

STATE OF ILLINOIS)

REGULAR MEETING

COUNTY OF MACON)

February 2, 2026

VILLAGE OF BLUE MOUND)

The Board of Trustees met in Regular Session on Monday, February 2, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at the Village Hall. The meeting was called to order by President Scott Younger. Roll call indicated the following Board Members present:

Trustees: Rick Moma, Jeff Reed Jr, Phil Jacobs, Ross Carls
Absent: Jeanette Crackel, Terre Moma
President: Scott Younger
Employees: Charlie Stickel, Chief Chad Lamb, Mackenzie Reed, Katie Nashland
Attorney: Andy Bourey
Visitors: Garth and Morgan Luka, Margaret Sandberg

After the meeting was called to order and attendance recorded, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comments: Morgan Luka presented a TIF request for Luke Popcorn. She is requesting \$75,000, with the goal of being 100% operational by harvest. They will also be adding three concrete pads for food trucks, and those will be done and ready to use by late spring/early summer. Luka Popcorn will provide all of the hook ups for the food trucks. The board will discuss at the next meeting.

Minutes were distributed and reviewed for the Regular Meeting held on January 5, 2026. **Rick Moma made a motion to accept the Minutes as presented. Ross Carls seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.**

Treasurers Report was presented by **Mackenzie Reed**. She presented the budget and General Fund Transaction Detail Report.

- The board also went over the TIF contract for Greg Thiele.
- The three pads for the food trucks provided by Luka Popcorn were discussed. A yearly permit was recommended. Andy is going to look into it.

Attorney: Andy Bourey

- Andy provided a **Revised Board Meeting Ordinance**. This will move the monthly board meeting from the first Monday of each month to the second Monday of each month. **This is Ordinance #355. Rick Moma made a motion to accept the new ordinance as presented. Ross Carls seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.**
- Andy also presented the new ordinance regarding the **Habitation of Recreational Vehicles on Village Property**. **This is Ordinance #356. Rick Moma made a motion to accept the new ordinance as presented. Phil Jacobs seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.**

- Andy presented the board with an issue regarding the property located at 401 North St. At the moment, there are back taxes owed on the property. The Village did a deed, but it is not filed as of yet. Andy provided the board with 2 options:
 1. The Village can approve a resolution that allows for a petition of abatement of the taxes. This would go in front of the Macon County Board as well.
 2. Because the deed has not been recorded, the Village can simply not take ownership of the property.

The board chose to revisit this in March and will decide which option the Village will go with.

Engineers Report: Mark Bingham

- Mark presented **Resolution 354**, which is requesting \$30,000 from the MFT fund to rent equipment. **Ross Carls made a motion to accept the Resolution as presented. Jeff Reed seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.**
- Mark also presented the board with the option to apply for a Community Project Funding grant. This is ran through Congresswoman Mary Miller's office and would be used for a new water treatment plant. The application is due by March 31st. Once the Congresswoman's office receives the application, it gets turned into the federal government for approval. Mark is unsure what the terms of the grant are, but believes it would be a good option for the village. The other option is to interconnect, but this is also expensive.
- Mark is still waiting to hear back from IDOT regarding the water main for the coffee shop.

Public Works:

January Projects Include:

- Cogent for the lift stations. They are still waiting for parts
- Helped the township with things at the old grade school
- A tree fell at the water plant, blocking the drive and almost hitting the generator shed. This had to be cut and removed.
- The flasher went bad in the dump truck
- Took down Christmas lights
- Power steering pump for the dump truck arrived
- Finished the power steering pump job
- Prepared the snow that was predicted for the weekend
- Worked on the main break on Seiberling
- Plow and clean up corners
- Meter reads
- Backwash spoil tank sump line froze
- Used the tablet to check high usage
- Brine inlet line froze

February Projects Include:

- Final tower inspection from IEPA is at 10:00am on 2/3
- IRWA Conference is 2/17-2/19
- Repair minor leak in meter pit on Margaret Dr
- Await the arrival of VFD well pump
- Meeting with Midwest Meter to set up a new tablet

Police Report: A written Shift Detail Report distributed showing 288.95 hours for January

Village of Blue Mound

Patrolling: 81 hrs. + 16 in-office hrs

Complaints : 11 ea.

Ordinance Violations: 0 ea.

Training : 1 hrs.

During the month of January, there were 13 traffic stops, 4 out of service, 2 follow up investigations, 18 stationary radar/village limits, 2 domestic dispute/violence/trouble, 3 motorist assist, 2 police assist/another agency, 1 welfare check, 1 wanted person, and 2 special police detail.

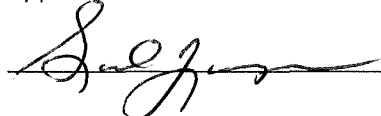
- Chief Lamb let the board know that Officer Brooks has vacation scheduled for a February, as well as a couple days of training.
- Chief presented the board with the Flock Camera System. He is requesting approval for the 2 camera option. One camera is an LPR (License Plate Reader). The second camera is an LPR and a fixed camera. It costs \$8,050 for the first year. Chief Lamb already applied for a grant that will pay for the first year. After that, it is a subscription of \$6,500 a year.

Phil Jacobs made a motion to accept the proposal for the Flock Camera System. Ross Carls seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye'

New Business: The old Blue Mound High School Mascot (Knight) at the Village Office belongs to Scott. He wants it noted that, if years down the road, the Village decides they no longer want it, the mascot is to be returned to Scott since he bought it personally.

At 8:04 p.m. Ross Carls made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rick Moma seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes. The meeting adjourned. Next board meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 9, 2026, at 6:00pm.

Approved:



Scott Younger, Village President

Katie Nashland, Village Clerk