

Village of Makanda
P.O Box 99
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Board Minutes

September 3, 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, Pitcher, Allen, Ross, Dalton, 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 approve 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 inquired if there were any updates regarding Western Kentucky and Tennessee fiber optics project. President advised that there is to be an informational dinner, invitation only, on September 24th. See further details under Unfinished /Old Business, below.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS: President received a phone call from Shawn with Jackson County Mass Transit which operates through Saluki Express regarding their Fix Routes for residents which they would like to extend to rural areas. This would probably be one time a week, possibly on Thursday. Needs to know if there is a convenient spot for picking up and delivery. Shawn suggested possibly the Boardwalk. President advised him that the Village Hall would probably work better since there is limited space for parking at the Boardwalk. He would like to come to a Board meeting, possibly in October, to present. He will get back in touch with President sometime this month.

President received an email on August 9 from Jonathan Carnahan with DCC Marketing regarding an offer through PowerMarket Community Solar for low-

income Ameren customers by participating in nearby solar projects. Their website says they are sponsored by Ameren. President reached out to a spokesperson with Ameren and was advised they are not affiliated with Ameren. Trustee Ross posted to “Makanda Happenings” Facebook page.

President received an email from Illinois Municipal League on August 22 requesting completion of a survey to learn more about local government and its relationship with the State of Illinois. A similar survey was originally issued by the Southern Illinois Mayors’ Association in 2009 and is now being repeated, exactly as it was done originally, to measure how attitudes and responses have changed in the last 15 years. President completed survey and submitted on August 28.

CLERK: Election packets were distributed to those running for re-election in April 2025: Tina Shingleton Mayor, Lesle Yambert Clerk, Elaine Ross Trustee and Janet Dalton Trustee.

TRUSTEES: Trustee Hilliard reported that he had called Illini Asphalt and been told that oil and chipping for Makanda is scheduled for September 20th. President Shingleton will post notices to let inform residents. Trustee Pitcher advised that he has observed cars speeding on McGuire Road, past his house. He requested the Village post signs warning drivers that there are children at play and to slow down. Trustee Ross reported that she has purchased similar signs from Amazon and will post them on the light post near her home. Trustee Wolff recommended asking the Jackson County Sheriff to come and monitor the situation. Trustee Wolff reported that Rianna Hunter, the young woman involved in area mail theft has been arrested and will hopefully get the help she needs.

Trustee Allen advised that the International 10-wheeler truck is 13 years old and has dry rot, and needs new tires, and may not pass inspection. Dan has an appointment to get new tires on it and get it inspected. Trustee Ross reported that the light shields at the B.C. Ross Community Center need to be cleaned, the dead butterfly bush needs to be removed and the bird mess needs to be cleaned up around the front entrance and railings. Trustee Dalton inquired if there was an update on painting the names on the Veterans Memorial. Trustee Hilliard is still looking into the best route to go.

American Monument would charge over \$3,000 to spray wash the monument and repaint the names.

FISCAL MATTERS:

A. Treasurer’s Report: President presented the Treasurer’s Report to the Board.

B. Bills Payable: President 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 an update regarding the one-page form from Springfield that was discussed in August to permanently transfer sections of road on Sheppard Lane to Makanda Township and section on Poplar Camp to the Village of Makanda. She was advised that the State says a Township cannot have jurisdiction of roads in Village limits. A maintenance agreement is acceptable. She also questioned liability if there was any damage to vehicles and advised it would still be a Village Road no matter who maintains. President recommended that we continue with signed maintenance agreement with Makanda Township. If either party feels they wish to discontinue the agreement it can be terminated. President asked Board if they wish to continue with the Maintenance Agreement that was approved. All were in agreement to continue at this time.

Trustee Allen reported that he had talked with Mr. Penninger regarding estimates for resurfacing McGuire Road. Asphalt would cost about \$220,000 and oil and chip approximately \$49,000. President Shingleton will look in to getting a grant to help with the costs.

D. Subdivision Committee:

E. Insurance Committee:

F. Playground Committee: Clerk will schedule the fall playground inspection. The bleachers and stage need some repair, before Vulture Fest.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

A. Emergency Disaster Committee:

B. Special Events Committee:

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Ross inquired if there were any updates on the abandoned properties on Crackers Neck and the property along Makanda Road that the Village is in the process of acquiring. President Shingleton reported that the attorney does have the paperwork for the title search on the property along Makanda Road.

President provided an update regarding the Fiber Optic project. An informational meeting has been scheduled at 6:00 p.m. on September 24th, by invitation only, to introduce West Kentucky and Tennessee Telecommunications Cooperative and the fiber build process. RSVP cards have been mailed and have started being received. President advised the phone number on the RSVP card is incorrect and she has called to let the company know. Several residents have received a request for easement from Linderlake Corporation and have also been personally contacted by representatives to answer any questions or concerns they may have. President was contacted and met with Hannah Miller, Right of Way Agent, with Linderlake. She advised that if any of our residents have any questions about their easements to give them her name and phone number. They may also contact her regarding RSVP, if needed. Hannah's phone number is 618-697-4592.

NEW BUSINESS: Trustee Wolff advised that at the next Board meeting he would be recommending salary increases for the Treasurer, Dan and Randy, and the Officers running for reelection in 2025. This portion of the Board meeting will have to be conducted as a closed Executive session.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT: President asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was made by Trustee Ross and seconded by Trustee Wolff. Voice vote. All present at roll call voted yes. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Leslie Yambert, Village Clerk

Tina Shingleton, President