

Village of Makanda
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Board Minutes

January 3, 2023

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL TO ORDER: Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:00p.m. by President Tina Shingleton.

ROLL CALL: Clerk called the roll of the Village Board: Trustees Hilliard, Allen, Dalton, Ross, Pitcher, 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: Erick Wagner and Jamie Hagy-Folyer were present.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS: President Shingleton had no comments, for this section.

CLERK:

TRUSTEES: Trustee Allen inquired about the Village's annual budget and how to have a project budgeted for in the upcoming fiscal year. President Shingleton stated that Jackson County sets the tax rates for all of Jackson County and allocates a specific percentage of the tax money to each municipality. That money becomes part of each municipalities annual budget. Each municipality must work within their annual budget dollar amounts as set by Jackson County. New projects for the upcoming fiscal year will be considered by the Finance Committee at their annual meeting in February and added to the budget as finances allow. CDs are reserved for emergencies such as a natural disaster or major projects such as resurfacing Baptist Hill Road or buying a new truck. The Village is audited every year. Trustee Ross suggested that the 4H group might take on doing extra cleaning at the Community Center, as a community service project. Trustee Ross will prepare a

list of tasks, to present to the 4H leaders. Trustee Ross mentioned an issue with the black buzzards at the Community Center and Village Hall. They are perching in the trees, on the buildings, and Veterans' monument. They have also been leaving a mess at the front entrance to the Community Center, concrete sidewalk, the picnic tables and digging in the mulch. No action was proposed.

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 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.

Treasurer reported that the interest rate went up to 1.95% on the Village checking account and on the general fund it went from .02% to .05%. Treasurer reported on the procedures and documentation need for a municipality to be able to move money from one CD to another. President will consult with the Village attorney to determine the best procedure for the Village to transfer money from one CD to another and best procedure opening and closing CD accounts.

Board discussed the advantages and disadvantages of having CDs, including fluctuating interest rates and penalties for early withdrawal. No decision was made.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

A. Finance Committee:

B. Ordinance Committee:

C. Street & Road Committee: President provided copies of the preliminary opinion of cost estimate for resurfacing of Baptist Hill Road from HMG Engineers. Mark at HMG mentioned in his email that many assumptions were necessary regarding pavement thickness to prepare the estimate. Once they have pavement core data the estimate for the project and design can be tweaked to fit the existing conditions. He recommended getting the ball rolling on the pavement cores and they can assist the Village on that once they have an agreement for the project. The cost of the pavement cores and data is expected to cost about \$1,000 to \$1,500 from Holcomb Engineering and Testing. President and Trustees Allen and Wolff

met on December 20 to look over the estimate. They feel quote is too high. Recommended looking into finding a grant. President asked for Board's opinion. Board felt quote was too high and had questions regarding the pavement cores and if surface removal of 3 ¾ inch was necessary. They also agreed we should look into finding a grant and check with some of our State Representatives for possible assistance. More information is needed before moving forward.

Trustee Pitcher stated that having the core drilling done would be beneficial and provide information on what needs to be done on Baptist Hill Road. Trustee Wolff suggested that the Village consider only doing the bottom portion of Baptist Hill Road. Board discussed pros and cons of doing half or the entire road. No decision was made. Trustee Allen suggested contacting Samron to give the Village an estimate on their opinion of what they feel would be needed for resurfacing Baptist Hill Road. Trustee Pitcher made a motion to move forward with having the pavement cores bored. It was seconded by Trustee Dalton. Voice vote. All present at roll call voted yes. Motion carried. Trustees Allen and Wolff will talk to Samron. Board decided to table the motion to proceed with the pavement core boring, until Trustees Allen and Wolff report back to the Board at the February board meeting regarding their talk with Samron.

D. Subdivision Committee:

E. Insurance Committee:

F. Playground Committee: Playground inspection was completed. Equipment and play surface are in good shape, currently.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

A. Emergency Disaster Committee:

B. Special Events Committee:

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS: President received an email from Brian Chapman regarding the Broadband project. To prepare for grant funding, the

advisory group, Connect Jackson County, created by the Jackson County Board is seeking the help of Jackson County residents to verify the FCC broadband mapping data is correct. She asked if anyone had received this email which included steps to submit. No one had received this email.

Last month President advised Board she had received a request from T-Mobile for colocation work on the existing cell tower located on Amber Leaf Trail. The documents requested have been received. President contacted Village legal counsel regarding the construction drawings and structural analysis for the colocation. He advised we should have an Engineer to review the documents. President contacted Praveen Sunny for an estimate to be approved by the Board. Estimate has not been received. The Board was asked if she could have permission to approve when received. Board approved giving President permission to proceed once she has an estimate of cost from Praveen. T-Mobile would like to proceed with the project. Praveen recommended we advise T-Mobile it will be February before colocation request can be processed. President will follow up.

NEW BUSINESS:

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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.

Leslie Yambert, Village Clerk

Tina Shingleton, President