

Village of Mazon Board Minutes
Last Meeting of Fiscal Year
May 13, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm on May 13, 2024

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

Guest: Tina Brookman

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

The Water/Sewer Committee minutes for April 16, 2024, were presented for approval. **E. Emrich made a motion to approve the April 16, 2024, Water/Sewer Committee minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by D. Punke. Roll was taken; D. Misener-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, K. Webster-Yes, D. Punke-Yes, E. Emrich-Yes. Motion carried.**

The corrected Park Committee minutes for April 20, 2024, were presented for approval. **D. Misener made a motion to approve the corrected April 20, 2024, Park Committee minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by E. Emrich. Roll was taken; D. Misener-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, K. Webster-Yes, D. Punke-Yes, E. Emrich-Yes. Motion carried.**

Treasurer:

R. Carrell reported at American Commercial Bank and Trust, CD# 733586 for sewer equipment in the amount of \$45,882.62 is coming due on May 16, 2024. They are offering 5.00% 6 months or 4.85% for 12 months. SOCU is offering 5.00% for 14 months. **D. Punke made a motion to reinvest CD# 733586 at Streator Onized Credit Union for 14 months with a rate of 5.00%. The motion was seconded by K. Webster. Roll was taken; D. Misener-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, K. Webster-Yes, D. Punke-Yes, E. Emrich-Yes. Motion carried.**

R. Carrell reported at Streator Onized Credit Union, CD# 2012 for Motor Fuel in the amount of \$99,844.70 is coming due on May 18, 2024. They are offering 5.00% for 14 months. **K. Webster made a motion to reinvest CD# 2012 at Streator Onized Credit Union for 14 months with a rate of 5.00%. The motion was seconded by E. Emrich. Roll was taken; D. Misener-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, K. Webster-Yes, D. Punke-Yes, E. Emrich-Yes. Motion carried.**

The April Treasurer report was presented for review.

R. Carrell presented a breakdown of taxes received by the village in 2023. She informed the board she will be receiving tri-annual reports of tax allocations going forward.

R. Carrell presented the Fiscal Year 2024 line item transfers for approval. **D. Misener made a motion to approve the FY 2024 line item transfers as presented. The motion was seconded by K. Webster. Roll was taken; D. Misener-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, K. Webster-Yes, D. Punke-Yes, E. Emrich-Yes. Motion carried.**

Secretary:

M. Murphy reported that she and J. Frederick completed the CCR for 2023 and it is now available on the Village website. Notice of its availability will go on the water/sewer bills that will get sent out June 1, 2024.

She stated that she received the new intergovernmental cooperation agreement from Local Government Health Plan. The Village's rates have decreased by about 15%.

M. Murphy also reported that IL ePay has been put on hold for several months while the Village sorted out cyber security updates. She stated she plans to reach out to IL ePay and tell them we are ready to move forward.

Public comment:

Tina Brookman was present on behalf of Deb Punke to discuss Ms. Punke's water bill. She explained Ms. Punke had a water leak which resulted in high water usage. Her average bill is \$81.78 per month and after the leak her bill was \$469.20. **K. Webster made a motion to make a one-time adjustment to her account from \$469.20 to her average bill of \$81.78. This would result in a forgiveness of \$387.42 on her water bill. The motion was seconded by E. Emrich. Roll was taken; D. Misener-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, K. Webster-Yes, D. Punke-Abstain, E. Emrich-Yes. Motion carried.**

D. Misener stated he has received numerous complaints regarding overgrown yards.

M. Murphy stated she sent out 6 ordinance violation letters to residences who were not compliant. Letters were sent out on May 7, 2024.

D. Misener expressed concern about the upcoming cicadas population attacking the newly planted trees that Public Works planted. He suggested mesh bags that are available online. These bags are meant to protect plant life from infestation. The board discussed the cost and agreed it would be best to order these bags to be proactive.

The board also discussed the painting of the pickle ball court and the ordering of new nets.

President:

Nothing at this time.

Committee Reports:

D. Misener reported that he reached out to MVKYAA regarding the Village's intention of setting Policy and Procedures for village property i.e. Mazon Park. MVKYAA expressed no interest giving their input in the policy making process. Board agreed to move forward with the policy planning process.

Old Business:

Nothing at this time

New Business:

Nothing at this time

Director of Public Works:

J. Frederick reported that he, J. Marques, and T. Hejny had a meeting with Opperman Construction. They discussed the plan for the sewer pond rehabs.

He stated public works cleaned up behind pond 4 and took the fence down to make room for Opperman trucks to get through and utilize that back 2 acres.

He and M. Murphy completed the lead copper testing site plan and submitted it to the EPA.

J. Frederick stated that public works inspected several storm drains with cameras and fixed issues with any drains that required. The storm drain at Park St. and 8th St. will need jetted.

J. Frederick told the board that his sewer license is coming up for renewal in July so he will be attending an online class which is scheduled for May 21, 2024. He and Marc will both attend a conference on May 22, 2024 that will provide CEU hours.

The maintenance shed, Primrose Park, Pump House, and Well Field have all been sprayed with Herbicide. And a new front tire was purchased for the backhoe costing \$588.

Chief of Police:

L. Pastick reported that he attended Active Shooter, Building Clearing, and Control Tactics Training on April 29th and April 30th. He also attended META Communications for Law Enforcement Executives Training on May 1st. On May 7th, 2024, Ordinance Violation letters went out to 6 properties.

L. Pastick informed the board that on May 11, 2024, he joined Grundy County Sheriffs, MVK Ambulance, and Mazon Fire Department in escorting MVK Middle School Track team on their way to State.

He received the RADARSIGN base assembly and it is ready for use.

L. Pastick stated that as of now he has 29 golf cart registries compliant. P-Tickets will be issued for anyone caught driving their golf cart without registration on file.

L. Pastick and the board discussed people riding mini bikes around the village. They have been seen numerous times by citizens driving recklessly.

Zoning:

T. Stiles reported a fence permit issued.

Engineer:

T. Hejny reported that the trench on North Street has been patched. He also informed the board we are moving forward with waste water treatment plant.

Attorney:

Nothing at this time.

J. Marques made a motion to close FY24 at 6:46 pm. D. Punke seconded the motion. Roll was taken; D. Misener-Yes, K. Houchin-Yes, K. Webster-Yes, D. Punke-Yes, E. Emrich-Yes. Motion carried.