

Village of Makanda
P.O Box 99
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Board Minutes

August 1, 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, and Wolff, were present. Trustee Pitcher was absent.

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 from the last meeting, with a correction on Page 2 under Trustees to the spelling of the name Penninger. It was seconded by Trustee Ross. Voice vote. All members present at roll call voted yes. Motion carried.

CITIZEN'S HEARING: Russ Kramer and Joe McFarland were present. Russ inquired as to if the Village mowing was put out for bid. President replied that the Village Treasurer, Tom Rosenthal, does the mowing, because in the past when it was put out for bid, no one responded to the bid. Russ replied that if the mowing was ever put out for bid, he would like to bid on the job. Russ inquired if there was an update on striping Baptist Hill. Trustee Wolff responded that he had met with the IDOT engineer who told him that per the code, the Village was not required to stripe the road. Trustee Ross reported that the Village usually stripes up to the Church, but Giant City State Park, or the County is responsible for striping around the curve.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS: President advised she had called IDOT on July 24th and left a message regarding potholes in front of Post Office being filled and culverts downtown along Makanda Road being cleaned out.

CLERK:

TRUSTEES: Trustee Hilliard thanked the Board for allowing the Masonic Family Picnic to be held at the Village Community Center. The Masonic Lodge purchased a 7 cubic foot freezer and donated it to the Village. Trustee Ross, has it set up and running in the kitchen of the B.C. Ross Community Center. Trustee Ross reported that the Bost Monument needs to be weeded. Trustee Ross inquired if the Village attorney has gotten back to President Shingleton regarding the abandoned houses on Crackers Neck. President Shingleton replied that she had not heard from him. Trustee Ross suggested that the Village consider hiring a different attorney who would respond to the Village in a timely manner.

FISCAL MATTERS:

A. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer presented the Treasurer's Report to the Board.

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 Allen. Voice vote. All present at roll call voted yes. Motion carried.

Treasurer recommended moving \$125,000 to a CD at First Southern Bank, at 5.15% for 5 months. Trustee Wolff made a motion to move \$125,000 from the Village checking account to a CD, at First Southern Bank with an interest rate of 5.15% for 5 months. At the end of 5 months the Board will re-examine the best options available for investing the Village money. 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: Trustee Wolff reported that he has been in contact with Patrick Nass from IDOT for guidance in writing up a proposal/bid for resurfacing a portion of Baptist Hill Road. There are specific codes which must be followed. Once the proposal is completed it will be presented to the Board for review. Then the proposal will be given to IDOT for their final approval and official stamp. Then the proposal can be put out for bid.

D. Subdivision Committee:

E. Insurance Committee:

F. Playground Committee: The Playground Committee met on July 28th and conducted a playground inspection per IMLRMA guidelines. The playground equipment is in good shape but needs to be washed down in the Spring. Money has been appropriated for new mulch and President Shingleton will work with Dan to determine when the Street and Road crew would be available to spread out the mulch, when it is delivered.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

A. Emergency Disaster Committee:

B. Special Events Committee:

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS: President provided an update regarding purchase of property from Bud Barnett. There is a delay with the survey being done. It should be completed in the next two or three weeks. Since the date of the original purchase contract was July 28, a newly dated contract will need to be completed. President will continue working with real estate agent and legal counsel to prepare paperwork for approval.

NEW BUSINESS: Trustee Allen reported that Dan has asked that the Board consider purchasing 40 2'x 6' concrete blocks to separate road materials. They cost \$45 each. He recommended purchasing 20 this year at a cost of \$900 and then purchasing 20 more next year. Trustee Wolff a motion to purchase 20 concrete blocks at a cost of \$900. It was seconded by Trustee Dalton. Voice vote. All present at roll call voted yes. Motion carried.

President received an email from Stephen Covey at Canadian National asking that the Village adopt the 2023 proclamation for National Rail Safety Week from September 18th to the 24th which highlight our community's commitment to rail safety. We were asked to adopt the 2022 proclamation last year. The Board approved the adoption of the proclamation. A copy of the proclamation will be

posted at the Post Office, Boardwalk, and have Trustee Ross post to “Makanda Happenings” Facebook group. President Shingleton will inform Canadian National that the Village has adopted the proclamation.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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 8:08 p.m.

Leslie Yambert, Village Clerk

Tina Shingleton, President