyond the sidewalk making it impassable. K. Marques was directed by the Board to contact animal control to resolve the issue.

J. Hintze said he has had several people tell him what a nice young man and what a good job Keenan Carter is doing.

President:

Nothing at this time.

Committees:

The water sewer committee met and reviewed the current cost of producing water and the current rate we are charging. It was determined that the Village is losing money on the water account each year due to the expense of producing it and the lack of money charged. It was determined that they need to increase the water rate but not the sewer rate. **D. Punke made a motion to raise the water rates 8% effective with the May 1st 2023 bill. The motion was seconded by J. Hintze. Roll was taken; D. Hammen-Yes, J. Matteson-Yes, K. Webster-Yes, D. Punke-Yes, J. Hintze-Yes. Motion carried.**

D. Hammen also suggested charging an additional fee for accounts past due in the amount of \$200.00 or more when a delinquent notice needs to be sent out. J. Hintze suggested that instead we raise the late fee to 15% instead of the current 10%. **The Board directed C. Dearth to amend the ordinance to charge a \$25.00 fee if a delinquent letter needs to be sent out for past due accounts over \$200.00.**

J. Marques asked the Park committee what they have decided on charging and scheduling out of town ball diamond use at the park. J. Hintze said he is against letting out of Town leagues use the park. **The Park committee will meet on Thursday April 27, 2023 at 9:00am to discuss the matter.**

Old Business:

The secretary position and public works position will be posted tomorrow.

New Business:

The ground work for the playground equipment at the park bids will be tabled until the next meeting.

The Board discussed the fireworks donation. M. Breisch said he would need at least \$3500.00 from the Village. **J. Matteson made a motion to make a donation in the amount of \$3500.00 for the 2023 Fireworks. The motion was seconded by J. Hintze. Roll was taken; D. Hammen-Yes, J. Matteson-Yes, K. Webster-Yes, D. Punke-Yes, J. Hintze-Yes. Motion carried.**

The Grundy Co. Transit donation will be tabled until the next meeting.

The liquor license for Caseys and Minit mart were presented for approval. **D. Hammen made a motion to approve the liquor license for Minit Mart. The motion was seconded by J. Hintze. Roll was taken; D. Hammen-Yes, J. Matteson-Yes, K. Webster-Yes, D. Punke-Yes, J. Hintze-Yes. Motion carried.**

J. Hintze made a motion to approve the liquor license for Caseys. The motion was seconded by D. Punke. Roll was taken; D. Hammen-Yes, J. Matteson-Yes, K. Webster-Yes, D. Punke-Yes, J. Hintze-Yes. Motion carried.

Zoning:

T. Stiles was not present at the meeting.

Police:

T. Baseley read his report.

Public Works:

J. Frederick read his report. The aerator pricing came in at \$6,029 and \$6,644. The park clean up went well. We will put new lime on the walk path this year. The EPA portal has not been working so we have not been able to submit our Lead copper report. The EPA is aware of the issue and no penalties will be issued.

Cold patching is done in Town.

The cemetery has been graded and graveled.

John and Keenan have taken their larvice classes.

Attorney:

Nothing at this time.

Engineer:

Nothing at this time.

J. Hintze made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm. The motion was seconded by K. Webster.

Roll was taken; D. Hammen-Yes, J. Matteson-Yes, K. Webster-Yes, D. Punke-Yes, J. Hintze-Yes.

Motion carried.