

Village of Makanda
P.O Box 99
Makanda, Illinois 62958

Conference Call

Board Minutes

November 10, 2020

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

CITIZEN'S HEARING: No Citizens

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS: President received a phone call from Mr. McCollom regarding Makanda school bell. They met on October 30. Bell has been placed in the building beside of Community Center. It will need some cleaning up before putting on display.

President received an email from Olivia Henkel and Alana Svensen from AmeriCorps NCCC, a national service program that has teams of 18-24-year old's who can help communities meet their critical needs. President thanked them for reaching out and advised we would contact should we need any assistance.

Email was received from Becky Robinson with a final update regarding the 2020 Census. Jackson County had a total response of 62.2% in 2010 and 59.7% in 2020.

Makanda had a 69.2% response in 2010 and 71.5% response for 2020. The State of Illinois Self Response was 71.4% which was the 5th highest in the USA.

CLERK: Election forms should be mailed back to the Village post office box, P.O. Box 99.

TRUSTEES Trustee Wolff recommended that the Village purchase a leaf blower, for cleaning the roads. President asked that someone give a price estimate to the Finance Committee, so that purchase of a leaf blower could be considered for the next fiscal year budget. Trustee Brouillette thanked the street and road crew for mowing the banks on Oak Grove Road. Trustee Ross reported that she had called Ben at IDOT, as a concerned citizen, to report the dangerous broken roadway edges on Makanda Road, as you go up out of the valley toward the water tower. She was told that IDOT would look into it. President stated that she also called IDOT regarding the broken edges, back in July of this year, and nothing has been done to fix the problem.

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 Wolff 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: Trustee Ross reported that there are tree limbs and leaves on Crackers Neck and Baptist Hill that need to be removed.

On October 31 President was advised by Dan Walker that the Baggett Lane street signpost was cut off and sign taken. We will need to replace.

D. Subdivision Committee:

E. Insurance Committee:

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

A. Emergency Disaster Committee:

B. Special Events Committee:

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Policy – President asked if there were any questions regarding this policy. The Ordinance and Policy were reviewed by Village legal counsel. The Policy generally states that the community be committed to respecting persons without regard to matters of race, gender, age, family status and other aspects of individual life experiences, knowledge, talent, or self-expression. After discussion, Board felt it was not necessary to pass Policy and Ordinance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS: Update regarding CN PTC Communications Tower – Construction of the PTC Tower began the week of October 19. On October 22 President was advised by Mr. Lloyd that there had been trespassing and vandalism at the construction site with survey markers moved and/or removed. The area had to be resurveyed. President advised him the Village does not approve of this type of behavior. On November 2, Mr. Lloyd provided an update that due to concerns of the trespassing and vandalism that a temporary fence had been installed around the work area. This fence will be removed once construction has been completed. Drilling equipment has also been brought in. President thanked Mr. Lloyd for the updates and for leaving an area across from the Boardwalk for parking.

Letters were sent to ALL Village residents providing updated information regarding the new Select Energy Contract with Homefield Energy and giving them the opportunity to opt-out. President received an email from Anna Baluyot confirming the executed agreement for a period of thirty-six (36) months, beginning with December 2020 meter read dates through December 2023 meter read dates. There is an initial 18-month term which is fully fixed from December 2020-July 2022 at a rate of \$0.04391/kWh. The new rate will appear on participants' Ameren bills beginning in January 2021. Parties may meet any time

during Initial Program Term to negotiate and discuss the components of the pricing confirmation for the Subsequent 18-month Program Term (July 2022 – December 2023), but in any event, shall develop a final Pricing Confirmation no later than ninety (90) days prior to the expiration Initial Program Term (July 2022).

NEW BUSINESS: President met with Dan Walker to replace air filters at Community Center on October 28. There are enough filters to replace one more time.

President received an email from Beck Simonds regarding a proposal from Stone Creek Homeowners Association for roadway maintenance moving forward. A meeting has been set up for November 18 to be presented to the Village President, Village Clerk, and Trustee Hilliard. This proposal will be presented to the Village Board at the December 1 Board meeting for discussion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: At October meeting President had stated we would try to resume meetings in person. Due to rise in COVID-19 cases and Governor mandates President feels at this time we should continue monthly Village meetings by conference call until after first of next year.

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 7:35 p.m.

Leslie Yambert, Village Clerk

Tina Shingleton, President