

**Village of Maybee
Board Meeting
7/14/2021**

President Pro-Tem Larry Gramlich opened the meeting at 7:30 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: President Pro-Tem L. Gramlich, Council Liedel, Shaw, Archer, Venman, M. Gramlich, Treasurer Grubb and Clerk Hartford
Absent:

Approval of Agenda:

Motion: Shaw, 2nd Archer: to approve the agenda for tonight's meeting. Carried.

Resignation of President Gaylor Council received copies of President Gaylor's resignation letter. A motion was made to accept the resignation.

Motion: Archer 2nd Venman: to accept the resignation of President Gaylor. Carried.

Larry announced there will be a reception to honor Len at the Village Hall on Saturday from 2 pm – 5 pm. All are welcome.

President Pro-Tem Larry is the current President Pro-Tem based on the motion made at the December 9th, 2020 council meeting and will fill in due to the absence of a President. Len will need to be removed and Larry added on the bank accounts as a check signer as we are required to have three signers. A motion was made to support these changes.

Motion: Archer, 2nd M. Gramlich: to support Larry serving as President Pro-Tem and removing Len and adding Larry to the General Fund, Highway Fund, Local Fund and Sewer Fund bank accounts (excludes Village of Maybee Recreation Commission Fund) at Monroe Community Credit Union and Village of Maybee Capital Improvement account at First Merchants Bank.

Len's Committee Appointments Len is currently serving on the L.M.R. Fire Board and the Maybee Historical Committee. He would like to remain on these committees. Council was all in agreement with Len continuing to serve on these committees.

Vacant Seat on Council Larry said his position on council would need to be filled since he is now serving as President Pro-Tem. Larry recommended Brad Rogers who has previously served on council to fill the position. The question was asked if this vacancy needed to be made public. Larry then asked all in attendance if anyone was interested in serving on council. No one was interested. A motion was then made.

Motion: Archer, 2nd Shaw: for Brad Rogers to fill the vacant seat on the council. Carried.
Brad was then sworn in by Clerk Hartford.

Reading of the Minutes: The minutes were read by Clerk Hartford.

Motion: Venman, 2nd Archer: to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2021 meeting. Carried.

Budget Amendments: There are five amendments needed in the General Fund. In the Village Hall and Grounds the Supplies account needs to be increased by \$1,000 for a new budget amount of \$4,000. The Landscape Maint account needs to be increased by \$5,000 for a new budget amount of \$7,000. The Lawn Equip Repairs needs to be increased by \$500 for a new total of \$1,500. Under Public Works, Drains at large needs to be increased by \$5,000 for a new total of \$20,000.00

Motion: Archer, 2nd Shaw: to approve the five budget amendments listed above. Carried.

Reading of the Bills: The bills were reviewed and a motion was made.

Motion: M. Gramlich, 2nd Liedel: to pay the bills as presented. Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Accepted as printed.

Correspondence None

OLD BUSINESS

Recreation Committee Report Everything is going well. The season is almost over. Plans are to have a kick ball tournament as a fundraiser. The committee is excited and sees the recreation department growing in the future. They are looking in to adding a soccer league this fall.

Baldwin Road Update Larry, Dan Gramlich and Brad Rogers met with Mannik & Smith. They went over the plans and went out and walked the site together. The Drain Commission will need to be contacted about the creek by the fire department. It will also need an extension.

Plans are to make a pedestrian crosswalk at the intersection of Bluebush and Baldwin roads. The idea has been presented to widen the North side of Bluebush from Baldwin to Joseph. It could be a good time to do this while all the equipment is here for the Baldwin road project. It was suggested that Mannik & Smith do the survey work and a quote be obtained from Cadillac Asphalt.

Motion: Archer, 2nd Rogers: to move forward with Mannik & Smith doing the survey work and asking Cadillac Asphalt to provide a quote to widen Bluebush Road. Carried.

Master Plan Update Abigayl had previously emailed the survey results to all the council members. It was then asked what the next plan of action needs to be. Bob VanAuker stated the results should go back to Carlisle Wortman who will then make a presentation to the Planning Commission.

Abigayl also spoke on the results from the survey about how to improve communications and inform the community. She suggested forming a committee to move forward and asked if there would be support from council for a small monthly monetary expense to support the communication selected by the committee.

