

Village of Makanda
P.O Box 99
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Board Minutes

February 5, 2019

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 were present. Trustee Brouillette was absent.

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 Hilliard. Voice vote. All members present at roll call voted yes. Motion carried.

CITIZEN'S HEARING: Guests from Carbondale Community High School to observe for a class requirement. Parker Minckler, Demauri Cossia, and Dennis Perkoff.

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS:

President met with Select Energy consultant, Courtney Finigan, on January 24 regarding a discount for electricity on Village buildings. She will need copies of the electric bills in order to provide a proposal. President will provide this information to Courtney and ask that she attend the March meeting to present to the Board. Courtney is a resident of the Village, living at Stone Creek. President

asked if anyone has an electric supplier as Ameren instead of Homefield Energy. If they do, let her know what they pay KWH.

Letter was received from Jackson County Board requesting the use of the B.C. Ross Community Center for the Consolidated General Election on April 2 from 5:00 a.m. until approximately 10:00 p.m.

President was contacted on January 25 by Charlie Pritchett who lives on Old Eastern Star Trail across from Sheppard Lane. He and Sally are having some logging done on their property and was asking if Eastern Star Trail was a Village Road. They have a contract from the logging company stating they are liable for any damages to the road. Charlie will send a copy of the contract to us for Village files.

A letter has been received from the State of Illinois Liquor Control Commission regarding their liquor license being suspended due to violation of nonpayment of Hotel Operators Occupation Tax, Sales/Use Tax, and IL Withholding Income Tax. President spoke with Tim Chrzan and he assured this would be taken care of. Their hearing is scheduled for February 7.

CLERK:

TRUSTEES: Trustee Hilliard ordered and picked up the Paul Simon Landmark signs. He will purchase some of the required posts and bolts to install the signs. President reported the Special Permit and instructions for installation of Paul Simon Landmark signs was received. Present met with Trustees Allen and Wolff and Dan Walker to discuss. IDOT will install the signs on new US 51.

Trustee Allen reported that Dan did some ditch work to direct the water flow in the ditch at the top of Baptist Hill. More work is required. Trustee Allen stated that the Village needs to purchase a new small chainsaw. He will take the 2 chainsaws that do not work to True Value and see if they will take them as trade-in toward a new saw, or they can be donated to a thrift store and taken off the Village inventory. Trustee Allen recommended the Village purchase a broom sweeper to sweep the roads, it would be cheaper than renting one each year. Trustee Allen recommended renting a track hoe for a week to help with the ditch cleaning in the Village, later in the year.

Trustee Ross has made a flyer, to possibly post at the Post Office, informing the public that the Village does have a Nuisance Ordinance that will be enforced.

President stated a second letter was sent to Nicholas and was returned. Old National Bank has the mortgage on this property. They were called but the person President spoke with stated this issue would be between the Village and property owner. President spoke with legal counsel on January 17. A follow up letter may need to be sent to the bank. A letter has also been sent to David Stankiewicz. We need to contact legal counsel once deadline stated on letters sent has passed to move forward. He stated the process could take at least six months. President also contacted the Jackson County Health Department. They are not able to do anything unless the property owner begins to clean up the property. They might be willing to send a letter.

President advised that she had received an email from Ashleigh Harris with Bron, Inc. They are a property registration service company for several institutions complying with local laws; particularly with foreclosed and vacant homes requiring registration with the city/county. They have received properties located within our municipality that may either be vacant, in foreclosure, or both. They also inquired if the Village has a property registration ordinance in place. President will check with legal counsel to see if this should be pursued.

Trusted Dalton reported that Larry's Towing will put up their signs when the snow is over. She reported that a citizen had complained to her about the snowplow pushing gravel into the yard when it was plowed.

