

VILLAGE OF MT AUBURN  
REGULAR MEETING  
January 7, 2020

The Village Board of Mt. Auburn 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, Charlene Saulsberry, Sandra Gooder, and Bridget Willard. Clerk Sheri Clayton and Treasurer Gerry Mahr were also present.

Also present were: Officer Thomas Perry, Water Superintendent Sky Trudeau, Dennis Atteberry, Rachel LeBeane, Buck Saulsberry, Amanda & Hallie Rankins, Vicki Simmons, and Mike Whitehead.

**Public Speaks:**

Mike Whithead handed out a map of all fire hydrants in town. He is concerned because there are 3 less fire hydrants now as opposed to before Phase 1 of the water project. He stated that there should be a hydrant within 500' of each household in town. He is concerned that the same thing will happen with Phase 2. Mike also inquired on what happened to the fire hydrants that were removed. Sky stated that he took several to the scrap yard for cash and gave a few to residents who asked for them. Mike stated he saw hydrants listed for sale by a Mt Auburn resident on Facebook Marketplace. Amber assured Mike that she would look into his concern and would also discuss the issue with Milano & Grunloh Engineers.

Mike also suggested that the ordinance concerning backflow prevention valves be amended. Amber will look into this as well.

**Committee Reports:**

Finance - Nothing to report

Health - Sandy read report. Report on file.

Insurance - Nothing to report

Liquor - Nothing to report.

Ordinance - Bridget stated that the tree on corner of Arch and Maple had been cut back.

Parks - Nothing to report

Police - Nothing to report.

Sidewalks - Denise asked if Shawn and Melissa Carey had been given a copy of the agreement they signed regarding the sidewalk. Amber to get them a copy ASAP.

Denise had estimates from Brown Concrete in regards to the improvements to Village Hall parking lot. She is going to talk to Tullis to get an itemized estimate.

Streets and Alleys - Nothing to report

Water - Rick stated the transmission is out of the SUV that belongs to the Village. It will go forward and not in reverse. Schlossers in Springfield quoted \$1800-2200 to fix. He doesn't have any other estimates at this time but will work on getting another one in next couple of days. Rick said Sky could use his personal vehicle to run errands if need be and reimburse Sky for mileage.

Rick also mentioned that he nor Sky have received any calls regarding discolored water.

Rick stated that we are currently paying Aramark \$2800-3000/yr for Sky's uniforms. They currently provide 11 shirts and 11 pair of pants. He mentioned giving Sky a clothing allowance each year instead of paying Aramark. Need to take into consideration the chemicals getting on clothing and eating fibers, etc.

A motion was made by Trustee Rick Clayton and seconded by Trustee Charlene Saulsberry to accept discontinuing uniform rental and providing yearly clothing allowance of \$500 for water superintendent. Trustee Vote: Denise Carey - Yes. Rick Clayton - Yes. Sandra Gooder - Yes. Charlene Saulsberry - Yes. Bridget Willard - Yes.

A motion was made by Trustee Bridget Willard and seconded by Trustee Sandra Gooder to accept using video gaming money to open three new checking accounts that are required for the USDA Rural Development loan repayment process. Trustee Vote: Denise Carey - Yes. Rick Clayton - Yes. Sandra Gooder - Yes. Charlene Saulsberry - Yes. Bridget Willard - Yes.

The board discussed having the generator installed at the water plant. There is currently only one bid. The bid is from Bodine in the amount of \$34,833. Charlene mentioned she isn't interested in spending so much for a used generator not knowing if it is even in working condition. Sky stated that the electric will have to be brought up to code in order to install the generator. Rick believes that the village needs a generator but thinks it is too expensive at this time. Sky said he can run approximately three days on the water that is already treated, but felt a bigger issue was things freezing during winter months if no electricity.

A motion was made by Trustee Charlene Saulsberry and seconded by Bridget Willard to table bid to install generator at the water plant. Trustee Vote: Denise Carey - Yes. Rick Clayton - Yes. Sandra Gooder - Yes. Charlene Saulsberry - Yes. Bridget Willard - Yes.

Amber stated that the village can use Motor Fuel Tax funds for the retaining wall at the village hall. There is approximately \$15000 in the MFT account at this time. Can use this money for our portion and use grant money for the remainder. Sky said he spoke with someone who stated we should also do something with the parking lot to tie everything together. Rick said there would probably need to be repairs made to the lot after the wall is done, so that is probably a good idea. Amber is going to let Lee Beckman know that the village would for sure like to apply for the grant. The grant would cover 55% and the village would be responsible for remaining 45%. Sky will get an estimate to oil and chip the parking lot.

A motion was made by Trustee Sandra Gooder and seconded by Trustee Rick Clayton to accept committing village funds/Motor Fuel Tax monies to the Community and Facilities Planning Grant for Village Hall Improvements.

Trustee Vote: Denise Carey - Yes. Rick Clayton - Yes. Sandra Gooder - Yes. Charlene Saulsberry - Yes. Bridget Willard - Yes.

A motion was made by Trustee Rick Clayton and seconded by Trustee Denise Carey to accept Corporate Resolution for account maintenance on village Visa account. Copy of resolution is on file.

Trustee Vote: Denise Carey - Yes. Rick Clayton - Yes. Sandra Gooder - Yes. Charlene Saulsberry - Yes. Bridget Willard - Yes.

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

Trustee Vote: Denise Carey - Yes. Rick Clayton - Yes. Sandra Gooder - Yes. Charlene Saulsberry - Yes. Bridget Willard - Yes.

A motion was made by Trustee Rick Clayton and seconded by Trustee Sandra Gooder to approve paying December 2019 bills with the addition of \$500 to Sky for clothing allowance.

Trustee Vote: Denise Carey - Yes. Rick Clayton - Yes. Sandra Gooder - Yes. Charlene Saulsberry - Yes. Bridget Willard - Yes.

A motion was made by Trustee Sandra Gooder and seconded by Rick Clayton to accept December 3, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Trustee Vote: Denise Carey - Yes. Rick Clayton - Yes. Sandra Gooder - Yes. Charlene Saulsberry - Yes. Bridget Willard - Yes.

### **Mayor Comments:**

Next Regular Board Meeting is February 4, 2020 at 7pm.

Charlene inquired about the addition of a new trustee. Amber stated she has spoke to a couple different interested individuals and one would probably be sworn in at the February 2020 regular meeting.

A motion was made by Trustee Denise Carey to adjourn. All board members were in agreement.e

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Sheri Clayton, Village Clerk