

Village of Mazon Board Minutes  
June 24, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 5:59 pm on June 10, 2024

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

Absent were: K. Webster

Guest: Marley Harford, Alicia Denny, Anthony Denny

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

The Park Committee minutes for the June 18, 2024, were presented for approval. **D. Misener made a motion to approve the June 18, 2024, Park Committee minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by D. Misener. Roll was taken; D. Misener-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, D. Punke, E. Emrich-Yes. Motion carried.**

The bill list for June 24, 2024, was presented for approval. **D. Misener made a motion to approve the bill list for June 24, 2024, as presented. The motion was seconded by K. Houchin. Roll was taken; D. Misener-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, D. Punke, E. Emrich-Yes. Motion carried.**

**Treasurer:**

R. Carrell reported that no CD's were up for renewal.

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

**Secretary:**

M. Murphy reported Comcast is scheduled to do a survey on the Village Hall on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. If all goes well, we are looking at getting the new phone system installed on July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024. M. Murphy also reported that she schedule the Comcast techs to come on Wednesday, July 26, 2024 to begin running the fiber in the building. After they complete the inside work, we will schedule technicians to do the outside work.

M. Murphy stated she contacted IL ePay on Friday to let them know we are ready to move forward with our online pay but stated she did ask to do a reports refresher as she did that training almost a year ago.

**Public Comment:**

Marley Harford was present to give an update on MVKYAA Summer Baseball League. She stated they had 15 teams over all. The regular season is now wrapped up and they will begin the all star season. M. Harford also stated the concessions this season have brought in a lot of funds. They plan on putting some of that money back into the park for maintenance.

She thanked the Village for allowing MVKYAA use of the park for their organization. She also wanted to let the Village Board know that they received the letter sent out regarding upcoming changes to park policy/usage. They also read in the Village Minutes that MVKYAA has been contacted. Harford wanted to make the board aware that they have not been contacted by the village park committee about any changes up until this point and they are interested in being involved in the policy making process. They are aware that policy is important.

D. Misener spoke on behalf of the park committee and stated he was unaware that they haven't been involved. They will be scheduling a park meeting and MVKYAA will be invited.

**President:**

J. Marques reported he met with Jim Pozzi, who is the Municipal Services Manager with Republic Services. The Village's contract for garbage and recycling disposal is up in November 2024. He stated they discussed a new 5 year contract. Republic proposed recycling pickup being switched to every other week and changing yard waste pick to April through November.

J. Marques also reported he has been working with Ryan from Chamlin & Associates on the Water Treatment Plant. He stated we are in the planning phase right now and they brought up that we may qualify for a 6 million dollar loan with forgiveness.

**Committee Reports:**

D. Misener spoke on behalf of the Park Committee. He stated the committee is going to have another meeting to discuss park use by organizations. He reported the committee has been coming up with prices and terms for reserving park pavilions and ball fields by residents and non-residents. He also informed the board that they have discussed putting in 2 pickleball courts instead of 1. He explained that in order to do that the courts would but right up to each other so the committee has suggested adding 4-6 feet to the court so there will be a little space for movement in between courts. Price to expand the concrete slab is estimated of \$1000-\$2500.

D. Misener also informed the board that the cost of poles and nets for the courts would be \$600 each. They will work on getting actual bids for the concrete.

**Old Business:**

Nothing at this time

**New Business:**

**K. Houchin made a motion to approve the Grundy Area Machinery Auction to be held on August 3, 2024. The motion was seconded by D. Misener. Roll was taken; D. Misener-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, D. Punke, E. Emrich-Yes. Motion carried.**

Alicia and Anthony Denny were present to propose a plan to open a cannabis consumption lounge. They explained that this would be a bar/lounge like atmosphere, but they would not sell alcohol or cannabis. Instead they would allow patrons to bring their own already purchased. They would charge a cover charge at the door. Each night of the week would have different activities and entertainment. Cover charge would depend on what the entertainment was on that night. They discussed similar businesses in Illinois and other states where cannabis has been legalized.

They discussed safety concerns and statistics.

