

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

**October 5, 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, Ross, Dalton, and Wolff were present. Trustee Hilliard was absent

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** President asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Trustee Ross made a motion to accept the minutes. It was seconded by Trustee Wolff. Voice vote. All members present at roll call voted yes. Motion carried.

**CITIZEN'S HEARING:** No Citizen

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:** President has spoken with Lennie Pitcher who lives on McGuire Road regarding appointment on the Village Board to complete term of Travis Brouillette who resigned earlier this year. Trustee Allen knows Mr. Pitcher and feels he would be a good addition to the Board. Mr. Pitcher is interested in serving and President asked for approval of appointment from the Board. Mr. Pitcher will plan to attend the November meeting to be sworn in. He will complete the term which ends April 2023 and will need to run for election if he would like to continue to serve on the Board. President asked for a motion to appoint Lenny Pitcher as Village Trustee to fill vacancy and complete term of Travis Brouillette. Motion was made by Bob Wolff to appoint Lennie Pitcher to fill vacancy and seconded by Floyd Allen. Motion passed.

President received correspondence from our Southern Illinois Aggregation Partners regarding Ameren's announcement of their new default energy supply rates for residential customers beginning October 1, 2021 of 5.4 cents per kWh. The change

is a 17% increase over previous non-summer rates. Residential Ameren customers who participate in most community's residential electric aggregation rates will not only be protected from the increase in supply rates but will see nearly 20% in savings over the Ameren default rates. To confirm you are enrolled and receiving the aggregation rates, you should see Homefield Energy listed as your energy supplier and confirm a rate of 4.391kWh.

President received a call on October 1 from Nickie with Carbondale Park District and Carbondale Life Community Center asking if they might post signs this month and in November to encourage physical fitness. President advised we have limited space. They will keep us in mind for future events.

Received communication from Greater Egypt Regional Planning and Development to join the Commission's Assembly of Local Governments. Annual membership is \$125.00. The question was asked what membership fee was used for.

**CLERK:** Reported on September 28 Jackson County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan Zoom meeting.

**TRUSTEES:** Trustee Wolff reported that Dan Walker had told him that he would like the Board to be more involved when people want to put in a culvert. President stated that there is an ordinance to be followed when a resident wants to put in a culvert. It includes getting a permit from the Village Board. Residents need to ask the Board what size culvert is required for the location they want to place the culvert. Dan would like the Board to make the final decision, rather than having him do it. President stated that someone else on the Street and Road Committee should go out with Dan to inspect the culvert and make the final decision. It was suggested that a certified letter with a copy of the culvert Ordinance and permit form be mailed to the resident who had not gotten permission from the Board for the size and location of the culvert they had installed. It was suggested that the culvert Ordinance needs to be reviewed and amended as needed. Trustee Allen stated that the F450 truck is twenty years old and is going to quit soon. Trustee Allen recommended the Village purchase a new F450 truck to replace the old one. Trustee Allen estimated that to get a new truck and put a bed on it would take about 4 months. The old truck could be used for a trade in. Trustee Allen and Dan will get prices for a new truck and present them to the Board. Trustee Ross reported that she had gotten the old flags properly disposed of. Trustee Ross asked permission to have Trunk or Treat in the Pavilion parking lot, again this year. Trustee Ross Recommended that the Board should set limits of the amount of time

any visitors can speak to the Board. The Board will listen and then consider their response to the comments at a later time. Board discussed. Clerk and President will work on the proper wording and include it in the agenda.

## **FISCAL MATTERS:**

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

**B. Bills Payable:** Treasurer presented 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 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 Hilliard asked President to advise that oil and chip of roads is tentatively scheduled for October 12. A notice has been posted at Post Office and Boardwalk.

President advised Board that Village has set up an account with Midwest Material Supply out of Murphysboro who has a supply of turkey grit and some other materials that we have been unable to find. They also do oil and chip of roads.

