

Village of Makanda
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Board Minutes

August 3, 2021

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, Hilliard, Ross, Dalton, and Wolff were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: President asked for a motion to approve the minutes from 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: Joe McFarland was present to observe. Russ Kramer was present to ask that the Street and Road Crew not mow the banks on Church St. so close to the ground. Trustee Allen will talk with the Street and Road Crew.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS: An email was received from Illinois Municipal League dated July 28 stating there is currently no requirements that municipalities mandate face coverings be worn in any settings. A model Ordinance was provided should any municipality wish to require face coverings on a local level. After discussion, Village Board does not wish to pass an Ordinance at this time.

President attended a retirement celebration for Bob Eaton. Bob plans on doing consulting work for the company and can contact them if we need any assistance.

President updated plaques stating past and current Village Presidents, Clerks, and Treasurers.

President has been in touch with Debbie Dunn regarding Vulturefest 2021. She is currently moving forward with plans. Event will be canceled should COVID become a safety risk.

Correspondence was received from IL Department of Commerce and emails from Rep. Patrick Windhorst and IML advising information regarding the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The Village of Makanda is eligible to receive \$72,050.43 from the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund for non-entitlement units of local government (NEUs). If a request is not submitted through the NEU Portal by September 30, 2021, our allocation will be forfeited. After reviewing the information on how these funds can be spent, we do not have any items President could see that would qualify. The only possibility might be “Supporting small businesses”. Will inquire further to see if this would fall under their requirements.

President has received two recommendations to fill Board vacancy. She will contact and is hoping to be able to have a candidate to ask Board permission to appoint at the September meeting.

CLERK:

TRUSTEES: Trustee Hillard inquired if anyone knew what the white painted stripes and arrows on Misty Meadows were for. President noted that Buncombe Water District is putting in a system to help them determine where the leaks are. Trustee Allen reported that Buncombe Water District is losing 65% of their water. Trustee Wolff reported that he had received a complaint from a resident on McGuire Road Extension, regarding the water being shut off to their home without any prior notification. Trustee Wolff referred the resident to Karen at the Buncombe Water District. Trustee Wolff suggested that it would be helpful if the Buncombe Water District would notify residents of any planned water shut down. Trustee Ross reminded the Board that the Water District meets the second Tuesday of every month, and anyone can go to the meeting. Trustee Allen inquired if the President had called Ameren about the dead tree behind the Community Center. President responded that she had not, it is yet to be determined if it is a job for Ameren or the Village needs to take it down. Trustee Ross reported that the parking problem on Crackers Neck continues and suggested the Village put a no parking sign in that location. Trustee Ross reported that there is trash in the ditch on Crackers Neck, possibly spread around when the Street and Road Crew was mowing, it has been cleaned up. Trustee Ross reported that there are several dead trees on Crackers Neck, the property owner is not taking care of their property, one

of which could take down a transformer when it falls. Trustee Allen said that he would have the Street and Road Crew look at the trees, and if it is too dangerous for the Crew to take down, the Village will hire someone to remove the trees. The Board agreed. President Shingleton stated that she would call Jackson County to see what options the Village has to resolve these issues. Trustee Ross offered to e-mail U.S. Representative Mike Bost regarding the dangerous condition Makanda Road is in. Trustee Dalton inquired if there was an update on getting the Veterans Memorial refurbished. Trustee Hilliard still needs to get to Marion and get a bid for the work.

Fiscal Matters:

A. Treasurer's Report:

B. Bills Payable:

Trustee Ross asked for clarification on the description of the purchase of "5 tier notebook for Village manual". President will let Treasurer know that it should read 5 tier shelves.

President asked the Board if everyone had had a chance to review the Treasurer's Report and the Bills Payable. Board verbally confirmed they had. President asked the Board if there were any questions. Board had no questions.

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 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: Guardrail/bank on Church Street – bank may be sliding. After discussion, it was determined there is no immediate danger. It was suggested to have an Engineer look at site and check on infrastructure grants that might be available.

Dan Walker was able to secure one load of cinders from the City of Anna at no charge. He has advised this should cover us, along with what we already had, for

the coming year. President suggested we send a “Thank You” to the City of Anna for the cinders. It was mentioned there is a new asphalt company in Murphysboro we might consider for future road work.

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 called Burris regarding extra charge of \$155 because dumpster was over weight limit. She was advised there had been a rate change and the Village was charged the lowest rate. Our dumpster weight was not too much different than what it was last year. Ask Board if we should consider another Cleanup Day as in the past. After discussion, it was decided we should consider doing two Cleanup Days every other year to see if necessary. Will need to make sure to appropriate funds in next year’s budget.

No update regarding Stone Creek roads. President did find Ordinance 2006-3 amending the Ordinance 1991-4 Subdivision Ordinance. This Ordinance addressed acceptance or non-acceptance of subdivision streets and roads and amending by deleting subsection Article V, Section 502.0 b)2 (found on page 35) and inserting in lieu thereof, the following language:

The developer shall build the road to the applicable standards when the development is fifty percent (50%) complete. Responsibility for maintenance of the streets may be turned over to the Village of Makanda one year after development is ninety percent (90%) complete and the Village engineer has determined that the streets meet the standards set forth Ordinance No. 1991-4, as amended. The Board of Trustees shall approve by a 2 /3 vote of members on the Board to accept responsibility for road maintenance in a developed area. Percentage of completion shall be defined as the percentage of lots on which there are structurally completed homes.

We need to consider reprint of Subdivision Ordinance to include amendment 2006-3. Last reprint was in July 2010 that included amendment 1991-4 approved October 3, 1991. It was determined to have 5 or 6 copies of updated Ordinance printed with one unbound copy in case a copy would be requested to provide to someone needing requirements.

NEW BUSINESS: President was able to secure an estimate for replacing wood mulch at playground. Delivery and cost of mulch from Stillwater Enterprises, Inc. in Effingham, IL is \$23.90/cu. yd. totaling \$2,151.00 for 90 cu. yd. Cost for removal of old mulch and spreading new mulch from Hileman Bobcat Service is \$1,000. Old mulch will be placed in Village truck and taken to our equipment building to use as fill. Total of \$3,151. We appropriated \$3,000 for Playground and the \$151 can be taken from Capital Outlay-Miscellaneous. President asked for approval to replace mulch at playground. Motion was made by Trustee Wolff to replace mulch at playground. It was seconded by Trustee Ross. Voice vote. All members present at roll call voted yes. Motion carried.

President suggested we also might want to consider replacing the swing set in next year's budget. Will need to get a cost before budget is discussed.

Was unable to get an estimate regarding railing replacement at Village Hall to discuss at this time.

ANOUNCEMENTS:

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 8:31 p.m.

Leslie Yambert, Village Clerk

Tina Shingleton, President