

Village of Mazon Board Minutes
December 9, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm on December 9, 2024.

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

Absent: Rachel Carrell, Kris Webster

The minutes for November 25, 2024, were presented for approval. **D. Misener made a motion to approve the November 25, 2024, minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by D. Punke. Roll was taken. D. Misener-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, D. Punke-Yes, R. Tondini-Yes. Motion carried.**

The bill list for December 9, 2024, was presented for approval. **D. Misener made a motion to approve the bill list for December 9, 2024, as presented. The motion was seconded by K. Houchin. Roll was taken. D. Misener-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, D. Punke-Yes, R. Tondini-Yes. Motion carried.**

Treasurer:

CD# 73302000 for General Infrastructure in the amount of \$42,938.33 is due on December 7, 2024, and is currently getting 5.25% at American Commercial Bank & Trust. **D. Misener made a motion to reinvest CD# 73302000 at SOCU for 13 months at 4.15%. The motion was seconded by D. Punke. Roll was taken. D. Misener-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, D. Punke-Yes, R. Tondini-Yes. Motion carried.**

CD# 73301400 for Police Vehicle in the amount of \$10,468.03 is due on December 7, 2024, and is currently getting 5.25% at American Commercial Bank & Trust. **D. Misener made a motion to add \$5,000.00 and reinvest CD# 73301400 at SOCU for 13 months at 4.15%. The motion was seconded by K. Houchin. Roll was taken. D. Misener-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, D. Punke-Yes, R. Tondini-Yes. Motion carried.**

J. Marques reported overtime hours for pay period ending December 2, 2024.

The November 2024 Treasurer Report was presented for review.

Secretary:

M. Murphy reported that she spoke with Eddie Wendler last week regarding Ubiquity Networks that the Village uses to radio our fiber internet services to public works buildings. She stated that as of January 1, 2025, Ubiquity Networks is discontinuing the free cloud hosted service offering of 1-10 Devices. She added that they now offer a subscription service in its place, \$29.00 a month for up to 150 devices. M. Murphy stated that purchasing a Ubiquity Self Hosted Console with a one-time cost \$117.94 allows the Village the ability to keep our ethernet network updated without the monthly recurring cost.

Public Comment:

J. Marques stated that he has received more complaints regarding the Assistant Fire Chief and the driving habits during calls causing concern among residents. J. Marques stated he isn't sure what can be done about it.

President:

J. Marques stated that the personnel committee recommended giving the village employees a \$200.00 holiday gift but did not make a motion yet. **D. Punke made a motion to give village employees a \$200.00 holiday gift. The motion was seconded by D. Misener. Roll was taken. D. Misener-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, D. Punke-Yes, R. Tondini-Yes. Motion carried.**

J. Marques informed the board that he received a letter from the GEDC informing us that a data center is looking for a new location. He stated they are looking for which community will give them the best incentives. J. Marques also stated that he sent in all requested information.

Committee Reports:

K. Houchin stated the Personnel Committee will hold quarterly reviews on January 7, 2025.

D. Misener presented forms for proposed park reservations. J. Marques stated that the forms have the wrong park closing time on them. J. Marques also stated that the wording on the proposed forms for whom will put up the reservation notice needs to be changed to clarify it will be the reservation holders' responsibility to hang notice. He also stated that the forms state to call the village hall for Mazon Police if a problem arises. He added that that contact information needs to be changed due to not always having someone on staff at the hall. D. Misener stated they would table this matter to give time to make changes.

Old Business:

Nothing at this time.

New Business:

M. Murphy gave the board information about upgrading the village's bookkeeping software to Locis 8. **K. Houchin made a motion upgrade to Locis 8. The motion was seconded by D. Misener. Roll was taken. D. Misener-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, D. Punke-Yes, R. Tondini-Yes. Motion carried.**

J. Marques informed the board that he spoke with Ben Biros and that he or his brother Sam Biros would like to farm the village owned 10 acres of farmland next year and presented a check to the Village in the amount of \$500.00 for rent of the land in 2024.

J. Marques discussed with the board the annual appreciation dinner. The board agreed to have the dinner in January.

Director of Public Works:

J. Frederick reported to the board. He stated that Cummings came and did the maintenance on the Generator. J. Frederick stated that they received everything for the fluoride probe, and he is running testing on it. He added that he hopes to be using it for fluoride testing be next week.

J. Frederick stated that after some research, he found an air relief valve that he believes will work. He received the valve today and hope to have it operational this week.

J. Frederick informed that the board that Marc has been signed up for his ELDT class and starts tonight. He stated that the class is 4 hours a night, 4 days a week, for 12 weeks, from 5 pm -9 pm. J. Frederick also informed the board that he will be ordering front tires for the F250 and scheduling it for a front-end alignment at the same time.

J. Frederick also informed the board that the location of 505 Hill St #B has had an ongoing leak for 4 years. Water usage for the property ranges from 12,000-25,000 gallons per month. The owner and tenant are both aware of the leak. J. Frederick asked the board that with the ongoing large waste of resources, can a letter be sent out to ask them to remedy the situation. The board agreed that a letter should be written asking the owner to fix the leak.

Chief of Police:

L. Pastick reported to the board. L. Pastick stated that he has 122 traffic citations to date. L. Pastick reported that he attended Heros and Helpers on December 8, 2024. He stated that he is currently looking into a grant for body worn cameras and in car cameras from ILETSB and will be applying for it. He informed the board that he received the pricing from a couple companies for the devices and and software. He also received a letter of support recommending that Mazon Police Department receive the grant from State Representative Jason Bunting. L. Pastick reported that the village received \$150.00 from Grundy County for traffic citation fines.

L. Pastick informed the board that the FBI NIBRS/I-UCR Report places crimes in Mazon for 2024 at 50% adult and 50% juvenile.

L. Pastick added that he is looking into the possibility of a LPR Grant(License Plate Reader) for 2 flock cameras on East St.

Zoning:

Nothing at this time.

Engineer:

Nothing at this time.

Attorney:

Nothing at this time.

D. Punke made a motion at 6:45 pm to enter into executive session.

- 1. "Executive session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) regarding litigation that is pending probable, or imminent, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of a particular public body is pending before a court or administrative tribunal"**
- 2. "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.**
- 3. "Executive session closed under the open meetings act, for the purpose of approval by the body of the minutes and the semi-annual review of the minutes pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 C 21 and 5 ILCS 120/2.06"**

The motion was seconded by D. Misener. Roll was taken. D. Misener-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, D. Punke-Yes, R. Tondini-Yes. Motion carried.

D. Misener made a motion to reconvene to regular session at 6:56 pm. The motion was seconded by D. Punke. Roll was taken. D. Misener-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, D. Punke-Yes, R. Tondini-Yes. Motion carried.

D. Misener made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 pm. The motion was seconded by R. Tondini. Roll was taken. D. Misener-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, D. Punke-Yes, R. Tondini-Yes. Motion carried.