

Village of Makanda
P.O Box 99
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Board Minutes

October 1, 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 Dalton made a motion to accept the minutes. It was seconded by Trustee Allen. Voice vote. All members present at roll call voted yes. Motion carried.

CITIZEN'S HEARING: Makanda resident Russ Kramer was present to inquire if the Village was going to plant grass seed on the bare soil left from the culvert work on Church St. Trustee Allen, reported that the Village will not be doing that.

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS: Regions West Branch office is moving to a new location on October 18. A letter was received that contents of safe deposit boxes need to be removed and box closed by October 11. President has removed the contents and closed box. She and Village Clerk will go through documents to see if there are any documents not needed. When bank reopens, necessary documents will be placed in a new safe deposit box. We will receive a free rental for one year.

After last meeting Trustee Brouillette and President checked out the water issue at the Village Hall. It seems the water loss is from stools and repairs need to be made. We need to decide who to get for repairs at Village Hall and in the men's room at the Community Center. President suggested hiring repairs to be done.

Buncombe Water is crediting amount due on July and August water bills. Trustees Hilliard and Wolff volunteered to work on repairs.

President spoke with Karen at Buncombe Water regarding broken curbing on Baptist Hill. She will keep this on Brian's agenda for repair.

President has contacted the Jackson County Sheriff's office for assistance with Vulture fest.

Dan Walker had contacted Department of Public Health regarding disposal of old tires for Village. A letter providing place, dates, and times the tires can be taken for disposal at no charge was received and given to Dan. Village Clerk mentioned there is a tire beside dumpster across from Boardwalk that needs to be removed and President mentioned several tires have been dumped beside road on Lower Cobden Road just past Kyle Kinser's. She will ask Dan to take these tires for disposal.

CLERK:

TRUSTEES: Trustee Hilliard reported that the oil and chip work for the year was completed on September 18th. He had ridden in the Illini truck which measures the roads and the measurements were a little different than Village had measured. Trustee Hilliard had Illini put double seal on Hagler Ln. and East McGuire to the Y. so that the money budgeted would be used. Single seal was done on Poplar Camp. Illini had inadvertently left a small pile of rocks on the road, by Danny Williams house. Illini had already gone, so Dan Walker went and spread it out. Trustee Hillard reported that Evergreen Cemetery at the top of Baptist Hill, now has now has a rock boulder engraved with its name and date established. Trustee Allen reported that there is one more culvert on Church Street, that needs an extension cut off it. There was confusion with Beelman when we called to have the first load of cinders delivered by Roadworks, but cinders were finally delivered. Floyd asked if more cinders could be purchased. President called Jim Webb at SI Power and he said it would not be a problem. Jim suggested using Beelman this time. We did not have to complete a new contract. He also said we could use Beelman to haul cinders next year to make the transaction go smoothly.

Discussion regarding purchase of used M-B Sweeper from E.T. Simonds for \$2,000 to use in future preparation of roads for oil and chip. Parts (belts, bearings, etc.) are universal and brushes for all types of brooms are available for purchase

locally. Pictures were provided to show Board. The sweeper is currently set up as a pull behind and the broom cannot be adjusted properly. There is a coupler that determines the height of the broom that needs to be welded. Dan would like to set up to operate with hydraulics and use with the Village tractor. The estimated cost would run around \$70.

President asked for a motion to approve purchase of broom sweeper. Motion made by Trustee Wolf and seconded by Trustee Dalton. Voice vote. All members present at roll call voted yes. Motion carried.

Trustee Wolff commended Dan and Trustee Allen for staying on top of the Church St. project. Trustee Dalton reported that several Church St. residents had told her that they were pleased with how the work on Church St. had gone.

FISCAL MATTERS:

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

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

It was discussed if \$50,000 should be transferred from the General Fund to a liquid CD.

President asked for a motion to have the Treasurer transfer \$50,000 from the General Fund to a liquid CD. Trustee Ross made a motion to accept the Treasurers Report and pay the bills. 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: Trustee Brouillette advised the President that bulk salt is available for purchase if needed by Gunther Salt located in St. Louis, MO. President mentioned this to Dan Walker. At most we would only need one ton. Dan is checking on cost of bags of salt which may be all we would need to mix with cinders.

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: President updated everyone to let them know Dan has installed new message board at Village Hall. It was suggested the old message board be used at the Community Center. Mention was made that a small board is needed at the Pavilion.

President and Clerk gave update regarding the railroad communication tower.

- The Village has a Flood Plain Ordinance which needs to be followed should any flood assistance be needed from FEMA. President spoke with Jackson County Engineer, Mitch Burdick, who advised he was only recently aware the Village had an Ordinance and has advised railroad consultants to work with the Village regarding any permits needed.
- President has spoken with Paul Osman, Chief, Statewide Floodplain Programs Illinois Office of Water Resources in Springfield. The current site for the tower is in the floodway and the railroad will need both state and local permits. They are not exempt.
- IDNR engineers were in Makanda on last Tuesday, Sept. 24 to check the rock placed beside the railroad tracks. They were sent a violation a year or two ago and it was never moved forward. The lawyer for the railroad claims they are exempt from permit requirements, however, in IDNR's opinion this is not true. Lawyers on both sides are discussing.
- Have had phone calls with Larry Lloyd from Illinois Central railroad on Sept. 4, 10, and 27th. They are still not sure what type of pole would be installed. He advised that right now the only activity they are now expecting to be able to complete in 2019 is soil samples. He is checking on several questions residents and business owners have. Next call with Mr. Lloyd is scheduled for October 11.

NEW BUSINESS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Trustee Ross reported that the Church would be doing Trunk or Treat on October 31.

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 7:48 p.m.

Leslie Yambert, Village Clerk

Tina Shingleton, President