

Village of Makanda
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Board Minutes

April 9, 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, Brouillette, Ross, and Dalton were present.

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

CITIZEN'S HEARING: Three members of AmeriCorps NCCC were present to introduce themselves and the program to the Board. They were Kali Roe Prescott, Diabolique Johnson, and Ted Radish. They are currently staying at Touch of Nature and working at Giant City State Park, to improve the trails. They provided brochures on their program to the Board, and are interested in additional service projects in the area.

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS: President gave an update regarding the liquor license for Keller's Crossing at Stone Creek. Legal counsel sent a letter on March 6 to Keller's Crossing at Stone Creek stating that sale of liquor is prohibited until they possess a valid Illinois State Liquor license. If they sell liquor without a valid license they will be subject to fines and penalties, including closure of the business, under Village Ordinance.

Jackson County Health Department has scheduled their training this year for solid mosquito larvacide application. Dan Walker will attend training to be held on Wednesday, April 10 from 1 – 2 p.m. President has RSVP'd for Dan to attend training.

On March 25, email received from Pam Dierks in Ava, IL. They own a grass fed beef farm and have received a very good response from the residents of Makanda and want to reach out to more Makanda residents to let them know about their grass fed beef. She asked if there was a way she could obtain an address list of the residents of Makanda to send a mailing to them about their grass fed beef along with information about the farmers markets they attend and their bulk options they can take advantage of. President suggested contacting Makanda Post Office to see if they could assist.

President received an email from Sean Finn of CN Railroad to discuss capital spending initiatives in 2019 at her convenience and to join them later this year as they mark the completion of these projects.

CLERK: Clerk reported the she had spoken with the owner of the old Box Factory building, and he will try to keep up the property, so that it does not become a dump site.

TRUSTEES: Trustee Hilliard thanked the Village for allowing the Masonic Lodge to hold several of their past Building Committee meetings at the Village Hall. Trustee Hilliard and the Board members discussed the wording for the new no parking sign to be placed at the Community Center parking lot. The following wording was recommended: Parking for Village Hall and Community Center use only. Violators will be towed at their expense. Trustee Hilliard confirmed that the annual Street and Road inspection of all Village roads will take place Saturday April 13th at 8 a.m., starting at the Village Hall. Trustee Allen reported that the backhoe has been repaired. He also stated the need for a floor mounted drill press at the equipment building. Currently, Dan takes any drill press work home, and uses his own equipment. Trustee Allen advised the cost of a Porter- Cable drill press at Lowe's \$399. Board agreed that the purchase was necessary. Trustee Allen reported that several of his neighbors had complained to him about drivers speeding up and down McGuire Rd. One resident has several small children, and is very concerned for her children's safety. It was agreed that the residents should call the Jackson County Sheriff's Department, directly to express their concerns, and ask if the Department would send someone out to monitor the situation. The posted speed limit is 30 mph. Trustee Brouillette reported that the 4 wheeler is back out in his neighborhood, and making a lot of noise. Trustee Ross is in the process of collecting a bid for the work on the Community Center floors and will get a price for replacement of window blinds. Trustee Ross reported that a pine tree

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from one of the abandoned properties on Cracker's Neck had fallen across the road and taken down a power pole, in addition to blocking traffic. Dan had to go out to remove the tree and Ameren came out to restore the power. Trustee Dalton reported that she has called Larry's Towing, twice and left messages. They have not returned her calls. Trustee Brouillette suggested she call Shelton Towing.

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 Allen 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.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

A. Finance Committee:

B. Ordinance Committee:

C. Street & Road Committee: Dan has provided a description of work to be done on Church St. President working on a draft for advertisement of bid. Need length of road. Cliff will check his records and provide this information. President reminded the Board that the annual street and road inspection was this Saturday April 13th at 8 a.m. meeting at the Village Hall. Trustee Allen reported on the work done to correct culvert drainage problem on lower Baptist Hill, by the Renaissance House. Also, a portion of the sidewalk, at the Renaissance House, which serves as a cover for a drainage system, has a hole. This portion of the sidewalk is used as an entrance to the adjacent parking lot. The actual entrance to the parking lot is on Lower Cobden Rd. There are questions as to who owns the property in question; the Village or the owner of the Renaissance. The President will contact the Village attorney as to the best way to proceed. President will also contact the owner of the Renaissance House to alert them to the situation. Barricades and yellow caution tape will be placed around the area to protect the public, while the best course of action is being determined.

D. Subdivision Committee:

E. Insurance Committee:

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

A. Emergency Disaster Committee:

B. Special Events Committee:

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS: Ordinance 2019-02 Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 approved by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS: The 2019 Ameren Franchise Agreement and Ordinance has been fully executed and first annual check of \$3,105.00 has been received. This agreement is in effect for 20 years.

Letter has been received from Ameren confirming that our Street Lights account has been switched to AEP Energy. They also suggested if we currently participate in the Ameren Illinois net metering program, to contact AEP Energy to inform them that we would like to participate in their net metering program as well. President is checking on this.

President and Clerk have had two conference calls with Go Daddy regarding update of the Village website. It should be completed in the next couple of weeks. It was time for our domain renewal in the amount of \$54.32 which was not included in the website update charge. This is for two years.

President met with legal counsel on March 8 regarding abandoned properties on Cracker's Neck. She has taken photos of property and provided to legal counsel. Next step is for legal counsel to do a property search and apply to the Jackson County circuit court for an order authorizing action to be taken after at least 15 days' written notice to property owners and lienholders. We don't know how much the cost will be and the Village may not recoup money upon sale of property. President advised if the Village can secure ownership that they do not plan to sell so maintenance can be kept up. On March 15 legal counsel advised that the process has been started.

NEW BUSINESS: Trustee Ross made a motion to purchase a new laptop and printer for the Clerk. Trustee Hilliard seconded the motion. Voice vote. All present at roll call voted yes. Motion carried. Village Clean Up Day date was set for May 11th, with a rain date of May 18th. President will order the dumpsters. Dan will

monitor the dumpster, during the hours of operation: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be an Easter Egg hunt at the Pavilion, beginning at 11 a.m. on April 20th. It is being put on by several local residents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: There will be an Easter Sunday breakfast at 10 a.m. at the Baptist Hill Church. Everyone is welcome.

ADJOURNMENT: President asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was made by Trustee Hilliard and seconded by Trustee Dalton. Meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Leslie Yambert, Village Clerk

Tina Shingleton, President