

Village of Makanda
P.O Box 99
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Board Minutes

December 7, 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: President advised the Board that Trustee Hilliard is unable to attend tonight' meeting. Clerk called the roll of the current Board. Clerk swore in Lennie Pitcher as a Trustee. Clerk called the roll of the new Board.

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

CITIZEN'S HEARING: Jamie Hagy-Folyer and Eric Wagner attended to observe.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS: Communication was received from Centerstone regarding their Youth & Family TREE program, which is designed to provide substance use intervention and education to adolescents and young adults, ages 12-25. A flyer was enclosed regarding this program with contact information. President asked if Board is okay with posting at the Post Office. Board did not see any problem with posting.

Correspondence was received from Postal Service asking Village to participate in the U.S. Postal Service Customer Experience Survey regarding service in our area. President completed the survey online December 2.

Received an email inquiry regarding permit requirements for installing solar on Gypsy Tree Lane. President advised the Village of Makanda does not require any permit or fees for installation.

CLERK: Clerk presented 2022 Meeting Calendar for the Board's approval, it was approved by all. President will provide new pages for Village Handbook to everyone at next meeting to include update regarding 2022 Meeting Calendar and change of Board members.

TRUSTEES: Trustee Wolff reported that two of his neighbors had contacted him, concerned about the activity at the proposed campsite on the corner of McGuire Road and Poplar Camp. Their concern was that it going to become a permanent campsite. Trustee Wolff informed them that the Village has an Ordinance and a process which must be followed before voting on whether or not to allow a campsite anywhere in the Village. The neighbors were also concerned that individuals were walking across their private property. Trustee Wolff informed them that the Village has no control over that and that they would need to call the Jackson County Sheriff's Department. Trustee Wolff recommended that the neighbors post No Trespassing signs on their property. Trustee Wolff stated that these neighbors have called the Sheriff's Department and posted signs on their property. Trustee Allen reported that the Dodge truck recently had problems, and it was down for about 10 days. Wards in Carbondale could not work on it, so it was taken to Absher-Arnold Motors in Marion, where they had to wait 5 days before it could even be looked at. Absher-Arnold Motors had to order an emission pump and put it on the truck. Absher-Arnold Motors required a check from the Village for the repairs because the Village did not have an account with them. They charged the Village tax, not realizing the Village is tax exempt. When the bill was corrected it left the Village with a credit of \$ 135.00. Trustee Allen set up a Village charge account with the service department. Trustee Allen reported that Cheryl from Absher-Arnold Motor called him and said the Chrysler no longer offers a fleet discount but would give the Village the incentives that had been asked for. The new price for the truck would be \$ 53,217.60. After checking around for a lower price, and not finding any big difference, we moved forward with the purchase of the truck from Absher-Arnold Motors. The new price to get the new truck bed wired up with the snowplow and cinder spreader from Woody's is \$25,891.10. Trustee Wolff made a motion to move ahead with the bid for the new truck bed. Trustee Dalton seconded it. Voice vote. All present at roll call voted yes. Motion carried. Trustee Pitcher inquired if cinders were what the Village used on the roads. Trustee Allen said that the Village uses coal cinders and turkey grit mixed with a little salt on the roads. Trustee Pitcher stated that some residents had

expressed a concern about the cinders used on the Village roads because it ends up in the watershed. Trustee Allen explained that the Village cannot afford to buy all salt, and the Village has no place to store it. Trustee Ross reported that she has not heard anything back from Mike Bost regarding the condition of Makanda Road but in January she will make some follow up calls. Trustee Ross suggested the Village ask the Friends of the Shawnee Volunteers for help in cleaning up the trash and tires across from the entrance to Giant City Park. Calvin from the park is too short staffed to do any clean up. Trustee Ross will call the Shawnee Board in January to see what can be done. Trustee Ross would like to have the finance committee budget for new flooring in the Community Center and move forward on the issue of the abandoned properties. Trustee Ross reported that one person now owns all 3 houses on Baggett Lane, and the Village should no longer be taking care of that road, it has become a private driveway. President will investigate the situation. Trustee Dalton reported that several residents called her when the village water pipe was broken.

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 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:

Dan secured signs for both sides of Crackers Neck bridge stating "Danger-Do Not Enter-Falling Rocks" as discussed in November meeting. They have been installed. Cost of signs and chains was \$126. Currently there is Caution tape draped in front of the signs on the west side. President has spoken with Dave Dardis, and he will check on having this tape removed to make signs more prominent. It was probably put there for Vulture Fest before signs were installed for safety.

President received a call from Gary Hieser advising Crackers Neck bridge inspection was completed on December 1 and no significant structural deficiencies were noted during the inspection. Mr. Hieser also advised that future inspections will be done by Jackson County Highway Department. Mr. Hieser will provide his files regarding Crackers Neck bridge to Mitch Burdick at Jackson County Highway Department. There was a question as to whether or not the bridge on McGuire Road just past Oak Grove and Rowan Road intersection would also need inspection. President will check to see.

Trustee Ross reported that Crackers Neck still needs to have the ditches cleaned, again. Trustee Wolff reported that the reflectors on the barricades at Poplar Camp and McGuire Road have been bent, he will straighten them out.

D. Subdivision Committee:

E. Insurance Committee:

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

A. Emergency Disaster Committee:

B. Special Events Committee:

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS: Clerk presented Levy Ordinance 2021-2. Trustee Wolff made a motion to accept The Levy Ordinance 2021-2. It was seconded by Trustee Ross. Individual voice vote. All present at roll call voted yes. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS:

Clerk reported that the Playground Committee met and inspected the playground and found the equipment and surface to be in good repair. The Playground Committee recommended that the Village consider replacing the swing seats and finding a way to anchor the bleachers, so that they cannot be moved.

Trustee Ross inquired if the Stone Creek club house had paid for their liquor license fee. In February President will send them a letter stating that in order to

renew their license that they will need to pay last year's fee plus the \$10.00 return check fee and that the upcoming fee will need to be paid with a cashiers check.

Back in September we received an Antenna Colocation request to be installed on Amber Leaf Trail from Wisper ISP, LLC, based in Mascoutah. Permit fee and paperwork were completed and was installed in October. President received an email from Monte Miller, Public Relations & Advocacy Specialist for Whisper Internet regarding information about their service and letting us know if there is anything they can do to help our community to please let them know.

President spoke with Go Daddy and found that our Website Security and SSL Certificate can be combined and will save us money as well. We received a credit from both programs because they had not yet expired. Two-year charge for old programs was \$683.74. New program charge for 5 years is \$839.58.

President received an email from Stone Creek HOA President, Beck Simonds, asking for a letter on Village letterhead as to why it has been decided that the Village will never participate in the maintenance of Stone Creek roadways. President will put together a response with discussion from October 2021 Board meeting. This will also include that the Village has not stated they would NEVER participate in the maintenance of Stone Creek roadways and that we will follow our Subdivision Ordinance.

Dan and Randy cleaned up tree behind Community Center that was topped by Ameren at the end of September.

NEW BUSINESS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Trustee Ross reported that Trunk or Treat was very successful this year.

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 7:56 p.m.

Leslie Yambert, Village Clerk

Tina Shingleton, President