

**Village of Makanda**  
**P.O Box 99**  
**Makanda, Illinois 62958**

**Board Minutes**

**February 1, 2022**

**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:** Clerk called the roll of the Village Board: Trustees Allen, Dalton, Hilliard, Ross, and Wolff were present. Trustee Pitcher 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. 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 were in attendance, to observe.

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:** Correspondence received from Orval Rowe, Deputy Coordinator for Jackson County Emergency Management Agency providing information regarding a Skywarn Spotter Training class on Wednesday, February 23 at 6 p.m. being held at Murphysboro High School if anyone would be interested in becoming an informed spotter. The class lasts 2 ½ hrs. and registration is required. President will post at post office.

President was advised that new water line will be installed on hillside by Danny Brewer. Mr. Escue called to inquire where he might leave new pipe while work is being done. He will contact owner of property where gas station was for permission to store there.

President met with owners of the BELL Building, Robby and Kim Baker, on January 28 at their request to discuss ideas they have to bring in more tourism to Makanda. President advised them to attend a Village board meeting to present

their ideas to the Village Trustees. They will possibly attend the March meeting and will confirm to be added to the agenda.

Correspondence received from US Department of Commerce/US Census Bureau to participate in the Boundary and Annexation Survey (BAS) to review Village boundary information and confirm. President will review and complete BAS Annual Response Form.

**CLERK:** Several residents had voiced concerns regarding the dead trees under the bridge by the playground. Dury Creek is not the responsibility of the Village. President will contact Orval Rowe Deputy Coordinator Jackson County Emergency Management Agency for the best way to proceed.

**TRUSTEES:** Trustee Allen reported that the air bags on the back of the International 10-wheeler were leaking air and needed to be replaced. The truck was also due for an inspection. The truck has been taken to McBride's to take care of both items. The Dodge Ram 3500 truck has had another recall because the lug nuts stretch. It is the third recall. Trustee Ross spoke with Tony Smith at L&P Carpet and Flooring to get estimates on replacing the flooring in the big room and hallway in the B.C. Ross Community Center. Trustee Ross has not yet received a written estimate from them. She also spoke with Niemann's Flooring to get a similar estimate. Niemann's suggested using floating floor tiles on top of the existing floor tiles and replacing the molding, as well. Their estimate is \$13,609.24 for the entire job. L&P Carpet and Flooring also provided several floor tile samples for the Board to inspect. Trustee Ross recommended that the walls in the Community Center be painted, using a satin paint. Trustee Ross asked that the two round tables up on the stage, be removed, as they are not used. Trustee Ross stated that the little deep freeze in the Community Center Kitchen needs to be replaced. Trustee Ross reported that the heating unit for the big room needs to be checked, it is only blowing cold air. Trustee Allen suggested getting the whole Community Center done. Board discussed. President suggested getting a bid from the same company that installed the heating in the Village Hall. Trustee Ross will get a bid.

## **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.

Over the last few months discussion has taken place on transferring \$75,000 from General Fund to CDs. Treasurer has been watching interest rates. Last month it was decided to transfer \$75,000 into an existing CD with the highest rate for an 18-month term. Upon further discussion it was decided, because of current interest rates, to transfer \$50,000 into one existing CD and transfer \$25,000 into the larger existing liquid CD.

## **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**A. Finance Committee:** Reminder meeting 2/12/22 at 9 a.m. Village Hall.

**B. Ordinance Committee:**

**C. Street & Road Committee:** Correspondence was received from Crystal Evrard of Frontier advising they will be doing some work in the future along Midway Road. From the map that was attached it looks as if the work will be done on the south side of Midway Road. President asked that we be advised when the work is scheduled.

It looks as if the new owners of property on north side of Midway Road will be putting in a driveway to their property just off Highway 51. A tree has been marked and fence/brush removed. A culvert will be needed, and permit requested for culvert installation. If possible, President will advise property owners regarding requirements for culvert and provide them with the permit information.

**D. Subdivision Committee:**

**E. Insurance Committee:**

**F. Playground Committee:** Schedule quarterly inspection.

## **REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:**

**A. Emergency Disaster Committee:**

**B. Special Events Committee:**

## **ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:**

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS:** Dan contacted FS regarding propane tank on Crackers Neck. Propane tank has been removed.

Certified letter sent to Keller's Crossing on January 4, 2022, regarding requirements to continue their liquor license was returned to us unclaimed. President will contact legal counsel for how to proceed.

President provided update regarding meetings for wildfire protection. She and Dan met with David Allen and Jesse Riechman to look at trees along Sheppard Lane and Rowan Road. They are proposing to cut dead/dying and other trees that may impede access if/when they fall. Additional trees may be identified and removed that would enhance the road's ability to serve as a firebreak in the event of a wildfire. The primary focus would be the Village ROW, but with permission, they would also cut trees on adjacent private land. It was decided to start with Sheppard Lane. President will contact adjacent landowner to see if they are interested in participating. Trees that need to be cut will be marked and a bid notice sent to potential contractors. Once they have an idea of the cost they should be able to estimate how much can be done with existing funds. Trustee Wolff reported that there is a dead tree on McGuire Road Extension that needs to be removed.

Village was copied on a letter dated January 18, 2022 to Larry Millard from Illinois Department of Natural Resources regarding their letter of June 28, 2021 requesting fee payment of application that has not yet been received for construction of building. If fee is not received by 2/24/2022 the application will be deemed withdrawn and construction will be a violation that will be reviewed to determine whether enforcement action is required.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Trustee Ross reported that Giant City State Park has been cutting wood that folks can come and get, to be used for their personal use only, during the months of February and March.

**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.

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**Leslie Yambert, Village Clerk**

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**Tina Shingleton, President**