

**Village of Makanda**  
**P.O Box 99**  
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**Board Minutes**

**September 3, 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 when the work on Church Street would be finished. He inquired if the dirt pile and old culverts would be removed as part of the cleanup. Trustee Allen responded that clean-up was included in the project, which might be finished by the end of next week. Russ Kramer also inquired if any contractor from Makanda had bid on the job, for Church Street. President stated that Makanda contractors had been told in person. President confirmed that the bid was in the Southern Illinoisan, but no Makanda contractor had put in a bid. Laura Ashbury, Beth Kolher, Paula Baker, Brent Pregracke, and other residents of Makanda voiced their concerns about the proposed telecommunication tower the Illinois Central Railroad wants to build in the Makanda floodway. Laura reported that there is a Facebook page up and running regarding the telecommunication tower. Concerns voiced included: endangered species, wetland issues, flooding and damage to property, safety concerns for residents and business, what is the time schedule for the tower project, Makanda history, and how unique the Boardwalk is. President reported that regarding the construction of the 185ft. Lattice tower in Makanda by CN Railroad that will be located adjacent to the railroad ROW west of Makanda Rd. and north

of Heern St. at railroad milepost 316.13, President and Clerk are scheduled to conference call with IL Central Railroad representative on Wednesday, September 4 at 9:30 a.m. Village Trustees suggested politicians the citizens might consider contacting for assistance and information.

**PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS:** President reported the Certificate of Insurance has been received for Vulture Fest.

A utility pole was installed by Ameren on 8/15 at north east end of ballfield downtown. Ruts were made in the ballfield. President contacted Ameren to let them know about the damage. Ameren contacted their contractor and repair was done on 8/19.

President was contacted by Marilyn Hogan (618)319-2482 asking if there is a need for a mobile Food Pantry in Makanda. She also wanted to make us aware there is a Food Pantry in Murphysboro located on 906 N. 14<sup>th</sup> St. available to our residents. Hours are 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Monday through Friday. A person can use one time per month. Their phone number is 684-8258. It was suggested this might be of interest to Unity Point School. A comment was made that food is dropped off at the Boardwalk by someone every Wednesday.

President submitted 2019 equipment rental rates to IDOT, and it was approved for reimbursement of Village equipment for snow removal.

**CLERK:**

**TRUSTEES:** Trustee Hilliard inquired if the Village had received a bill for the updating the Village fire extinguishers. The Village has. Trustee Hilliard called Illini regarding theirs schedule for doing the oil and chip work on the Village roads. Illini has not yet completed their schedule, but the Village is tentatively scheduled for the second week of September. Trustee Hilliard will meet with Illini to inspect the roads before the work is done. Trustee Hilliard will let the Clerk know when the work is scheduled, and the Clerk will post flyers with the dates. Trustee Hilliard reminded the Board that the Mason's fish fry is this Saturday from 4 to 7 p.m., everybody is invited. Trustee Allen confirmed that the Village has a six-month sales contract with Southern Illinois Power Cooperative, for up to 25 tons of cinders, at \$17/ton. To take care of insurance issues, Roadworks, LLC in Marion has been contracted by the Village to haul the cinders to the equipment building at \$9/ton. Beelman is charging

a gratuity fee of \$3.50/ton for loading. Total cost will be about \$737. 50. Trustee Allen reported that Dan had gone to E.T. Simonds to find out about using their broom sweeper. Village also has the option of renting a boom sweeper from True Value in Carbondale. Also, Mr. Rawson has a broom sweeper that can be rented. Mr. Rawson should be finished with the work on Church Street next week. Trustees Wolff and Allen will do a final inspection, before asking Tom to issue a certified check to Mr. Rawson, for \$34,581.00. Trustee Ross has talked to Ben at IDOT, he reported that IDOT cannot mow until October, in order to protect the butterflies. Trustee Ross has talked to Bob Huey regarding the Cracked curb on Baptist Hill. President left a message for Brian Bush regarding broken curbing on Baptist Hill. Brian called back on August 22 to let her know he had advised Ron Lada that damage was done while repairing a water break. Ron will turn in a work order for repair to be done. Trustee Ross reported that the Bost Monument needs to be weeded, and there is a spot on the right at top of Baptist Hill that needs to be patched. Trustee Dalton reported that the little cabin by the Village Hall needs to be weeded. Tom will take care of this.

#### **FISCAL MATTERS:**

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

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

Treasurer reported an increase in the Village Hall water bill and advised President. Bill in normally around \$32. It increased two months ago to \$55+ and last month to \$72.85. President contacted Ron Lada at Buncombe Water who had Karen at the water office check. Karen called President back on 9/1 stating there is a water leak. She suggested checking to see if a restroom stool might be running. This needs to be addressed to see where loss of water is coming from. Trustee Brouillette will check on the problem.

President asked for motion to accept the Treasurer's report and pay the bills. Trustee Ross 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.

#### **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**A. Finance Committee:**

**B. Ordinance Committee:**

**C. Street & Road Committee:** Cold patch has been purchased from E.T. Simonds in Marion. President stated the money for that will need to be paid from General Funds as cold patch was not appropriated in the Moor Fuel request. President asked if we will still need to purchase Bam as it was appropriated from Motor Fuel. Trustee Allen advised that Bam is not needed at this time.

**D. Subdivision Committee:**

**E. Insurance Committee:**

## **REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:**

**A. Emergency Disaster Committee:**

**B. Special Events Committee:**

**ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:** Clerk presented Resolution 2019-001: A Resolution to Establish that the Village of Makanda Resolves to Preserve, Maintain, and Protect the Distinctive, Cultural, Economic, Aesthetic, and Historical Characteristics of its Downtown Area. After a brief discussion, it was tabled.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS:** The President has purchased the new outdoor bulletin board for the Village Hall for \$409.99, it is ready for installation. Dan will install. President has checked on fencing at Lowe's to place in front of septic system at Village Hall. We will need enough fencing for a 6 ft. x 16 ft. fence about 2 ft. tall. There is lattice Utility Screen which runs \$25.98 for a 3.75 ft. length x 2.5 ft. tall. They also have Plastic Lattice in 4 x 8 ft. sections in cedar or white for \$29.98 each and 2 x 8 ft. sections in white for \$13.48 each. She will confirm with Dan to get what is needed.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**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 9:05 p.m.

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**Leslie Yambert, Village Clerk**

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**Tina Shingleton, President**