It was called to President's attention by Dave Dardis, owner of Rainmakers on Boardwalk, that concrete from the old portion of Crackers Neck Bridge has dropped and tourists walking through his garden area are walking around and underneath it. Village street and road employees checked the area and photos were taken. We need to determine if the Village is responsible, should concrete pieces be removed, and/or if signage should be posted. President asked Board how to proceed. It was recommended to check with bridge inspector on how to proceed. President will contact inspector for information.

**D. Subdivision Committee:**

**E. Insurance Committee:**

## **REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:**

**A. Emergency Disaster Committee:** A meeting was scheduled for October 22 at 9 a.m. at the Village Hall. Committee will follow up on hazard mitigation plans for the Village in cooperation with the Jackson County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan

**B. Special Events Committee:**

## **ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:**

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

## **UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS:**

President advised Egyptian Sealcoating had to cancel sealing of the Village Hall parking lot. They will touch base to reschedule next spring.

Ameren service crew (Nelson's) has started removal of tree behind Community Center on 9/23. Have not yet received any information regarding trees on Crackers Neck.

In August we had discussed applying for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds allotted to the Village of Makanda. It did not seem as though there we had anything that would qualify for assistance. President was contacted by several entities and urged to apply for these funds and were offered assistance to complete paperwork as requirements for what funds can be used for are constantly changing. President and Clerk met with the Jackson County Grant Assistant at the Jackson County Courthouse to complete and submit paperwork to receive these funds. One item these funds can be used for is Broadband (internet) service. The Jackson County Board is putting together a committee to investigate which would include funds from surrounding communities to make high speed internet service more accessible in this area.

Parking continues on Crackers Neck. Trustee Ross stated that her Grandson had spoken with the residents who are renting the house, where this problem occurs. Trustee Ross has also put the no parking notice on the offending car's windshield. President has put together a letter to be sent by certified mail to the property owner

who lives in Carterville advising that we have an Ordinance prohibiting parking along the road. President asked for approval to send certified letter to property owner. Board discussed. Trustee Wolff recommended that the letter include a reminder that alternate parking is available in the lot across from the Boardwalk. Clerk will send the certified letter.

President asked, for the record, did anyone on the Board approve acceptance of the Stone Creek Subdivision (HOA) Road Maintenance Agreement presented to the Village Board on April 5, 2021? Trustee Ross made a motion that the Village Board does not accept the Stone Creek Subdivision (HOA) Road Maintenance Agreement of April 5, 2021. It was seconded by Trustee Dalton. Voice vote. All present at roll call voted yes. Motion carried.

Trustee Wolff made a motion that the Village Board recommends that the Stone Creek HOA/Subdivision de-annex themselves from the Village. It was seconded by Trustee Ross. Voice vote. All present at roll call voted yes. Motion carried.

Village Board discussed the situation with the Stone Creek Subdivision (HOA). All Board members in attendance concluded in agreement the following points:

Even though the Plat Map states the Stone Creek Subdivision (HOA) roads have been dedicated as public roads, there is no legal obligation for the Village to maintain the roads.

Even if the Stone Creek Subdivision (HOA) roads were dedicated to the Village, the Village has a Subdivision Ordinance in place which includes a detailed process to be followed before the Village would even consider a vote on accepting the roads.

IDOT shows the Stone Creek Subdivision (HOA) roads as private roads.

All Village residents pay taxes. It is unrealistic and would set an unwanted precedence if any portion of public tax money was returned to any Village resident.

The Village of Makanda has no financial or legal obligation to Stone Creek Subdivision (HOA).

The Village Board of Makanda does have a legal and moral obligation to protect and act in the best interest of all the residents of the Village of Makanda and to follow all established ordinances.

The Village Board of Trustees has decided not to enter into any agreement, financial or otherwise with Stone Creek Subdivision (HOA), and to cease any further discussion on the matter.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Vulture Fest is on for October 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. President has contacted the Jackson County Sheriff's Department and they will post a sign-up sheet for their officers, who are available to be in Makanda during Vulture Fest.

**ADJOURNMENT:** President asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was made by Trustee Ross and seconded by Trustee Wolff. Voice vote. All present at roll call voted yes. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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**Leslie Yambert, Village Clerk**

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**Tina Shingleton, President**