Village of Maybee Board Meeting 2/10/2021

President Gaylor opened the meeting at 7:30 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: President Gaylor, Council Liedel, L. Gramlich, Archer, Venman, M. Gramlich and Clerk Hartford

Absent: Council Shaw, Treasurer Grubb

Approval of Agenda:

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

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

Motion: Archer, 2nd Venman: to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2021 meeting. Carried.

Budget Amendments: There are two amendments needed in the General Fund. In the Village Hall and Grounds, Purchases-New Building needs to be increased to \$8,000 and the Repairs & Maintenance needs to be increased to \$6,000.

Motion: L. Gramlich, 2nd Liedel: to approve the two budget amendments listed above. Carried.

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

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

Treasurer's Report: Accepted as printed.

Correspondence None

Public Comments

Representative Joe Bellino was in attendance to thank the council for all they do and say he appreciates all the council does at the lower levels of government. He commented that it's nice to see the positive balances in our bank accounts and said our roads are in good shape in the Village.

Matt Gramlich expressed his concerns with the Baldwin Road project. He asked if the drainage is going to be fixed all the way to the corner of Bluebush road. He said there is a problem with the water sitting at that corner and needs to be corrected. Matt said the current drain there is not working to take the water away and states that the driveway has been ruined. He stated that the catch basins being put in are 2 feet lower than the road. Matt also expressed concerns that traffic will travel faster once the road is repaved and the grading at the rail road tracks is improved. His concerns are for people on the side of the road with the faster traffic and says this is why sidewalks are needed.

Len said sidewalks would call for a foot bridge to be put in over the Sandy Creek Drain and must comply with specifications from Eagle in Lansing. The original estimate was \$124,000 but he has since gotten estimates of \$30,000 to \$50,000 for wood and metal structures.

Matt also expressed a need for better communication to Village Residents. He is suggesting bringing back the Village Voice or a texting system to inform residents of meetings and things going on in the Village. Len has not found anyone interested in writing the Village Voice. Abigayl offered to look into text notification options and to bring them to the next meeting.

Matt also expressed concerns with Dollar General not following proper guidelines as set in the plans regarding sidewalks and fences.

OLD BUSINESS

<u>Street Administrator Report</u> See above discussion on the Baldwin Road project. Mark is going to bring in the drawings from the engineer so that Len can look at them.

Larry expressed concerns again about the pot holes near the post office, by the rail road tracks and on Baldwin Road. He stated it's been a month since he reported them at the last meeting.

<u>Sub-Station Update</u> All work should be completed by this weekend. There is some minor clean up that needs to be done. Len will contact Troy so that they can come in and start getting set up. The substation will be open after the meeting for anyone who would like to see it.

<u>Master Plan Update</u> Carlisle Wortman Associates continues to work on the plan. Usually public meetings would be held but they can't be held at this time due to Covid-19. They have sent a sample questionnaire that can be mailed out to every address. Len will forward the file to Abigayl to see if it can be put online for easier access to the residents.

<u>Proposed Recreation Ordinance</u> Larry said that he doesn't think it's necessary to have an ordinance in place for the committee. He said it is too limiting in controlling what they can and can't do. Larry also said we don't have ordinances in place for the other committees such as the Library or Historical Committees. Mike commented that only having three people on the committee is too small. He said the more people the more help. Also, more people can bring more ideas to the committee. More parent involvement is needed but the question is how do we get them to step up and get involved? To promote our program Nick suggested a full color ad in the paper to hi-lite all of the improvements that have been made to the playing fields.

NEW BUSINESS

<u>Proposed New Sidewalk Routes</u> Len handed out maps of the Village with Hi-liters. He asked those present to hi-lite any areas they feel sidewalks are needed.

Other suggestions were made to connect the bike path through the park behind the fields to the parking lot. Others suggested the pedestrian crossing needs to be painted on the road in front of Dollar General. Larry stated that the curb needs to be cut and cement poured to the sidewalk for the driveway on Bluebush Road. Mark will get quotes from contractors on pricing for sidewalks for cement and asphalt both.

<u>Motion: L. Gramlich 2nd M. Gramlich</u> to get quoted prices for both cement and asphalt for a sidewalk from Village Court to Bluebush Road including a foot bridge with the requirements from Eagle in Lansing. Carried.

<u>LMR Fire Budget</u> The submitted budget for 2021-2022 for the LMR Fire Dept is identical to last year. There are no changes. The total budget is \$240,150.13.

Motion: L. Gramlich 2nd Archer: to approve the LMR Budget for the 2021-2022 budget year. Carried.

Additional Public Comments None

Next meeting:

March 10, 2021 @ 7:30 pm for the Council Meeting

Motion: Venman, 2nd Archer: to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 pm. Carried.