

Village of Makanda
P.O Box 99
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Board Minutes

June 4, 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, and Wolff, were present. Trustee Len 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 approve 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 and Michelle Cardenaz asked about correspondence they had received from Homefield Energy regarding electric Aggregation. President advised that the correspondence had gone out to all members of the Aggregation regarding an update of the summer price for the current year.

Nolan Hapeman introduced himself to the Village Board, he is a Southern Illinois resident. He presented his request regarding use of the Pavilion every Sunday from 4:00 p.m. until sunset, with music, to provide an opportunity for friends to gather and talk about how their week had gone. He would be willing to purchase the necessary insurance to cover the "event" and to help pay for any Village electricity they might use at the Pavilion.

Russ Kramer inquired if there was any update on getting internet service to rural communities. Trustee Ross had a letter from West Kentucky and Tennessee Telecommunications Cooperative and the Jackson County Board that briefly

explained their partnership to bringing reliable internet service to the citizens of Jackson County. Trustee Ross made a copy of the letter and gave it to Russ.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

President received email from Chris Green, Reporter for the Rockford Register Star, on May 29 who is putting together a list of communities people can visit for a day trip in Illinois. He would like to include Makanda and requested a color photo of the Village. President sent a photo of the Boardwalk and thanked Mr. Green for reaching out.

CLERK:

TRUSTEES: President reported information Trustee Pitcher received from Mark with HMG regarding estimated Engineering fees for the Design Engineering Phase for Baptist Hill resurfacing. Trustee Allen advised that Samron had run out of the blocks for material bins that had been approved for purchase. He asked if it would be possible to set up a Village account with Beelman. All approved setting up an account with Beelman. Trustee Ross asked when mowing ROW would be done and reminded about a new street sign for Crackersneck off Baptist Hill Rd. and bushes to be trimmed back.

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 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:

President presented Bid Proposal from Illini Asphalt for 2024 oil and chipping of Village Roads. Dave has estimated 4,632 gallons of oil at \$2.95/gallon and 182 tons of rock at \$33.57/ton. Total estimate cost is \$18,977.64. President estimated 3,636 gallons of oil and mentioned this to Dave. Bid proposal notes Village will only be charged for actual quantities used. Board was asked for approval to accept bid. Trustee Wolff made a motion to accept the bid proposal from Illini Asphalt. It was seconded by Trustee Ross. Voice vote. All members present at roll call voted yes. Motion carried.

Trustee Allen presented the bid proposal for resurface of Baptist Hill from Penninger. Work will be done in 4 sections and could be possibly completed by end of June if approved. President confirmed work would be paid for from Village CD. Trustee Wolff made a motion to accept the bid proposal for Baptist Hill from Penninger. It was seconded by Trustee Allen. Voice vote. All members present at roll call voted yes. Motion carried.

Trustee Wolff also mentioned he had talked with Penninger regarding future road work on McGuire Road.

D. Subdivision Committee:

E. Insurance Committee:

F. Playground Committee:

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

A. Emergency Disaster Committee:

B. Special Events Committee:

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS: President presented 2024 MFT Resolution for Maintenance of Roads. Total cost for oil and chipping, materials and previous approval for snow removal is \$25,224.39. Requesting a total of \$30,000 in case the price of material increases. Trustee Ross made a motion to accept the 2024 MFT Resolution for Maintenance of Roads. It was seconded by Trustee Wolff. Voice vote. All members present at roll call voted yes. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS: Trustee Ross commented that a car had parked again on Crackersneck bridge. President suggested that we need to contact a towing service to call to have vehicles towed.

President received an update regarding Electric Aggregation. The new price to compare for the summer service under Ameren's Basic Generation Service is \$0.08136/kWh June 1, 2024-September 30, 2024). The non-summer rates will not be official until late September. Obviously, this summer rate from Ameren comes in lower than our negotiated aggregation rate with Homefield Energy of 0.091/KwH. Opt-out letters were mailed to resident last week. The opt-out deadline is June 19th to not be automatically enrolled. If a resident misses this deadline, they will be enrolled but can still opt-out at any time after without any penalties or early termination fees.

It has been previously discussed that we need to find other legal counsel. President has contacted Ken Hughes with Barrett, Twomey, Broom, Hughes and Hoke law firm to see if they would take on the Village as a client. A meeting has been scheduled for June 6 with Ken Hughes and Mike Twomey to discuss. Trustee Ross volunteered to attend meeting with President Shingleton.

NEW BUSINESS: Dan has recommended hiring Levi Teague to assist with cleaning vehicles and shop, weed eating, cleaning ditches, patching, etc. Levi is 18 years old and has a clean driving record. He will be attending SIU in the Fall. Possible salary \$15/hr. President asked for Board's opinion and approval to hire. Trustee Allen made a motion to hire Levi Teague to assist with road maintenance. It was seconded by Trustee Wolff. Voice vote. All members present at roll call voted yes. Motion carried.

Erick Wagner has started up construction again of a road entrance off Lower Cobden Road. President contacted Jackson County Highway Engineer Mitch Burdick to make him aware. Mr. Burdick advised that an entrance permit is needed from the County for the construction of a roadway entrance. If an entrance is created without a permit, the County will pursue an access permit with the property owner. If the owner does not comply, the entrance would be removed. If

the property falls within the Municipal limits, a permit from the Village may also be needed based on Makanda's rules governing entrances. President sent an email to Mr. Wagner reminding him regarding a permit from the County is required. President received an email advising he had received a phone call from Mr. Wagner.

President presented a follow up regarding presentation from Nolan Hapeman regarding his request for use of the Village Pavilion every Sunday. Mr. Hapeman's Group set up an event on June 2 at the Pavilion without Board approval. President went to Pavilion and advised group leader, Mr. Hapeman, that events cannot happen without prior approval and an event permit. He asked when the next Village meeting would be taking place to present to the Board and was advised date of next meeting was June 4. He advised it was a public park, not an event and he was just walking his dog. There were approximately 15 to 20 people at the event. Music was set up on the stage and plugged into Village electricity. He wants to hold this event every weekend on Sunday from approximately 4:00 p.m. to sunset. There was also a donation bucket set up. Jackson County Sheriff was called but could not do too much.

President decided not to escalate the situation and was waiting for Mr. Hapeman to present his request to the Board. The Village has permit rules and regulations and a permit application to be completed for approval. Special Event Guidelines specify the applicant for a special event permit must be a business or organization that owns or leases space at the location where the event it to be held. President recommended the Guidelines and Permit Application be reviewed and updated. It is posted at the entrance to the Pavilion that Personal/private gatherings and events are prohibited in the Pavilion unless approved by the Village Board and to refer to all pavilion rules and regulations posted in kiosk. Board discussed Mr. Hapeman's request, and all agreed they were not in favor and denied his request as this is not the purpose of the Pavilion. It also does not follow the Special Event Guidelines and Special Event Permit Application Guidelines.

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 8:38 p.m.

Leslie Yambert, Village Clerk

Tina Shingleton, President