

Village of Makanda
P.O Box 99
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Board Minutes

August 7, 2018

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL TO ORDER: Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Tina Shingleton.

ROLL CALL: Clerk called the roll of the Village Board: Trustees Hilliard, Allen, Wolff, Ross, Dalton and Brouillette were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: President asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Trustee Wolff made a motion to accept the minutes. It was seconded by Trustee Ross. Voice vote. All members present at roll call voted yes. Motion carried.

CITIZEN'S HEARING: No Citizen's

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS: President received a phone call from Roy Hawk on August 1 inquiring if he could have a Hawkfest and he and other bands could play music at the pavilion some time. He was advised that insurance would need to be provided to hold an event at the pavilion. He asked about holding in Dave Dardis' garden. Roy contacted Dave and advised President that he will be playing at Rainmaker's on Sept. 30 at 4 p.m. (Roy's 69th birthday).

CN Railroad sent a copy of their 2018 edition of *CN in your Community* publication. This provides information about their different initiatives in our region, including positive economic impact, their capital investments, and their community partnerships. This publication will be left at the Village Hall if anyone would like to look at.

President received an invitation from IL State Treasurer, Michael Frerichs to attend Local Officials Day at the Illinois State Fair on Saturday, August 11.

Paul Simon Landmark Signs – President received a call July 30 from Scott Stokes at IDOT. If Rowan Cemetery is on the National Registry they will be able to help. President called Scott back and left a message to see if there is another alternative. When we inquired a few years back we were told that we could get a permit. They would need the design and location of the signs, and the Village would be required to pay for the signs.

CLERK:

TRUSTEES: Trustee Hilliard has called Illini and they have tentatively scheduled Makanda for oil and chip work on September 27, 2018. Dave from Illini and Trustee Hilliard will do a final road inspection together before the work is started. Trustee Hilliard reported that three thermostats were replaced at the Community Center at a cost of \$912. These are interchangeable if we decide to install new units. President suggested that we consider replacing the heat/air units next year and include in the budget. We should get several estimates for the replacement.

Trustee Allen reported that more Frontier phone lines have been found lying exposed on top of the ground on Upper Eastern Star, which will hamper plowing, ditching and mowing on that road. President will notify Frontier through lawyer that the lines are in the way of the Village doing required road maintenance. Trustee Allen recommended hiring Randy Williams to work part time for the Village. Randy Williams has a Class A license. Trustee Wolff made a motion to employ Randy Williams to work for the Village at \$16 an hour. It was seconded by Trustee Dalton. Voice vote. Trustee Hilliard abstained from voting. All others present at roll call voted yes. Motion carried. Trustee Wolff reported that Danny Walker suggested renting a road sweeper from Danny Williams to sweep the roads before they get oiled and chipped. Danny Walker estimated it would take 6 to 8 hours to sweep the roads. The rental fee is \$75/Hr., and Danny Williams would run it. Board discussed. Trustee Hilliard stated that hiring additional staff and the

rental of additional equipment were not items included in the approved budget for this fiscal year. Trustee Wolff made a motion to rent the sweeper, if it is necessary. Trustee Allen seconded the motion. Voice vote. Trustees Ross and Dalton abstained. Others present at roll call voted yes. Motion carried. Trustee Brouillette complimented the Street and Road crew on doing a good job on mowing on Oak Grove. Trustee Brouillette will contact Frontier tomorrow regarding the lines laying on the ditches. Trustee Ross reported that there are signs that are falling off the walls at the Community Center, and should be fixed. The toilet paper dispensers in the women's bathrooms need to be replaced, as well. Trustee Ross is still working on the signs for the Pavilion rules. Trustee Ross recommended replacing the no parking signs by the bridge on Crackers Neck, so that emergency vehicles can get through. Trash on Baggett Lane is getting bad again. President will contact Department of Public Health to check status of cleanup. Trustee Dalton asked when the weeds around the little cabin would be sprayed. Trustee Ross recommended getting a sign made for the cabin stating that Village is not responsible for any accidents.

FISCAL MATTERS:

A. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer presented the monthly budget report.

