

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

**Board Minutes**

**December 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 Allen, Ross, Dalton, and Wolff, were present. Trustees Hilliard and Pitcher were absent.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** President asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Trustee Ross wanted the minutes to show that she had called the City Hall in Anna, when researching Christmas decorations for the Village. It was seconded by Trustee Wolff, with the correction. Voice vote. All members present at roll call voted yes. Motion carried.

**CITIZEN'S HEARING:**

Victor Cardenaz reported that he teaches a class on Crypto Currency and would be willing to share this information with anyone on the Board who might be interested in learning more about it. Russ Kramer stated that he and his wife Judy would like to donate a 12-foot-tall artificial Christmas tree to the Village. Board discussed his generous offer but declined due to lack of space to store the tree during the year, when it was not on display.

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:** President called IDOT on November 15 to advise regarding potholes on Makanda Road a little past 2013 Makanda Rd. They were fixed on November 18.

Unauthorized entrance on Lower Cobden Road is being used again. Edge of road is breaking down. Someone is also driving along the west side of road and making ruts before you get to the first entrance that was made.

## **CLERK:**

**TRUSTEES:** Trustee Hilliard had asked President Shingleton to report to the Board that new names have been added to the Veterans Memorial and general cleaning done, as well. Trustee Wolff reported that he had looked at the bridge on McGuire Road that Trustee Pitcher had mentioned concerns about at the last meeting. Trustee Wolff reported that the bridge appeared to be in good condition, but might use a little fill, when McGuire Road is blacktopped in 2025. Trustee Ross reported that after the elections that were held at the B.C. Ross Community Center, she had gone to inspect the Community Center and noticed that unit one was not working. She called Gurley about the necessary repair. The parts are under factory warranty and have been ordered. Gurley will call her to schedule a time to come and make the repairs when all the parts are in. Trustee Dalton reported that Nelson has been trimming trees on Church Street, to remove limbs that are too close to the power lines.

## **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 Ross. 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 advised Slow-Children Playing signs had been installed on McGuire Road and Crackersneck.

President received bid information from Trustee Allen for resurfacing of McGuire Road. President confirmed that if MFT money is not being used we do not have to put out for bid. As suggested at last meeting, President feels we should reach out to get 2 or 3 bids. President is working on a bid information sheet to provide for bidding and will review with Streets and Roads committee. Will plan to have bids

for approval at the January meeting to move forward. Legal counsel advised that we need to approve a Resolution for CD funds to be used for cost.

Trustee Dalton reported that there are some old tires that have been dumped on South Poplar Camp Road. President Shingleton will notify the Village Street and Road Crew to pick them up.

**D. Subdivision Committee:**

**E. Insurance Committee:**

**F. Playground Committee:**

**REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:**

**A. Emergency Disaster Committee:**

**B. Special Events Committee:**

**ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:** Clerk presented Ordinance 2024-5 An Ordinance Levying Taxes for All Corporate Purposes For The Village of Makanda, Illinois, Jackson County, Illinois, For The Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2025 And Ending April 30, 2026. Individual Voice Vote. All members present at roll call voted yes. Motion carried. Clerk will file the Ordinance at the Jackson County Court House.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS:** Mileage rate reimbursement for 2023 was 65.5 cents/mile for business miles. In January 2024 rate increased to .67 cents/mile for business miles but Village did not approve any increase. The rate for 2025 will be established by the Illinois General Assembly. When established we need to discuss to approve new increase.

Thanks to Dan and Randy, Christmas lights and wreaths have been put up at pavilion.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Weekend of November 16<sup>th</sup>, it was called to President's attention that a vehicle was driving through newly purchased property from Village Hall to CN Communications Tower and making ruts. Village placed concrete barricades at the culvert at the parking lot across from the Village Hall on

November 20th and Village put CN gate back up to Communications Tower. President contacted CN to let them know it had been put back up by the Village due to unauthorized traffic making ruts and leaving it to their discretion as to whether they were okay with leaving up.

President advised she had been working with GoDaddy to update Village website. It had been over 5 years since any update had been done and some areas were outdated. The update was published to the website the middle of November. There was also some savings in cost from the update.

Board discussed draft of 2025 Meeting Calendar and confirmed dates. Clerk will finalize the meeting calendar and send everyone a copy.

**GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Trustee Wolff thanked Trustee Allen for taking the lead and getting the bid from Penninger for resurfacing McGuire Road.

Trustee Ross invited everyone to the Candlelight Service at 7p.m. on December 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Makanda Baptist Church. Punch and cookies will be served, afterwards.

**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 7:48 p.m.

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**Leslie Yambert, Village Clerk**

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**Tina Shingleton, President**