

Village of Mazon
Board Minutes
January 22, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm on January 22, 2024

Present were; Jeff Marques, Kim Marques, Melanie Murphy, Rachel Carrell, Dalton Misener, Kirk Houchin, Kris Webster, Diane Punke, John Frederick, Larry Pastick, C. Dearth and T. Henjy.

Absent: Jim Matteson and Ed Emrich

Guest: Ryan Lane

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

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

Treasurer:

R. Carrell reported there are no CD's due at this time.

The December Treasurer report was presented for approval. **D. Misener made a motion to approve the December 2023 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 reported she has updated the Verizon account which saves us \$85.00 per month. She is still waiting on IMRF to update her as authorized agent. She worked with Eddie Wendler on Friday to get Village emails for Jeff, Larry, John, Rachel and herself. Kim and her are working on the FY 25 budget draft.

Public comment:

None at this time.

President:

J. Marques has been working with Eddie Wendler on the IT security. He will be our support on this issue for a while. He suggested we contact Simple Communications to contract with as our IT support. Jeff is checking into this.

Grundy County Transit sent a letter explaining funding and ridership. They are requesting monetary donations to help support the service. In 2023 540 rides originated in Mazon. The Board discussed giving a donation in support to Grundy County Transit in the amount of \$1,200.00. **The Board agreed to give \$1,200.00 to Grundy County Transit.**

Committee Reports:

K. Houchin reported the Water/sewer/street and alley committee met on January 17, 2024. They received 3 bids for the sewer plant project and made a recommendation to the Village Board to accept the low bid of Opperman Construction for \$173,734.00. This project is for reconstruction of ponds 3 and 4. The work on the sewer plant will be paid for with funds on hand and the work is to be completed by May, 2024.

The committee also discussed the water treatment plant project. The paperwork has been submitted for review and we are waiting on the State to send a report, at which time we will hold a public hearing on the matter. The project cost is \$2,990,000.00. We would apply for an IEPA 25 year loan with an interest rate of 1.36%. The IEPA loan also has a up to 1.65MM loan forgiveness program which would reduce our loan amount to \$1,495,000.00. To repay the loan it would be necessary to put a surcharge on the water bills for 25 years in the amount of \$12.66 per month. The IEPA requires you to show ability to repay the loan as well as ability to maintain the system in the future. The surcharge would remain on the bill until the loan is paid off.

The committee discussed the water main replacement. The water mains from North St. south would be considered for replacement. The cost to replace water main is estimated at \$400.00 per foot. A spread sheet was presented to show the cost to replace 10, 20, 33, 66, and 100% of the water main. To replace 100% of the water main south of North St. would cost \$9,539,334.00 and require a monthly water bill surcharge of \$57.42 per month for 30 years. The cost to replace 33% of the water main would be \$3,170,306.00 and require a \$11.54 surcharge for 30 years. This would include a grant of up to \$1.65MM for the project if still available.

All water projects take at least one year for design and loan approval.

The Water/sewer/street and alley minutes for January 17, 2024 were presented for review. **D. Misener made a motion to approve the minutes for January 17, 2024 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.**

New Business:

The Village Board received a recommendation from the Water/sewer/street and alley committee to approve and accept the bid from Opperman Construction in the amount of \$173,734.00 for the sewer plant project. **D. Misener made a motion to accept the bid from Opperman Construction in the amount of \$173,743.00 for the sewer plant project. The motion was seconded by K. Houchin. Roll was taken; D. Misener-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, K. Webster-Yes, D. Punke-Yes. Motion carried.**

Director of Public Works:

J. Frederick reported we were using a lot of water for several days and I was looking for a leak. I did find two residents which had burst pipes and the leak at Depot St. South of the tracks showed itself on Sunday. There was a water main break on Sunday morning at 3:00am, the valve blew. It was fixed on Sunday. The hole was left open to put in a service tap for 704 South St. We did not have the parts to complete the tap on Sunday. The property owner will run the service line this summer and a water account will be set up for him at that time.

The generator at the sewer plant ran out of LP, it is FS responsibility to keep it filled. They had not filled in over a year. I talked to FS and this will not happen again they are installing a monitor on the tank.

The Onan generator will have the coolant heater replaced during regular maintenance soon.

We put 4 new tires on the portable generator the was \$512.00.

Aerator #1 at the pump house froze up. We were able to get it thawed and operational.

Nicor was in the Village for several days trying to locate a gas leak. They finally found it and fixed it but in the mean time they dug up North St. and the ditch along North St. and they hit the storm drain which we had to fix. We are working on a contact to get them to repair the road they dug up.

We have been doing a lot of plowing and salting.

Chief of Police:

L. Pastick reported

Caseys General Store employee theft(s) from August through November 2023. Caseys signed a complaint.

Traffic Crash report. Weather related, car vs. plow.

DCFS asked Mazon PD to complete a welfare check on a child at our office.

Vehicle ticketed and towed for parking on street 2" or more of snow.

Alarm in Commercial District.

Two Semi-trailers on local streets. (Due to Gas Leak) Warning issued.

Natural Gas leak in abandoned house at 304 North Street. Mazon FD contacted. Gas meter turned off by NICOR. *Call out.

vehicle stalled in east lane at 900 North Street. Vehicle towed.

Speeding in School Zone. 31 mph in a 20 mph. Citation issued.

Domestic Dispute St. Grundy County Sheriff responded too. *Call out.

Laundromat had problems with teenagers vandalizing and smoking marijuana in the bathroom.

Grundy Sheriff responded Friday 01/19 and Saturday 01/20 getting names of 7 juveniles. I will follow up with Grundy. I was not notified by dispatch.

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 6:50 pm. The motion was seconded by D. Punke. Roll was taken; D. Misener-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, K. Webster-Yes, D. Punke-Yes. Motion carried.