B. Bills Payable: Treasurer present a list of the bills payable.

President asked for motion to accept the Treasurer's report and pay the bills. Trustee Ross made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and pay the bills. It was seconded by Trustee Dalton. Voice vote. All present at roll call voted yes. Motion carried.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

A. Finance Committee:

B. Ordinance Committee:

C. Street & Road Committee: President updated Board regarding de-annexing Sheppard Lane to Makanda Township. Legal counsel is in the process of creating a document for Barbara Schwartz to sign for permission to de-annex. She is the only person that owns property along the stretch of road the Village maintains. President will get Barbara Schwartz's signature once lawyer gets the paperwork to her for Barbara to sign.

Trustee Allen reported that Danny Williams will take care of drainage and ditch along Poplar Camp Rd. that runs alongside fields that he farms. Currently, there is no ditch or drainage and dirt/mud from the field runs onto Poplar Camp Rd. Danny Williams will put in a culvert across Poplar Camps Rd. to help with drainage and will only charge the Village for culvert and bed rock. Trustee Allen will get an estimate for this work from Danny Williams to present at the next meeting.

Trustee Allen presented an estimate from Danny Williams to repair soft spot on S. Poplar Camp (120 ft. – 130 ft.) for \$3,645-\$4,800. Trustee Wolff made a motion to accept the estimates from Danny Williams to do the work on the soft spot on S. Poplar Camp and to put in the new culvert. Trustee Hilliard added that it would have to be with the understanding that those roads may not get oiled and chipped until that work is done. Trustee Dalton seconded the motion. Voice vote. All present at roll call voted yes. Motion carried.

Trustee Allen presented estimates from Danny Williams to repair bridge, do ditching and replace a culvert on Crackers Neck (\$3,810-\$6,500), grading, culverts, and ditching on Church Street (\$7,500-\$13,000), and work on Baptist Hill (\$3,500-\$5,800). Materials were not included in the estimates. Trustee Wolff made a motion to do Cracker's Neck, this year. It was seconded by Trustee Ross. Voice vote. Motioned carried. Trustee Ross and the President stated we need a certificate of insurance from Danny Williams for our files. Estimates for other road work will be checked to be done in next year's budget. There is also road work that needs to be done on Heern Street. It was suggested that we need to get several estimates for road work. Trustee Wolff said he did contact Kevin Wheatley but he is booked and does not have time right now to bid any work for the Village. Trustee Brouillette will contact two or three other contractors to get in touch with Trustee Allen for additional bids.

On Dan and Norris' timesheet time was turned in for spraying the parking lot, road centers, around road signs, guardrail, etc. At our April 10 board meeting, Trustee Wolff asked Tom if he would be able to do the spraying. He responded that he would not have time this year but might be able to do spraying next year and will keep his license active. Tom and Trustee Hilliard both mentioned that a torch had been purchased to burn the grass in the road centers. Bob suggested hiring someone from SIU that is licensed to spray. President mentioned we need to be cautious if we decide to hire someone to do our spraying. Bob agreed that we could go ahead this year and weed eat around signs and burn grass in center of roads this year. Tom will keep weeds down at the Village Hall and Pavilion.

Trustee Allen had contacted Joe Stitley at the EPA office in Marion and was told it would be o.k. to go ahead and spray. If there are any problems to contact Joe Stitley directly.

D. Subdivision Committee:

E. Insurance Committee:

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

A. Emergency Disaster Committee:

B. Special Events Committee:

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS: The Village has received a bill from Brian Bush for replacing sidewalks at Pavilion that were dug up when they laid water line in the amount of \$3,154.26.

Since receiving this bill a bill from Buncombe Water District's was received from legal counsel, Michael Twomey, in the amount of \$11,689.17. This includes the charges from Brian Bush. Mr. Twomey also included copies of the Right-of Way Easement dated August 2, 1984 and a copy of the Village Ordinance No 53 dated November 7, 1974. The President has provided the bill, easement, and ordinance to legal counsel for their review. Board agreed that legal counsel should review. She noted that the Village is out the expense of repair to playground in the amount of \$4,410.00 which did not obstruct locating the water main and the guttering on the northwest corner of the pavilion will need to be repaired. Also, the new water line was placed through the existing playground area. President is still trying to get a copy of where the new line was placed for Village records.

Playground repairs have been tentatively scheduled for August 31.

Trustee Ross asked if she could put a sign on the back door of the Community Center, stating Do Not Open, it is for exit only. Board agreed.

NEW BUSINESS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT: President asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was made by Trustee Hilliard and seconded by Trustee Wolff. Meeting was adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

Leslie Yambert, Village Clerk

Tina Shingleton, President