

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

**December 5, 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, Pitcher, Allen, 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 from the last meeting. It was seconded by Trustee Dalton. Voice vote. All members present at roll call voted yes. Motion carried.

**CITIZEN'S HEARING:** Russ Kramer to observe.

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:** Christmas card received from legal counsel's office.

**CLERK:** Clerk presented the questionnaire for municipalities from the Jackson County Solid Waste & Recycling Management Plan. The questionnaire asks for feedback regarding the biggest waste and recycling issues for our municipality in the next 5 to 20 years. Board discussed. Trustee Wolff suggested better communication between organizations and municipalities regarding recycling events. For example, when Southern Illinois University puts on an event for collecting/recycling hazardous waste, notification of the event could be sent to area municipalities to help them be better informed regarding the upcoming event, and residents can be informed, as well. Collection and disposal of old tires, old furniture and appliances was also a concern. Clerk will mail the completed questionnaire back to Jackson County Solid Waste & Recycling Management Plan office.

**TRUSTEES:** Trustees Hilliard and Pitcher wished everyone Happy Holidays, and Merry Christmas. Trustee Wolff reported that Dan and Randy did an excellent job taking out the 2 dead trees next to McGuire Road Extension. Trustee Ross advised that she has been keeping up with monitoring the traffic on Baptist Hill Road, such as the deer hunting count and the probability of the number of hunters who used Baptist Hill Road to enter and leave Giant City State Park. Trustee Ross advised that Port-A-Potties have been reserved for the Eclipse. Trustee Dalton asked if she should call Ameren regarding tree limbs on Church Street that are hanging on the electrical wires. President advised that she should. President advised that Joe McFarland had done a great job putting together some eclipse information to be used on the Village website.

**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 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:** President advised that street signs had been replaced on Hearn Street and W. McGuire.

President reported that Jessica Ostrow has purchased the Dan Brown/Bill Ross property. She spoke with Leslie to ask if someone would look at the driveway and culvert to the property off Church St. and let her know if the Village can do necessary repairs or recommend someone to her. Dan met Jessica on December 4. The culvert at Church Street needs a little fill in but is fine. There is a culvert further up her driveway which would be the property owner's responsibility. Dan gave her a recommendation she could contact. There is also a camper parked on the property but we were advised there is no one camping or living there.

**D. Subdivision Committee:**

**E. Insurance Committee:**

**F. Playground Committee:** Depending on the weather, new mulch will be put on the playground prior to the eclipse.

**REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:**

**A. Emergency Disaster Committee:**

**B. Special Events Committee:**

**ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:** Clerk presented Ordinance 2023-3, An ORDINANCE LEVYING TAXES FOR ALL CORPORATE PURPOSES FOR THE VILLAGE OF MAKANDA, ILLINOIS, JACKSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2024 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2025. Individual voice vote. All present at roll call voted yes. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS:** It looks like there was a miscommunication at the November meeting regarding decorating the Pavilion downtown for Christmas. The Board approved decorating with lights and a wreath. President advised the Street and Road crew would be able to take care of the decorations. Lights and decorations were put up and look nice, however, this was not done by Village employees. Due to liability concerns, any work done on Village property should be done by Village employees. In addition, the Village Board welcomes any recommendations and appreciates any concerns to be brought to their attention.

President advised she had received the rental agreement from the 4-H Club for use of the B.C. Ross Community Center. They will be using the Center for their meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month through May 13, 2024.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Trustee Hilliard reported that he has purchased two signs for the B.C. Ross Community Center, that say No Smoking and No Vaping, he will put these up on the outside of the glass and take down the old signs that are on the inside. Trustee Ross suggested that some of the tables and chairs at the B.C. Ross Community Center be put away up on the stage and only used when needed. It would help reduce the time needed to clean up after an event. President Shingleton

suggested that the doors at the Community Center need draft stoppers, to keep bugs and cold air out. Board agreed.

Board reviewed meeting calendar for 2024 and confirmed the dates. Meeting calendar will be posted at the Village Hall and Post Office.

**GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Trustee Ross announced that there was going to be a potluck on December 15<sup>th</sup> at the Boardwalk, with music in Studio B. The event begins at 3 p.m.

**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 7:51 p.m.

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**Leslie Yambert, Village Clerk**

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**Tina Shingleton, President**