

Village of Mazon Board Minutes
August 12, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm on August 12, 2024

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

Absent were: K. Webster

Guest: Tamra Roseland – Tri County Management

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

The Zoning Committee minutes for July 16, 2024 were presented for approval. **D. Misener made a motion to approve the zoning committee minutes for July 16, 2024. The motion was seconded by E. Emrich. Roll was taken; D. Misener-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, D. Punke-Yes, E. Emrich-Yes. Motion carried.**

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

Treasurer:

Tamra Roseland from Tri County Management presented the Fiscal Year 2024. Cash balances increased and assets decreased due to depreciation. There was an increase in fund balances. She stated Melanie did a good job on the books and that there was a smooth audit this year.

R. Carrell reported that there is a CD up for renewal. CD# 733833 for General Building in the amount of \$27,408.84 is due on August 17, 2024 and is currently getting 5.15% at American Commercial Bank & Trust. First American is offering 4.84% for 6 months or 4.35% for 12 months. SOCU is currently offering 5.00% for 14 months. **D. Misener made a motion to reinvest CD# 733833 at SOCU for 14 months at 5.00%. The motion was seconded by D. Punke. Roll was taken; D. Misener-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, D. Punke-Yes, E. Emrich-Yes. Motion carried.**

The June 2024 Treasurer Report was presented for approval. **D. Misener made a motion to approve the June 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.**

The July 2024 Treasurer Report was presented for review.

Secretary:

M. Murphy reported that the 2nd quarter taxes have been filed. She stated there had been several technical issues over the last couple weeks which have held up a few things including ePay. IL ePay training is scheduled for tomorrow pending the village hall having internet access.

Public Comment:

K. Houchin stated that a village resident expressed concern about recycling pickup going to every other week. J. Marques responded that this has not been decided and he will meet with Republic soon regarding upcoming contract renewal.

President:

J. Marques stated that we will need to meet soon to discuss the 1% grocery sales tax. He also stated that there is a contingent sale on the church located at 708 7th Street.

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.