

VILLAGE OF MT AUBURN
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 13, 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, and Sandra Gooder. Trustees Scott Vincent and Bridget Willard were absent. Clerk Sheri Clayton and Treasurer Gerry Mahr were also present.

Also present was Rachel LeBeane.

Public Speaks:

Committee Reports:

Finance - Gerry reported that he had heard from Adam from LMHN Auditors. He stated the audit went well and he will be at the Sept 1 meeting to go over the audit with the board.

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

Insurance - Nothing to report.

Liquor - Gaming license are due. Amber issued new licenses.

Ordinance - Amber mentioned the ordinance committee will be meeting Aug 18 to update an ordinance. The plan is to update 1 ordinance per month. The committee will discuss the updated ordinance at the September 1 meeting.

Parks - Sky stated that children have been up at the park tearing stuff up. He had to dispose of a picnic table that had been torn up and repaired on several occasions previously.

Amber asked for the board's input on installing cameras at the park. The board agreed that it would be worth looking into the cost and what is entailed with their operation. Charlene reminded Sky that she has the park reserved for September 19, 2020 for a family reunion. They will need tables and power on. Sky will relay the message to Jonathan since he will be on duty at that time.

Police - Charlene reported that she had not heard anything back from the village who was originally interested in the police squad car.

Sidewalks - Denise said she still needs to go around town and look at sidewalks. Charlene inquired about the grant that was applied for in order to do improvements to the Village Hall parking lot. Amber will look into this.

Streets & Alleys - Amber stated she had received a call from Herb Smith regarding water running down from the old high school property into his yard. She asked Sky if the ditches could be dug out so the water will drain down E Church street properly. Sky will look into doing that and will also check the culverts to make sure there are no obstructions.

Water - Rick stated he received a call from Pamela Baumgartner who owns property on W Dane St. It is currently an empty lot but there used to be a residence on it. When phase 1 water project was done a meter was not put back in. Sky stated this isn't the only property that this has occurred as meters were not put back in on vacant lots. The cost to have a meter installed at this time is around \$1500.

Charlene stated she did not feel this was fair to the property owners. She feels as though if a meter was removed it should have been replaced.

Amber said that bids to have a new meter installed need to be obtained. Sky will work on getting bids.

The board agreed that if a property has water ran to it but is not being used, the customer should still pay a minimum amount.

Dennis Perry reported that he has had green water recently and has never had this issue previously. Sky stated he has talked to him and believes it has to do with their water softener. Rick asked Sky to please stay on top of the issue and check back in with him.

Sky also reported there had been a leak outside of town and EJ Water has taken care of it.

A motion was made by Trustee Charlene Saulsberry and seconded by Trustee Rick Clayton to accept the estimate from AM Tree Service to remove two maple trees located on Village property.

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

A motion was made by Trustee Sandra Gooder and seconded by Trustee Rick Clayton to accept requiring all Non-Highway Vehicles to renew in April of each year.

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

A motion was made by Trustee Charlene Saulsberry and seconded by Trustee Denise Carey to reject providing mileage reimbursement for the Animal Control Officer.

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

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

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

A motion was made by Trustee Sandra Gooder and seconded by Trustee Rick Clayton to Approve paying the July 2020 bills with the addition of \$9.00 out of the general fund to pay Christmas in the Park for the calendar.

A motion was made by trustee Sandra Gooder and seconded by Trustee Charlene Saulsberry to accept July 7,2020 Regular Meeting Minutes.

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

Eric Emmerich was present to give the status of the United Regional Water Coop Project. Informational sheet on file. The plan is still to be online by January 2022. Eric also answered many questions from the board. He addressed rates. He stated the Village would be \$3.94 for the first year and will be reevaluated after that. He also mentioned that there will be a 2% increase per year but over the course of 40 years the rate still would not catch up with our current rate. He stated he will be reaching out to Attorney Dennis Atteberry for the contract. The board should have the contract to view by the September board meeting.

Eric also asked for the board's permission to put into effect an emergency based water purchase agreement. This would be to serve approximately 15 customers at around 5,000-7,000 gallons per day. These customers are currently having water pressure issues West of Mt Auburn. This would be in effect until the new water plant is up and running. The plan is to tap into the existing lines. Sky is concerned with this possibility. He doesn't feel that the existing lines are adequate and will not improve their water pressure and could possibly hurt Mt Auburn's existing customers water pressure. Sky is to get Eric a layout of where the current lines are.

Eric also mentioned that the Mt Auburn water tower needs some repairs. Those repairs could potentially cost around \$30,000. Scott Vincent talked to Eric before the meeting

via phone and asked if the cost could be split 50/50. Eric stated that it is a possibility to split the cost of the work to be done. Eric also told the board an inspection is around \$1500, if they would like another party to do another inspection that could be done. Amber is going to get in contact with Suez to get a copy of the previous water tower inspection from around 1 year ago. Sky is going to call Suez to see what they would charge to fix the issues.

Eric told the board if there were any further questions they were welcome to contact him.

A motion was made by Sandra Gooder to adjourn. The board was in agreement.

The next regular meeting is September 1, 2020 at 7pm.

Sheri Clayton, Village Clerk