

Village of Makanda
P.O Box 99
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Board Minutes

April 2, 2024

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, Ross, Dalton, 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 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: Victor Cardenaz to observe. Russ Kramer asked what plans the Village had for the upcoming Eclipse. Members of the Eclipse Planning Committee gave a brief summary, regarding the Makanda Township Fire Department, a dumpster, parking, porta-potties and so forth.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNIATIONS: President Shingleton, Deb Dunn, and Dave Dardis have met with several reporters over the last month regarding upcoming Eclipse. (New York Times, KSDK out of St. Louis, St. Catharines Standard (near Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada)

Communication was received from Jackson County Health Dept. regarding a Shred & Med Disposal Day on Saturday, April 27, 2024 from 8 a.m. to Noon at the Jackson County Health Department. The flyer with details will be posted at the Post Office and on the Boardwalk. Sign up for the event is required.

President received a phone call regarding property for sale on Baptist Hill asking about Village zoning and planning regulations. President advised there is no zoning in the Village.

CLERK: Presented old, enlarged photos of historic downtown Makanda, given by Joann Simpson.

TRUSTEES: Trustee Hilliard reported that the Annual Street and Road Inspection is scheduled for Saturday April 13 at 9 a.m. Trustee Hilliard advised that he had the report forms with him and ready to be completed after the annual inspection. Trustee Hilliard gave the forms to Trustee Allen. Board will discuss and approve the inspection report at the May Board Meeting. Trustee Wolff inquired if President Shingleton had an opportunity to set up an eye-to-eye meeting with Senator Fowler to discuss the repair situation on Baptist Hill Road. President Shingleton has not yet had time to do so. Trustee Allen reported that Dan and Randy are capable of fixing the sidewalk over the culvert on Baptist Hill Road that is next to the old Methodist Church/Renascence House. Tom Kraper, owner of the Renascence House, attended the March meeting asking that the barricades blocking the sidewalk/driveway off Baptist Hill to his property be removed. He was advised that the sidewalk is built on top of a large hollow drain and was not built to be used as a driveway. It is now broken and hazardous from vehicle traffic use. Since it is on the Village right-of-way the Village is responsible for repairing and maintaining it. Mr. Kraper does have access to his property from Lower Cobden Road. The Village needs to determine if it should be repaired as a sidewalk or as an entrance for vehicles. President Shingleton spoke with the Jackson County Engineer. If it is decided to repair it as a parking lot entrance, he presented an option to find out the difference in cost repairing as a sidewalk or as a driveway entrance and ask Mr. Kraper if he would be willing to pay the difference. President asked Board how they wish to proceed with repair. Trustee Ross made a motion to have repaired as a sidewalk for foot traffic only. It was seconded by Trustee Wolff. Voice vote. All members present at roll call voted yes. Motion carried. Trustee Ross advised that the gates to block access to the stage area at the B.C. Ross Community Center have been installed. In addition, hot water had been left running in the women's bathroom, first sink and may need to be fixed. Trustee Hilliard will look into it. Trustee Ross reported that the ditch behind the Community Center needs to be cleaned out. In addition, the handicapped parking area and cement at the side entrance to the Community Center is cracked and in need of repair. Trustee Ross reported that the new Village Postmaster Beth had given her the old post office bell to put in the display case at the B. C. Ross Community Center. Trustee Ross reported that Ashley Gibson, the liaison for Carbondale Community Development had sent her a document with a little bit of Makanda history. Trustee Ross has shared it on Makanda Happenings.

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 presented an updated Preliminary Opinion for the Baptist Hill resurfacing project at the March meeting. There was discussion as to if it would be more beneficial to do the whole road instead of just part. Decision was made to table project until May meeting so everyone could think about which way would be the best to go. President updated Mark with HMG, regarding discussion. Trustee Wolff stated that the bid to fix Baptist Hill Road is excessive. During his 5 years of experience in evaluating bids at SIU when tax dollars are involved bids are often inflated. Trustee Wolff stated he cannot support this bid where the engineering fees are \$64,300.00 and traffic control is \$20,000. Trustee Wolff strongly advised that the Village Board needs to be better stewards of taxpayer money. If we decide to go ahead with the project, it would more than likely be a 2025 project. Getting plans together and advertising for bids would likely take most of the summer and we would likely run out of time for paving this fall when the asphalt plants close for the year. We also need to go ahead with the core drilling. President asked how to proceed. Trustee Hilliard recommended moving forward with core drilling. Trustee Ross made a motion to move forward with core drilling. It was seconded by Trustee Dalton. Voice vote. Four members present at roll call voted yes, two members opposed. Motion carried.

D. Subdivision Committee:

E. Insurance Committee:

F. Playground Committee: Clerk will call IMLRMA to schedule spring playground inspection.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

A. Emergency Disaster Committee:

B. Special Events Committee:

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS: Clerk presented Ordinance 2024-1, an Ordinance Making Appropriations 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 members present at roll call voted yes. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS: President gave update regarding Eclipse 2024. Since purchase of Barnett/Newsome property has not yet been completed we had to have License To Use Private Property forms signed by both property owners as we did for VultureFest. Leslie also checked with IML regarding Certificates of Liability Insurance for both properties.

Playground mulch was replaced the week of March 18. Dan and Randy did a great job. Swings have also been put back.

President asked for confirmation regarding approval of the Paid Leave for All Worker's Act Policy. All members agreed to leave as tabled at this time

NEW BUSINESS: Schedule of Village Clean-up Day in May was discussed. It was decided to have clean-up day on Saturday, May 4 with a rain date for May 11. President will call and schedule a dumpster from Burriss Disposal and post a flyer at Post Office and on Boardwalk.

Ann with Healing Traditions has asked for approval to continue use of the Pavilion for the Senior Yoga Class on Wednesdays from 9:00-10:00 a.m. from April 3-May 1, May 15-7/3, 7/17-8/21, and 9/11-10/30 2024. The current insurance certificate is good until 7/21. It will be renewed, and we will receive a new certificate. All members approved use of Pavilion for Senior Yoga class.

Jennifer Brown asked President for approval to set up in front and side of the Pavilion to do a painting class held by Project Human X on a Saturday afternoon in May or June 1st. The event would take 2½ to 3 hrs. They would be setting up their own tables and would make sure everything is cleaned up afterward. They do have

insurance. They would be painting the Boardwalk. All members approved use of Pavilion for painting class.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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 8:49 p.m.

Leslie Yambert, Village Clerk

Tina Shingleton, President