

Village of Makanda
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Board Minutes

March 6, 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 noted several typos that needed to be corrected. Trustee Wolff made a motion to accept the minutes, with the corrections. It was seconded by Trustee Dalton. Voice vote. All members present at roll call voted yes. Motion carried.

CITIZEN'S HEARING: Three students from Carbondale Community High School were present to observe the meeting for their civics class: Mason Elughadebo, Robert Bass, and Trey Mavhal.

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS: Notification has been received from GoDaddy for our Domain renewal in addition to website renewal that also expires 3/31/18. The cost is \$25.16 for one year. Trustee Wolff offered to check with

another web maintenance provider to see if we can get the cost for maintenance reduced.

President received a phone call on February 17 from Larry Millard on Church Street (618-351-6588). He was reviewing our minutes from December 2017 and noticed that there was mention he had told someone that he was going to use a metal container already in the ground for his septic when he starts building. He advised President this is not the case and will follow Health Department regulations. He asked that this be noted in the next minutes. If we have any questions, please feel free to call him and he will answer them. President apologized for the misinformation.

Joe McFarland offered his PO Box 1 to the Village. President asked if it was a small mailbox as the Village needs a larger mailbox for our mail. It was not a large one. President thanked Joe for the offer.

John Newsome called President asking if we still have motor bike left at Pavilion last summer. Matthew Curry was buying it from him but never paid for it. He would like to have it back. He has spoken with the person's brother and he has left the area. President suggested if we return bike to John that a paper be written up for John to sign in case Matthew returns and wants bike back. Board suggested we see if John still has the title for the bike. They also agreed that we need to have a letter written and signed by John before releasing the bike to him.

John Newsome also asked if the Village is interested in purchasing the lot he owns next to the parking lot across from the Village Hall. It is part of the Short property he purchased across the street. President advised it would have to be surveyed. Trustee Hilliard stated a survey was done in 1999 for that area. Board feels there is no need to purchase the property.

A camera, SD card, and camera bag has been purchased and will be kept at the equipment building. Cost was \$83.88.

There is concern after the recent flooding in regard to the wall of rip rap being placed on the west side of the tracks downtown. Residents are concerned the west side of the tracks will be prone to more flooding as it would be held back by the rock. President spoke with Travis from Canadian National on March 2 and was advised that the rock was to protect a transfer switch that keeps getting thrown and should not affect flooding downtown. President left a message for Travis on March 6 to advise him that residents are still concerned. The Department of

Natural Resources has been contacted by one of the residents and was told the railroad should have filed an Illinois State Permit and none is on file. The Village also has a flood plain Ordinance in place.

CLERK: Clerk recorded man hours for February 2018. Clerk presented the Working Budget for 2018 - 2019 for review. President stated that since the Finance Committee had met, the web maintenance fee had gone up from \$65 to \$85. President recommended raising the web maintenance line from \$1,000 to \$1,300 and then reduce the amount on the miscellaneous contingency line from \$8,000 to \$7,700 to cover the difference. President asked for a motion to approve the Working Budget. Trustee Hilliard made a motion to accept the Working Budget for 2018 – 2019, with the changes. It was seconded by Trustee Ross. Voice vote. All present at roll call voted yes. Motion carried.

TRUSTEES: Trustee Hilliard asked for permission for the Masonic Lodge to use the Village Hall for several upcoming Masonic Building Committee meetings. Trustee Wolff made a motion to give Trustee Hilliard permission to use the Village Hall for the meetings. It was seconded by Trustee Ross. Voice vote. All present at roll call voted yes. Motioned carried. Trustee Ross is in the process of collecting 3 bids to replace the Community Center roof.

FISCAL MATTERS:

A. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer reviewed current budget and motor fuel funds.

B. Bills Payable: Treasure reviewed the bills payable for the month.

President asked for motion to accept the Treasurer's and pay the bills. Trustee Allen 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.

Treasurer asked the Board if they wanted to move \$50,000 from the Village checking account into a CD for 17 months at 1.45%, through First Southern Bank. President asked for a motion to approve moving the \$50,000. Trustee Hilliard made a motion to move \$50,000 from the checking account to a CD for 17 months

to get the best interest rate. 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: A date was set for the Board to do the annual road inspection. The Board will meet at 8 a.m. Saturday April 14 at the Village Hall to begin the inspection.

President and Trustees Allen and Wolff checked Lower Cobden Road after February 24 flooding. It is breaking off worse than before. President contacted Canadian National Railroad and left a message to check if they will fix or if Village should repair. Trustee Ross reported parking issues on Crackers Neck, emergency vehicles may not be able to get through and there is a clogged culvert on Crackers Neck. Suggested “no parking” signs be installed. Trustee Dalton reported a clogged culvert on Church Street and pot holes that need to be patched. Trustee Wolff reported that the Community Center parking lot across from Village Hall needs to be rocked, before the upcoming elections. Trustee Allen stated that Frontier has their phone lines laying in the ditches on Rowan Road, Poplar Camp Road and Church Street. These ditches need to be cleaned. President stated that dated photographs need to be taken of those ditches and Frontier needs to be notified by letter of the date the Village will be cleaning those ditches. Trustee Brouillette has a contact at Frontier that may be able to help Village deal with this situation. Trustee Wolff advised that Sheppard Lane needs rock as it is getting in bad shape. President reported that the Village attorney is looking into the right of way issues on Sheppard Lane.

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:

NEW BUSINESS: Village Clean Up Day has been set for May 5th. President will schedule the dumpster. Treasurer needs Board approval for a credit card from Huck's for approved members of the Street and Road crew to use for fuel purchases. The Shell card needs to be cancelled. Trustee Brouillette made a motion to get a credit card for fuel purchases. It was seconded by Trustee Dalton. Voice vote. All present at roll call voted yes. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Elections are March 20.

ADJOURNMENT: President asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was made by Trustee Ross and seconded by Trustee Wolff. Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Leslie Yambert, Village Clerk

Tina Shingleton, President