D. Misener questioned if they would allow BYOB alcohol. Alicia stated they are open to just allowing cannabis.

K. Houchin asked what benefits this would have to our Village. They responded with increased foot traffic to existing businesses, increase in sales tax, and potential of another business opening up in Mazon.

C. Dearth explained that there is currently no zoning for this type of business within the Village of Mazon. He went on to explain that steps would need to be taken before they could be granted a business license. He also asked what they forecast their business revenue to be in the first year.

D. Misener stated he has spoken with several individuals in Susser, IL regarding a similar business. He told the board that the authorities told him they have had zero police calls or incidents in the 2 years that business has been open. They also sent D. Misener a copy of the ordinance they passed for this type of business.

Chief Pastick stated he would recommend the business being required to have a security or bouncer.

D. Misener questioned the village's liability if someone went there and left intoxicated and drove and got into an accident. Dearth was unsure at this time.

The Dennys' were asked why they want to open it here in the Village of Mazon. Anthony Denny responded that Mazon is right in the center of several towns, villages, and cities.

J. Marques said this will need to go before the judicial and zoning committees. He also stated the Board will need to do some extensive research to cover all bases.

### **The Board decided to table the Zoning Board recommendation for Zoning Text amendment for Pole-Mounted Solar Devices**

J. Marques stated that he is in the process of getting a price with Republic Services for the sewer pond waste removal. We have to send samples off for testing to confirm the waste is not contaminated. Stuarts Spreading and Opperman Construction are also interested in disposing of it.

J. Marques informed the board that Grundy County Economic Development has invoiced the Village for the annual investor fees in the amount of \$979.00. **D. Punke made a motion to approve payment to Grundy County Economic Development in the amount of \$979.00 for 2024. The motion was seconded by D. Misener. Roll was taken; D. Misener-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, D. Punke, E. Emrich-Yes. Motion carried.**

**D. Misener made a motion to accept the bid from D Construction in the amount of \$162,625.61 for the 2024 MFT Road Project. The motion was seconded by D. Punke. Roll was taken; D. Misener-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, D. Punke, E. Emrich-Yes. Motion carried.**

C. Dearth presented an Ordinance adopting and approving amendments to Chapter 151 of the Village of Mazon Municipal code regarding building regulations for the Village of Mazon. **D. Punke made a motion to approve an ordinance adopting and approving amendments to chapter 151 of the Village of Mazon municipal code regarding building regulations for the Village of Mazon. The motion was seconded by D. Misener. Roll was taken; D. Misener-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, D. Punke-Yes E. Emrich-Yes. Motion carried.**

**Director of Public Works:**

J. Frederick reported that Opperman Construction finished the rehabs on pond 3 and 4. Both are now in service and operational. He also informed the board that he ordered seals for well caps and the hold down brace for well 16 which is supposed to be delivered in the next couple weeks. Until then, well 16 will be out of service.

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J. Frederick stated that an EPA inspection of the water plant is coming up on June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Getting ready for that is our number one priority.

J. Frederick also stated that public works did draw down and test pumping on wells and discovered Well 16 had come unseated. It has been pulled out of service until we can get a brace for it.

**Chief of Police:**

L. Pastick reported he had 7 traffic stops. He also reported he stopped a go-cart on East St. Juveniles were warned about where they could and could not operate go-cart. He reported he will be attending BOLA training 6/25/24 at Reed Custer High School.

L. Pastick also stated new batteries for the speed sign will arrive this week. Pastick also reported to the board that he has been in contact with the county regarding grants for FLOCK LPR Cameras. He explained that FLOCK is used across the country to help apprehend criminals. His thoughts were to purchase 2 of these FLOCK cameras for location of East St and North St. The cost of these cameras would be \$3000.00 annually per camera. The board discussed the possible need for 4 of these cameras. J. Marques expressed concerns for the cost of these cameras after grant money is gone and asked how the village would pay the annual cost.

**Zoning:**

T. Stiles reported he gave out 2 new permit applications.

**Engineer:**

Nothing at this time.

**Attorney:**

Nothing at this time.

**D. Misener made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 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.**