

Village of Makanda
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Board Minutes

March 5, 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 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 accept the minutes from the last meeting. It was seconded by Trustee Ross. Voice vote. All members present at roll call voted yes. Motion carried.

CITIZEN'S HEARING: Russ Kramer to observe. Debbie Dunn reported that IDOT had been downtown surveying their road. Debbie inquired when the new mulch for the playground would be put in. President Shingleton replied that it would be done, as the weather permitted. Tom Kraper asked the Board to remove the cement blocks that are blocking the sidewalk/driveway to his property. Trustee Hilliard explained that the sidewalk was built on top of a large hollow drain and was not built to be used as a driveway. The sidewalk is now broken and hazardous to the public. The sidewalk is in the Village right of way and the Village is responsible for repairing and maintaining it. The Illinois Municipal League had recommended that the Village block the sidewalk until the necessary repairs could be made. The Village has been looking into possible ways to fix the sidewalk. President Shingleton advised that Tom did have a driveway to his property, on Lower Cobden Road. Lower Cobden Road is a County Road and Tom would have to work with Jackson County to meet their requirements, if he wanted to make any changes to the driveway. President Shingleton suggested the Village ask Kevin Wheatley of Wheatley Construction to look at the sidewalk.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS: President met with KFVS-12 reporter at Boardwalk on February 21 regarding upcoming Eclipse.

Phone call received from Tina Gibbs with Ameren. She had been informed that our minutes noted vines on wires on Church Street and was checking to see if this had been taken care of. Received a text from her later in the day advising that their vegetation management had spoken with Trustee Dalton and everything was good. Ms. Gibbs also advised that Makanda was on a three-year rotation to check trees for trimming, and the Village is scheduled for this in the Fall.

President contacted Giant City State Park on February 22 and introduced herself to the temporary site superintendent, Chris, and spoke with him regarding upcoming Eclipse and Baptist Hill project.

President attended a Webex meeting regarding the IL Paid Leave For All Workers Act on February 22. Still unsure regarding procedure since Village workers do not have a set hourly schedule. Seems the bottom line is paying employees their hourly wage for every 40 hours worked.

President submitted Equipment Inventory for updated rates for the 2024 maintenance program to IDOT. This information is used to determine cost for Village equipment and employee wage for snow removal using Motor Fuel funds.

CLERK: All those present at roll call completed the annual Statements of Economic Interest.

TRUSTEES: Trustee Hillard reported that when the man comes to look at the lock for the Village Hall, he will tell him about the situation at the B.C. Ross Community Center and see if there is a simple way to change the locks there. Trustee Hillard advised that he has purchased and will install the new no smoking e-cigarette signs at the B.C. Ross Community Center and Village Hall. Trustee Ross recommended the Village purchase metal baby gates to keep the children off the stage at the Community Center. Children like to run back and forth on the stage and crash into and break the window blinds. There is currently a broken blind that needs to be replaced.

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: Trustee Wolff inquired if upcoming repairs to McGuire Road needed to put on the proposed working budget for the next fiscal year. He recommended to tar and chip it. President Shingleton advised it could be put in the budget for the following year. President Shingleton asked if everyone had a chance to review the proposed working budget for fiscal year 2024-2025, and if there were any questions. There is money remaining in this year's budget to cover several additional projects, as stated in the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting. Board agreed to the additional projects as stated in the minutes. Trustee Wolff made a motion to approve the budget. It was seconded by Trustee Dalton. Voice vote. Everyone present at roll call voted yes. Motion carried.

B. Ordinance Committee:

C. Street & Road Committee: President presented an updated Preliminary Opinion for the Baptist Hill resurfacing project. The original cost was approximately 1820' east at a cost of \$371,986.20. The new cost is 768' east at a cost of \$230,006.70. If we want thermoplastic striping to Baptist Hill Church, we will need to add approximately \$4,900. It was also recommended that pavement cores be taken prior to beginning of the project and is typically less than \$2,000 but provides very valuable information when scoping projects such as this. There was discussion as if it would be more beneficial to do the whole road instead of just part. Decision was made to table project until April meeting so everyone could think about which way would be the best to go.

D. Subdivision Committee:

E. Insurance Committee:

F. Playground Committee: Waiting until after the new mulch is put in to schedule quarterly inspection.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

A. Emergency Disaster Committee:

B. Special Events Committee:

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS: President received a cost from Laser Cut Lawn Care for landscaping of the Community Center. Cost is \$700 which also includes replacement of landscape timber at south end of building and replenishing pea gravel and large gravel. This is an increase of \$95 from last year. President asked for approval to move forward. Board approved to contact Laser Cut Lawn Care to move forward with landscaping.

NEW BUSINESS:

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT: President asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was made by Trustee Ross and seconded by Trustee Hilliard. Voice vote. All present at roll call voted yes. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Leslie Yambert, Village Clerk

Tina Shingleton, President