

**.Village of Mapleton**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, September 10, 2025**  
**6:30 p.m.**

**1) Call to order**

**2) Roll call**

**3) Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

**4) Consent Agenda-Ben motion Jennifer Second**

- a. Minutes board meeting August 13, 2025
- b. Treasurer reports
- c. Pay bills

**5) Visitors**

Matt Ulm 649 Training Facility Schoolhouse Rd spoke at the meeting and stated they had a turnover in employment he is the current training director and has been a member of the local for 24 years plus he did his training at this location and has been an instructor for 9 years. He stated he was here to answer any questions anyone may have regarding the inquiry to vacate the roadway and release by the Village including any maintenance, snow removal, and anything that goes along with that. He has consulted with attorneys Kavanaugh, O'Hare & Assoc out of Springfield, Il. John Long is the acting attorney. He has been in contact with Mr. Long regarding surveys and closing fees to be incurred by the facility. He does not have an update on this currently. They will have their quarterly board meeting to present this to their board for approval. He stated residents who walk their road will not be affected by this change. Rhonda stated the board discussed it at our last meeting and would be happy to vacate our interest and referred the matter to Lane Alster, the Village attorney, to be the contact person to handle this matter. Still be municipality to maintain water. Will need to check with IDOT regarding their portion of road but village has no problem relinquishing their interest. Alice stated as the tax assessor she is not happy with the training facility. She is under the impression that they received the church for free without having to pay property taxes. Matt stated they did not receive it for free, and it will be used as training facility if they choose to make improvements needed or tear down building. Rhonda stated we are here to discuss the road only, not taxes. Matt said they will research with IDOT and discuss at their quarterly meeting on the 26th.

**6) Public Comments – Items on the Agenda (3 minutes per person)**

**7) Committee Reports (No motions can be made during reports)**

- a. **Finance Committee – Jennifer Bassett-** no report
- b. **Health & Water – Ben Hausam-** Ben stated they are caught up on reads and starting maintenance. New equipment has been installed.
- c. **Streets & Alleys – Rodney Smith-** Rodney stated that once the fiber optics project is finished, they can start on the roads and ditch work.

**d. Zoning and Code Enforcement – Terri Baker** – Terri stated we will be discussing violation letters to be sent out later in the meeting.

**Liquor – Rhonda Hodges** – Rhonda stated the BP change of contact name has been completed.

**8) Mayor’s Report - Rhonda** stated she was approached by a resident helping another resident if there is anything the Village can do to help with paying their water bill, and Ameren is back on for his oxygen. It cannot be voted on but can be discussed at the next meeting. Rhonda reminded the board that the Clerk is attending the IML conference.

**9) Old Business –**

**10) New Business-**

- a. Discuss Maintenance building- Rodney stated the couple that has building next to tower may be interested in selling property but they had a death in family so decision may be a little delayed. The property is assessed for \$ 50,000.
- b. Discuss deficiency balance letter- The board discussed sending a letter for a resident with a deficiency balance to give them 6 months to get the balance due paid since we have been working with them for over a year and the balance is not paid yet.
- c. Discuss violation letters – Discussion to have one form letter that we fill in blanks, date, property parcel ID, and include the ordinance such as Chapter 7 ordinance covers weeds, junk, rubbish, trash conditions that harbor rats, mice, vermin, snakes, delapidated buildings. Fill in the nuisance, include a copy of the ordinance giving them 30 days until fees are assessed. Letters need to go out, and files should include pictures. The form letter prevents discrimination.
- d. Discuss credits on accounts (budgeted item)- Rhonda reminded the board that we discussed giving \$100.00 credit on water bills and a free month of garbage during the budget meeting since we have a little surplus in Water and Garbage. The board discussed and agreed to do this on the December bills.

**11) Public Comments – Items NOT on the Agenda (3 minutes per person)-** Alice Dailey stated there is a limb hanging down on West First Street. Alice is also interested in meeting the Treasurer. Rhonda mentioned she has a full-time job and children, but she will see if she has free time. A comment was made that addresses on mailboxes would be a great thing. Deb asked if there is more lime in the water, but Bill Hodges stated our water is testing fine. Alice asked about the garbage and the bar on them, Rodney stated the garbage men do not need the bar on the cans to pick up, the machine will still dump the cans. Pat Briggs asked if we could get a buzzer on the door since she cannot see the door from her desk. Rodney stated he would look into this

**12) Announcements**

**13) Additional Business, if any:**

**14) Adjourn Open Session-**Jennifer made a motion to adjourn, Terri seconded the motion.  
Motion passed unanimously.