

Village of Makanda
P.O Box 99
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Board Minutes

August 6, 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 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: Makanda resident Russ Kramer was present to inquire when the work on Church Street will begin. He is waiting for the work to be done, so that he can repair his driveway. Russ also has a large tree branch resting in the spot where ditch work may be done. Trustee Allen will go and inspect the situation and get in touch with Russ with an answer. Trustee Allen will also call Rawson Excavating to confirm a start date.

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS: President received an email on August 4 from Steven Fletcher who lives in Iowa. He is doing some research on Makanda and Giant City in the late 1980s. Specifically, he is looking for historical information regarding when Vulture Fest began, businesses in Makanda in the late '80s, the garden behind Rainmaker's, Evergreen Cemetery. If anyone has any input regarding these items, they were asked to let President know so she can respond to Mr. Fletcher.

Correspondence received in the mail from CN Railroad which included their 2019 edition of *CN in Your Community* publication. This report includes information about their different initiatives in our region, including their strong economic impact, capital investments as well as their community partnerships. CN is also

celebrating their 100th anniversary this year. To commemorate this milestone and learn about the initiatives they have planned to honor their strong community involvement and future, check their website at www.cn.ca/cn100.

Email received from Angela Kappen of Golder Associates on behalf of CN Railroad providing the Village with an opportunity to comment on the possible impacts to Historic Properties regarding plans to construct a 185 ft. Lattice tower in Makanda that will be located adjacent to the railroad ROW west of Makanda Road and north of Heern Street at railroad milepost 316.13. Maps were provided. Board felt there would be no impact to Historic Properties. President will respond to Angela Kappen.

President received a call from Debbie Dunn on July 26 letting her know paperwork is being put together for this year's Vulture Fest event. The new setup from last year will be the same this year as it seemed to work well. Village needs to make sure ballfield and other parking areas are mowed and see if we can fill in some of the ruts that were made from parking last year. Vulture-Fest is being held the weekend of October 19 and 20.

President and Clerk have received communication regarding permits/building codes for installation of solar panels for residents.

Recruiting for the 2020 Census has begun. Anyone interested in applying may go to their website, 2020census.gov/jobs. To learn more about the 2020 Census, the website is 2020census.gov.

CLERK: Clerk reported that the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association has update the replacement cost of the Equipment Shed. The new figures are \$70,689 for replacement costs and \$68,568 for actual cash value, in preparation for next year's Village insurance policy.

TRUSTEES: Dan had asked about 2 mowing signs. The signs we currently have are too large for our roads and hard to handle. President checked cost of signs from Rice Signs online. They only have the rollup signs which run from \$69 to \$119 each and we would need the stands which run \$56.95 each. Dan called Roadrunner and the cost is \$95-\$100 per sign which is less expensive. President had Dan to order 2 signs from Roadrunner. Cliff should be contact for ordering road signs from

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Roadrunner. Trustee Hilliard has picked up the replacement street signs for Baggett Lane and Mowing signs. Trustee Hilliard recommended putting the name Makanda on the back of the signs. Trustee Hilliard plans to take the Village fire extinguishers in to be refurbished. Trustee Hilliard has been in contact with Dave from Illini regarding a possible date for Illini to begin the oil and chip work for the Village. When a date has been set, Trustee Hilliard will ride with Dave to inspect the roads, before the work begins. Trustee Hilliard thanked the Board for letting the Masonic Lodge have their annual picnic. The annual fish fry, which is open to everyone, will be September 7th. Trustee Allen reported that Danny has prepared the roads for oil and chipping, except for sweeping the roads down. Trustee Allen recommended renting the necessary equipment from True Value. Trustee Ross reported that the Community Center and storage shed have been power washed. Trustee Ross stated more rock is needed in the flower boxes. Trustee Ross reported that people who rent the Community Center have not been cleaning up after their events. Board discussed raising the rental fee. Trustee Ross will research how much neighboring towns are charging, and bring the information back to the Board.

FISCAL MATTERS:

A. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer was absent, President read the Treasurers monthly budget report.

B. Bills Payable: President 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 Wolff. 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: Legal counsel has advised we may be able to set up an agreement to purchase cinders at a different cost and have them delivered to the equipment building. President will contact Village legal counsel to move forward.

Trustee Allen reported that cold patch is no longer available for purchase in Anna, but it can be purchased south of Marion. Trustee Allen recommended getting several loads of sand, and have it drying out at the Equipment Shed, before winter.

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: We received the payment and joint/mutual releases to Buncombe Water for pavilion water break from Village legal counsel. Check for \$8,395 and signed releases were sent with a letter to Buncombe Water District's legal counsel on August 2. The payment was taken from Contractual Services – Miscellaneous.

IDOT contacted Danny Walker to pick up Paul Simon burial site signs at equipment building for new US Highway 51so they could install them. Signs were installed on July 18. Project is completed.

President reported that after conferring with the Village legal council regarding the FIOA request from the law office of Gene Turk for information on the Village Road and Bridge Fund, she sent Gene Turk the Treasurers report for the last month of the fiscal year for the years 2010 – 2019. She has not received any other correspondence from them.

NEW BUSINESS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT: President asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was made by Trustee Wolff and seconded by Trustee Ross. Voice vote. All present at roll call voted yes. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Leslie Yambert, Village Clerk

Tina Shingleton, President

