

**VILLAGE OF MT AUBURN
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 2, 2020**

The Village of Mt Auburn board met in regular session with Mayor Amber Dooley presiding. The meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present were: Mayor Amber Dooley, Trustees; Denise Carey, Rick Clayton, Sandra Gooder, Charlene Saulsberry, Scott Vincent, and Bridget Willard. Clerk Sheri Clayton was also present. Treasurer Gerry Mahr was absent.

Also present were Officer Thomas Perry, Attorney Dennis Atteberry, Jonathan Tarrant, Rachel LeBeane, Vicki Simmons, Amanda Rankins, Brent Milburn, Stanley Ryan, and John Ward.

Public Speaks:

John Ward stated a large limb fell out of a tree. He isn't sure if it is on his property or Village property. Would like Rick to measure to see who is responsible for the tree. John also mentioned that the ditches around his house are holding water. Scott let him know that the village will have Tracy Trucking dig them out. John also stated concern regarding water that is standing in the alleyway behind his house, he is concerned it could be sewage. He stated that the grass is tall and can not be mowed. A sample of the standing water will be taken for testing.

Jonathan stated he has a culvert full of mud. Scott said this has been sent to Lee at Milano and Grunloh to be addressed by MB Construction.

Amanda asked who was responsible for mowing the baseball diamond. She said the weeds are getting tall. Scott said he would spray them.

Brent Milburn stated there is a tile on S. Elm/W Center St that needs addressed. He mentioned that he gets water in his basement every time it rains. He thinks that something was hit on Center St causing the current issues he is having. Brent also stated that four of his neighbors have complained to him about having water issues in their basements as well. Amber stated it is not the town's responsibility to investigate every household's issues regarding backing up of water, etc. Atteberry stated if the residence is having issues the homeowner needs to begin the investigation work. If the problem is proven to be a Village issue, the Village should fix, otherwise it is the responsibility of the homeowner.

Brent also wanted to advise the board to do some investigation work into EJ Water before signing an agreement with them. He said they are very good at marketing and feel they want something from Mt Auburn, which is why they want the Village to sign with them. He also mentioned that EJ states they will take additional revenue and give back to the communities. He does not feel they are giving back to the communities they are involved with.

Committee Reports:

Finance - Scott reported that he has been looking at major rebounding indexes and they are getting worse. He said the economy is not expected to recover as quickly as once believed, due to Covid-19. He stated there will be less sales tax revenue, no gaming money as machines have been shut off, and less Motor Fuel Tax Money.

Health - Sandy read report.

Vicki Simmons inquired about stray cats around town. She asked if there was anything that could be done about them. Jonathan stated he would contact Christian County Animal Control, in the meantime he could possibly take a live trap down there.

Insurance -- Nothing to report.

Liquor - Nothing to report.

Ordinance - Bridget stated there was a tree on Mr Hale's shed. She is getting measurements of the tree to determine liability and quotes to get it taken down. Bridget also mentioned she has had complaints about burning in burn barrels. Thomas stated the inquiry has to go through the non-emergency line at the Christian County Sheriff's office and they will dispatch the fire department. The non-emergency line number is 217-824-9610.

Charlene inquired about properties not being cleaned up that have been previously given ordinance violation letters. Amber asked Atteberry if something additional could be done to properties that have been previously cleaned up by the Village and liens put on property. Atteberry stated that liens can continue to be put on the property and then eventually foreclosed on. He also said the Village could get the County Health Department involved. Rick asked if Sky should continue to mow the property on Williams St that has been taken care of by the Village in years past. Atteberry said Sky should continue to mow and document hours spent on it.

Parks - Amber stated she is going to have a Porta Potty placed at the park this week.

Scott is going to look into the creation of a park district. This could potentially pull in extra funds for the Village. Atteberry mentioned a board would have to be created and a board voted on.

Police - Officer Perry read the report. Report is on file. Officer Perry also inquired about some information he read in the Breeze-Courier. He wanted to know why he was being ridiculed about a budget that he has never seen. He mentioned the squad car and putting in extra time and energy to save the Village money on it. He also inquired about not being invited to the Police Committee meeting. He said nobody talks to him about anything, he feels they talk around him. Perry was very upset that nobody has talked to him about current budget issues and instead read about it in the newspaper. Police Committee Meeting June 5th at 7pm, things will be further discussed at this time.

Officer Perry also stated that signs need to be posted about the weight limit of trucks that is allowed within the Village. He said he has had complaints regarding heavy trucks, but no signs are posted about weight limits.

Streets & Alleys - Nothing to report.

Water - Scott inquired about a time frame for EJ Water-Coop. Atteberry stated an addendum needs to be made to the contract which will include residents from outside of the Village who are on our current water lines. The contract has not been received from EJ Water.

Denise asked about reimbursement from MB Construction. Amber said another issue had surfaced, but she is hoping to get everything sent out soon.

Amber stated residents had inquired about setting off of fireworks. She came up with a fireworks application. Necessary corrections will be made to it before becoming available to the residents. A copy of the application will be given to the resident as their permit once approved. Application is available on the website.

A motion was made by Trustee Rick Clayton and seconded by Trustee Charlene Saulsberry to accept the Fireworks Permit Form with necessary changes.

Denise Carey - Yes. Rick Clayton - Yes. Sandra Gooder - Yes. Charlene Saulsberry - Yes. Scott Vincent - Yes. Bridget Willard - Yes.

A motion was made by Trustee Sandra Gooder and seconded by Trustee Rick Clayton to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Denise Carey - Yes. Rick Clayton - Yes. Sandra Gooder - Yes. Charlene Saulsberry - Yes. Scott Vincent - Yes. Bridget Willard - Yes.

A motion was made by Trustee Charlene Saulsberry and seconded by Trustee Sandra Gooder to approve paying May 2020 bills.

Denise Carey - Yes. Rick Clayton - Yes. Sandra Gooder - Yes. Charlene Saulsberry - Yes. Scott Vincent - Yes. Bridget Willard - Yes.

A motion was made by Trustee Bridget Willard and seconded by Trustee Denise Carey to accept May 5, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Denise Carey - Yes. Rick Clayton - Yes. Sandra Gooder - Yes. Charlene Saulsberry - Yes. Scott Vincent - Yes. Bridget Willard - Yes.

A motion was made by Trustee Sandra Gooder and seconded by Trustee Bridget Willard to table May 12, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes.

Denise Carey - Yes. Rick Clayton - Yes. Sandra Gooder - Yes. Charlene Saulsberry - Yes. Scott Vincent - Yes. Bridget Willard - Yes.

The next regular board meeting is July 7, 2020 at 7:00 PM.

A motion was made to adjourn, all board members were in agreement.

Sheri Clayton, Village Clerk