FISCAL MATTERS:

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

B. Bills Payable: Treasurer presented the list of the bills payable.

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

Treasurer recommended putting \$50,000 in a liquid CD. Board discussed. Trustee Wolff made a motion to put \$50,000 in a liquid CD at First Southern Bank. It was seconded by Trustee Ross. All present at roll call voted yes. Motion carried.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

A. Finance Committee:

B. Ordinance Committee:

C. Street & Road Committee: President stated that we have used \$1,943.41 of the funds approved by IDOT for snow removal. Of this amount \$1,190.91 was transferred to the General Fund for rental of Village of Village equipment. Trustee Allen presented a comprehensive list of repairs and improvements that are needed on Church Street. This project is estimated to cost more than \$25,000 and needs to be published in a local paper to request bids. President will review past bids that the Village has published and compose the bid. Dan will meet with each potential bidder to review what is needed on Church Street. Trustee Allen reported that a spot on Poplar Camp discussed last fall regarding repairs should be fine with Bam until oil and chipping can be done. Trustee Ross advised that on Poplar Camp, Danny Williams is farming to the edge of the road and rocks and mud flow across the road. She has received a complaint that the mud and rocks, across from Kip Hagler's driveway, are flowing into other citizen's yards.

D. Subdivision Committee:

E. Insurance Committee:

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

A. Emergency Disaster Committee:

B. Special Events Committee:

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS: Ordinance 2019-1 Ameren Franchise Agreement

Approval of Ameren Franchise Agreement Ordinance – President spoke with legal counsel who reviewed the Ordinance and everything seems okay. The Village of Dowell just renewed their agreement and the Ameren Representative attended their meeting. President spoke with their office and they felt comfortable in approving their agreement. The Village of Ellis Grove was also contacted and they also have no concerns with their agreement. President asked for a motion to accept the Ameren Franchise Agreement Ordinance. Trustee Ross made a motion to accept the Ordinance, seconded by Trustee Dalton. All members present at roll call voted yes. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS: Buncombe Water charge at Pavilion – Buncombe Public District rejected our settlement offer. Legal counsel is reviewing our Easement and will go back to the water district’s attorney to review this further.

Village Website –President contacted Go Daddy and received information to rebuild the Village website.

GoDaddy Proposal

- First year of web design and hosting - \$1,739.88 plus tax, if any. Up to 4 pages – (additional pages available at \$100 each)
- Receive an in-store credit for unused portion of our hosting purchased in 2010 and pre-paid until 2021.
- Forecasted renewal rates are \$239.88/yr for hosting and \$74.99/yr for SSL (website security) certificate.
- Savings of over \$65/mo/the new site will pay for itself in under 2 years.

Mega Bytes Proposal

- Full redesign – Unlimited amount of pages - \$3,997 (\$1,397 down and \$2,600 upon completion. The charge normally would have been \$4,497 but we would receive a \$500 discount by being an existing client.
- They have a Logo Exchange Program that adds their logo to the footer of the site with a link back to their site which would remove another \$500. This would take the total to \$3,497 (\$1,197 down and \$2,300 upon completion.

Both would be mobile responsive and would include training for content updates done by the Village. After reviewing both proposals, the board agreed to accept the proposal from Go Daddy.

President asked for a motion to accept the proposal from Go Daddy. Trustee Wolff made a motion to accept the proposal from Go Daddy, seconded by Trustee Ross. All members present at roll call voted yes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: At the January meeting the matter of parking on the Crackers Neck bridge was discussed. It was mentioned that we may need an Ordinance. President checked with legal counsel who advised that Illinois allows law enforcement officers to direct towing of abandoned vehicles from public property

and where there is posted notice of a tow area, from private property. Since we do not have a police department, we could ask the Sheriff's office to direct this towing. If we want to authorize a Village official to direct a tow service to tow a vehicle, there will be a need for an Ordinance. President checked list of Ordinances in place and found that we have an Ordinance 1999-5 regulating parking on Cracker's Neck, Baptist Hill, and Church St. and penalty for violation. President spoke with Sheriff's department on January 30. If we have an agreement with Larry's Towing this would be between us and Larry's. However, if there is a problem while vehicle is being removed we can call them. President advised she had received a phone call from Billie Saunders with Barrett, Twomey, Broom, Hughes, and Hoke law firm asking if the Village has a list of Ordinances which includes abandoned vehicles on private property. President checked the Village Ordinances and found Ordinance 1992-2 that was tabled which defines and provides for the removal of inoperable vehicles within the corporate limits.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Finance Committee Meeting Saturday February 16, 2019 9 am at the Village Hall.

ADJOURNMENT: President asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was made by Trustee Wolff and seconded by Trustee Ross. Meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Leslie Yambert, Village Clerk

Tina Shingleton, President