

Village of Mt. Auburn
Regular Meeting
September 1, 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, Bridget Willard, and Scott Vincent. Treasurer Gerry Mahr was also present. Clerk Sheri Clayton was absent.

Also present were: Rachel LeBeane, Amanda Rankins, Dixie Vincent, Mike Whitehead, and Vicky Simmons.

Public Speaks:

Dixie mentioned that she was contacted about street lights that were out. She found 6 that were out in town and contacted Ameren to get them replaced. They were replaced the next day.

Mike stated that he had concerns about EJ Water and asked the board to do research before signing any contracts. Mike stated he contacted 12 homeowners insurance companies about whether they use ISO to determine insurance rates. 10 of the 12 companies do use ISO.

Vicky asked about filling holes in yards and in the roads due to the water project. A discussion was had about who is responsible for damage to roads. Amber will check the scope of work to see if fixing roads was part of that and report to the board.

Amanda stated that the Picnic Association would like a different trash collector during the picnic. A discussion was had about allowing an addendum to be added to allow that for the picnic.

Adam Mathias from LMHN presented the results of the yearly audit. In the general fund, the cash reserves increased by \$4000 and expenses decreased by \$9000. This resulted in a net income increase of \$12000. The Motor Fuel Tax fund has an increase in cash of \$19,490 due to no major projects being done. In the water fund, the cash reserves were down \$10,000 and expenses were down \$31,000. Revenue was also down \$5000. This resulted in a net income of \$16,000. Adam recommended that the board monitor the cash on hand in the water fund as we complete projects. During the audit it was found that 79% of the water pumped out is billed and 21% of water is not billed. This amount is consistent with previous years. Overall the audit was as clean as possible for a small municipality.

Committee Reports:

Finance - Gerry reported that the revenue so far this year is down \$1500. This is less than was feared earlier in the year.

Health - Sandy read the animal control report. Report on file

Insurance - Nothing to report

Liquor - Nothing to report

Ordinance - Committee met to update one ordinance. The next one to be worked on will be trash.

Parks- Amanda mentioned that kids are tearing up the park and pavilion. They are also removing the light bulbs and breaking them.

Police - Amber stated that we have to advertise the police car per USDA. Amber also mentioned that there is a recall on the police car. She will work on getting it taken care of. A discussion was had about four-wheelers, golf cars, motorbikes, etc that are being driven by underage persons or are acting recklessly. It was stated to call County. The ordinance will be checked to see if permits can be revoked.

Sidewalks - Nothing to report

Streets & Alleys - Rick handed out a map of where rock and chipping was done last year. He and Sky will check to see where to rock and chip this year. The grant money for the wall is stalled until October, due to lack of grant funds. Sky has been spraying ditches and will watch for erosion in ditches.

Water - Rick provided the board with 3 quotes for replacing the water meter on W. Dane St. Action will be taken next month on the bid. A discussion was had about needing to pay a minimum amount if you have a meter installed.

A motion was made by Trustee Rick Clayton and seconded by Trustee Scott Vincent to advertise the police car. Trustee vote: 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 approve the Treasurer Report. Trustee vote: Denise Carey - Yes, Rick Clayton - Yes, Sandra Gooder - Yes, Charlene Saulsberry - Yes, Scott Vincent - Yes, Bridget Willard - Yes.

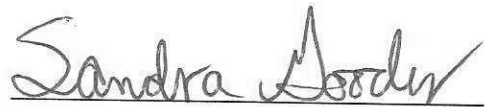
A motion was made by Trustee Charlene Saulsberry and seconded by Trustee Bridget Willard to pay the August 2020 bills. Trustee vote: Denise Carey - Yes, Rick Clayton - Yes, Sandra Gooder - Yes, Charlene Saulsberry - Yes, Scott Vincent - Yes, Bridget Willard - Yes.

A motion was made by Trustee Rick Clayton and seconded by Trustee Charlene to accept the August 13, 2020 minutes with the change to Ordinance Committee meeting date to August 11. Trustee vote: Denise Carey - Yes, Rick Clayton - Yes, Sandra Gooder - Yes, Charlene Saulsberry - Yes, Scott Vincent - Yes, Bridget Willard - Yes.

Eric Emmerich was present to update the board on the United Regional Water Coop Project. The grant will be signed on September 23, 2020. Eric was unable to make contact with Attorney Dennis Atteberry for the contract. He will take care of that prior to the grant being signed. Eric mentioned that there will be some ordinance changes that need to be made per USDA. Eric presented information on the water tower inspection as well as projected costs. He also updated the board on the emergency based water contract. The connection point has changed due to the size of the pipes heading out of the village.

A motion was made by Rick Clayton to adjourn. The board was in agreement.

The next regular meeting is October 6, 2020 at 7pm.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sandra Gooder". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Sandra Gooder, Village Trustee