NEW BUSINESS

Street Administrator Position Mark Liedel has resigned as Street Administrator. He will continue to mow the lagoons and sides of the roads. Mark has been working on getting the electronic speed signs repaired. The quote for parts and labor to repair the current sign is \$2,049. However, the cost of a new sign is \$2,000. It was agreed to purchase the new sign and save the old sign for parts.

Larry has previously met with Marvin Iott and Brad Rogers. They all agreed that Marvin will cut grass, water flowers and assist Brad with any odd and ends as needed. Larry recommended Brad for the Street Administrator position. He will handle removal of trees, all roads, street signage, sidewalks etc.

Motion: Archer, 2nd Shaw: to hire Brad Rogers as the new Street Administrator with the rate of pay being \$15/hour. Carried.

Cleaning of the Village Hall Larry suggested we hire a janitor to clean the Village Hall a couple times a month with the rate of pay being \$15.00. Larry suggested Bryan Colf who used to clean the hall and is willing to take on the job again. Bryan will also clean when the hall is rented and will assist with setting up and taking down tables as needed.

Motion: M. Gramlich, 2nd Archer: to hire Bryan Colf to clean the Village Hall. Carried.

Increase Police Protection Larry stated that we don't have any added police presence just because we have the sub-station here in the Village. Larry is proposing we hire the sheriff for extra coverage. We would pay the over time rate which would be from \$66 to \$77 per hour. We could pick the shifts we would like and mix it up. Larry is suggesting ten hours a month with a cost of \$660 to \$770 depending on which deputy works the shifts. He is looking to get things to calm down in the Village, traffic slowed down, vehicles to stop at the stop signs, etc. Larry asked council to think about this for future discussion.

Additional Public Comments

Bob Van Auken said since the survey is not yet ready for the Planning Commission Meeting he will postpone the meeting.

A question was asked about the Annexation of Exeter that was on the Master Plan Survey. It was explained that Carlisle Wortman put it on the survey and there are no plans at this time for that to happen.

Resident complained that the cars now block her driveway when they are stopped at the new stop sign on Bluebush road. Some cars now are not stopping on Baldwin either. Suggestion was made for stop bars to be added to avoid blocking the driveway. Also a suggestion for signs to be put up saying, Do Not Block Driveway.

Mr Bill from the Veterans Hall on Blazer Road informed us that the hall has undergone renovations and is available for rentals again. More renovations are planned including painting the outside. They are holding Open Houses on the first and third Friday's. They are working on getting electric to the outer building. They hope to get the steak roast going again like were held there in the past. On August 14th they are having an event offering chicken dinner with picnic foods, games, bonfire, 50/50 and door prizes.

Concerns were expressed about the truck traffic on Baldwin Road and what can be done. It is not a truck route, they should be on Ida-Maybee road. Mark suggested calling the Monroe County Road Commission when trucks are seen on the road. It was noted that farm trucks and equipment are excluded. Brad will contact Jerry Blanchette to see if Raisinville Twp will post signs at their end of the road.

Suggestion was made to get a red flashing light at the intersection of Baldwin and Bluebush. Brad will work on getting a red flashing light.

Concerns were expressed again about Don's Auto looking like a junk yard. Larry said he will talk to Don's. Abigayl suggested adding a form to the website for residents to submit blight complaints. Larry said he is looking to see if hiring a deputy to serve as an Ordinance Officer could be an option. He said an officer in uniform might weigh more on what is going on.

Street signs are still needed and Quell Circle and Kreps and also at Bluebush and Baldwin.

Council Comments

Nick – None

Abigayl – Asked if plans were still in the works for a Dumpster Day in the Village in the fall.

Mike – Expressed issues with the new stop signs will take time to work out.

Mark – Said 50% of vehicles are going over the 35 mph and therefore there is no read out on the signs.

Dave – Would like to see sidewalks down Raisin street to the ball fields. Also a pedestrian crossing from the parking lot to the fields. Also suggested getting a quote from Cadillac Asphalt to recap the old bike path.

Brad – Read an article that supports facts that stop signs do not reduce vehicle speeds. They are meant to indicate who has the right of way.

Next meeting:

August 11, 2021 @ 7:30 pm for the Council Meeting

Motion: Liedel, 2nd Venman: to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 pm. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Julie Hartford, Clerk