

VILLAGE OF MT AUBURN  
REGULAR MEETING

July 7, 2020

The Village Board of Mt. Auburn met in a 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, Scott Vincent, and Bridget Willard. Clerk Sheri Clayton and Treasurer Gerry Mahr were also present.

Also present were: Animal Control Officer Jonathan Tarrant, Rachel LeBeane, Dixie Vincent, Deb Mangis, Vicki Simmons, Melissa Osborne, and Amanda Rankins

**Public Speaks:**

Vicki Simmons said that rock is needed between her and Ladson's property.

Amanda Rankins invited all up to their water slide 7/18 and 7/19.

Amanda also mentioned that the 2020 Farmer's Picnic has been cancelled. They plan to still sell pizzas in September and will have a pork chop supper and gun raffle at a later date.

Jonathan Tarrant invited all to the Fire Department fish fry. It will be held Aug 1 from 4-7PM.

Dixie Vincent stated that the Five Loaves Two Fish Food Pantry is still not open regularly but if anyone is in need of food they will be allowed in on an appointment only basis. Can call Larry Werve or Dixie for appointment.

Deb Mangis mentioned that she has never had water in her basement until the last 8 months. Rick told her that maybe a tile nearby was hit when doing water mains. Since nobody knows where water tiles are it is hard to do investigation work. Amber let her know that if there is an issue it is the responsibility of the homeowner to do investigation work. If at that time it is determined that the issue lies on Village property then the Village would handle the situation. Scott suggested to Deb that she should have someone come out to camera the line and see where the issue may be.

Melissa Osborne was recognized. She stated she had been having issues with a racoon getting into her house after garbage burning was no longer allowed. She said this racoon was torturing her dog and going through a doggie door to get into the house during the day. Her dog recently got loose while a couple of ladies were walking by. They felt threatened by the dog. Officer Perry called Melissa to let her know of the issue. According to Melissa her nephew got a hold of the dog before it was even out in the street. She

stated that Jonathan told her that the dog would be deemed vicious due to the current situation and a previous incident with the same dog. She had previously attempted therapy for the dog as well as training. She ended up having the dog euthanized as she felt she had no other option. Melissa felt the way Jonathan handled the issue was not correct. Amber apologized to Melissa and also insured her that Animal Control had been contacted and advised Jonathan on what would happen if a previous report had already been made.

### **Committee Reports:**

Finance - Amber stated that information has been sent to Milano and Grunloh in order to get reimbursed by MB Construction for work done on E. Arch St.

Scott expressed the need to cut down on unnecessary costs. He suggested cutting down the use of outside contractors when not absolutely necessary. Charlene mentioned getting two estimates when work needs to be done. Scott, Rick, and Amber all agreed that it isn't feasible to get an estimate for emergency work but if it is planned work more than one estimate could be obtained. Charlene said she felt as though certain people always want a certain company to do the work. Scott stated that if it is an emergency situation the work has to be done by who can get here the quickest with the proper equipment and get the job done.

Health - Sandy read report. Report on file. Charlene inquired with Jonathan about trapping cats. She said she has cats that come on her property and get on her vehicles.

Insurance - Nothing to report

Liquor - Nothing to report.

Ordinance - Bridget handed out estimates regarding a tree that needs to be removed. Estimates are on file.

Parks - Charlene inquired about the wood chips at the park. Rick said they were dumped by trees by the bucket load. He said there is someone who is doing community service work that will be spreading the wood chips.

Police - Charlene informed the board of Officer Perry's resignation. Charlene and Amber have been in contact with Sheriff Kettlekamp about where to take squad car for estimates in order to sell.

Sidewalks - Denise had pictures of a sidewalk in front of Dave and Candy Miller's residence. She stated the sidewalk is visibly in bad shape. Amber said there are many bad sidewalks in town. She asked the board to make a list of sidewalks that are in bad shape.

Streets and Alleys - Rick will look at the road between Simmons' and Ladson's. Charlene mentioned the need for a bit of rock in front of her house as well.

Water - Rick stated that Sky has been spraying weeds and has also been spraying for mosquitos weekly. He also said that he has had some brown water complaints. This is most likely due to fire hydrant flushing as well as Brandt having high water usage right now.

MB is also in town right now working on ditches and reseeding.

A motion was made by Trustee Sandra Gooder and seconded by Trustee Scott Vincent to accept Moving August board meeting to Thursday August 13, 2020.

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 Scott Vincent to Approve Treasurer's 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 Sandra Gooder to Approve paying June 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 Denise Carey and seconded by Trustee Bridget Willard to accept June 2, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes.

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 Sandra Gooder and seconded by Trustee Denise Carey to accept June 2, 2020 Executive Meeting Minutes.

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

**Mayor Comments:**

Next Regular Board Meeting is August 13, 2020 at 7pm.

A motion was made by Trustee Rick Clayton to adjourn. All board members were in agreement

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Sheri Clayton, Village Clerk