

Village of Makanda
P.O Box 99
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Board Minutes

November 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 Allen, Wolff, Ross, and Dalton were present. Trustees Hilliard and Brouillette were absent.

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

CITIZEN'S HEARING: Makanda resident Jason Chrzan and soon to be resident Greg Dailey were present. They discussed the situation regarding the PTC tower and base station, and how they might help resolve the situation as a win-win. Jason Chrzan and Greg Dailey will meet Monday November 11 at 9:30 a.m. with Village President, Village Clerk and several members of the Committee for Historic Downtown Makanda to review information regarding the situation. Other Makanda residents were present to observe and listen to this meeting.

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS: Invitation from Greater Egypt Regional Planning and Development Committee to join the Commission's Assembly of Local Governments for the Commission for the 2019-2020 year. Annual membership fee is \$125. President asked board if they would like to participate. Do not wish to join at this time.

Communication received regarding possible eligibility to apply for a grant through a partnership between America in Bloom and CN Railway called "EcoConnexions From the Ground Up" which provides funding of up to \$25,000 for greening of public spaces in communities along CN rail lines Priority is given to high-profile, significant landscapes that are accessible to the public and need beautification.

Newsletter from Illinois Codification Services received which suggested all cities and villages consider supplementing or updating their local Codes of Ordinances during the next few months. Codification usually takes about one year, and cost can be spread out over a period of two years. President asked the Board if they would be okay with the President and Village Clerk inquiring about this? Trustees were agreeable with following up with this.

CLERK:

TRUSTEES: Trustee Allen inquired if the repairs to the toilets in the Village Hall had been made, or if the Village was going to hire a plumber to do the repairs. President will check with Trustee Hillard regarding the repairs. The front and back entrance dusk to dawn light bulbs at the Community Center need to be replaced. Trustee Ross inquired if a solar light had been purchased yet for the Bost Monument, it has not yet been purchased. Trustee Ross reported on parking problems during Vulture Fest. Residents were stopped and asked for identification, before being allowed to proceed to their homes. Trustee Ross suggested ID badges and clipboards with residents' names on them for the parking attendants, next year. President will relay the information to Debbie Dunn. Trustee Dalton reported that her son had also been stopped during Vulture Fest. Trustee Ross stated the abandoned homes are still being vandalized. President will check again with legal counsel to find out about moving forward regarding this matter.

FISCAL MATTERS:

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

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

President asked for a 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 Dalton. Voice vote. All present at roll call voted yes. Motion carried.

Treasurer reported that IDOT Audit Report was completed and results showed we were in compliance.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

A. Finance Committee:

B. Ordinance Committee: Clerk asked that the Ordinance Committee meet to review and update the Floodplain Ordinance. It was decided that the Ordinance Committee will meet at 9:00 a.m. Saturday November 16th at the Village Hall.

C. Street & Road Committee: Trustee Allen recommended inspecting the roads to determine which roads the Village will do next year. Trustees Allen and Wolff will inspect the roads and make a recommendation to the Board. Trustee Allen recommended bidding out projects that were too big for our Street and Road crew to do. President reported that Dan spoke with Jackson County Highway Department when he took old tires for disposal. They advised they would have salt and chips available for purchase if needed. Cost would be \$35/ton for 1 bucket salt and 3 buckets of chip. Trustee Ross reported that there are limbs hanging out over the ditch on Heern St., also brush that needs to be removed. Trustee Ross reported that it is very rough on Baptist Hill where the patch had been made over the water break.

D. Subdivision Committee:

E. Insurance Committee:

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

A. Emergency Disaster Committee:

B. Special Events Committee:

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS: Motor Fuel Resolution for 2020 snow removal, in the amount of \$2,000. Trustee Ross made a motion to accept the Motor Fuel Resolution. It was seconded by Trustee Wolff. Voice vote. All present at roll call voted yes. Motion carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS:

President and Village Clerk provided an update regarding the railroad communication tower.

- Phone calls with Larry Lloyd from Illinois Central railroad scheduled for October 11 and 24 were canceled as there was no new information to report. Next call with Mr. Lloyd is scheduled for tomorrow, November 6.
- Angela Kappen of Golder and Associates was in the area on November 1 and spoke with Ed Graves of the Historical Society and business owners on the Boardwalk. She said she feels the tower would have an adverse effect on the Village.
- Village Clerk provided update on Historical District position and Committee meetings. Meetings of the Committee of Historic Downtown Makanda are still taking place.

NEW BUSINESS: Clerk submitted a certified letter to CN Railroad on October 12 regarding the placement of a gate, rock and large cement blocks which is in violation of the Village of Makanda Floodplain/Floodway Ordinance. We have not yet received any response. Clerk and President spoke with legal counsel. He would like Board approval for him to move forward if we do not receive a response from CN. After discussion, it was determined to postpone having legal counsel move forward until a response is received from railroad regarding the PTC communication tower. President will pass this information on to legal counsel. Village Clerk will check with Paul Osman regarding any movement of conversation between railroad and IDNR lawyers.

President received communication from Frank Jerome Henry regarding Village position on the cannabis issue. There is a possibility that property may be available to open a cannabis craft grow facility. He would like to make sure of the Village's position before moving forward. President invited Mr. Henry to a Village meeting. Village legal counsel has been asked about an Ordinance being passed. Legal counsel needs to know where the Board stands on this issue and if a public hearing is needed. An Ordinance needs to be passed depending on our position. There were mixed feelings from the Village Board and citizens who were in attendance regarding a public hearing and whether cannabis business establishments in the Village of Makanda should be prohibited.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Trustee Ross reported that Trunk or Treat went really well this year. Trustee Dalton announced that December 15th, there would be a birthday party for Donald Pierson, from 3 to 7 at the Community Center. He will be 90 years old. Everyone is invited.

ADJOURNMENT: President asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was made by Trustee Ross and seconded by Trustee Dalton. Voice vote. All present at roll call voted yes. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Leslie Yambert, Village Clerk

Tina Shingleton, President