

Village of Makanda
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Board Minutes

November 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 Allen, Ross, Dalton, Pitcher and Wolff, were present. Trustee Hilliard was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: President asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. and the minutes from the Executive Session. Trustee Wolff made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. and the minutes from the Executive Session. It was seconded by Trustee Dalton. Voice vote. All members present at roll call voted yes. Motion carried.

CITIZEN'S HEARING:

Victor Cardenaz reported that a representative from Linderlake had stopped by his house and are working with Western Kentucky and Tennessee. President Shingleton reported that she was aware that Linderlake was on the agenda for the Makanda Township meeting, next Tuesday night.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS: Communication was received from the Greater Egypt Regional Planning and Development Commission regarding membership. Annual fee is \$150.00. We received the same correspondence last year but decided not to participate. As a reminder, the Commission helps communities with planning grants, assistance, and advice. Membership is not required, and they would still help. Board was asked if they would be interested in joining this year.

A phone call was received from Matilda on October 23. She attended VultureFest and really likes our Village. She would like to move to this area someday. She is starting a band and would like to use Makanda in the name of her band. They play

Blues/Rock. President advised she would need to check with Village Board for their input and would get back to her. Village Board was neutral regarding the use of Makanda as the name of her band.

Correspondence was received from Rachel Cristaudo, Director of the newly established Illinois Economic Empowerment Center (EEC) at SIU. Their program is dedicated to fostering an inclusive business ecosystem. They provide tailored support to socially and economically disadvantaged individuals and very small businesses. Their mission is to dismantle systemic barriers to entry and growth, empowering marginalized communities across Southern Illinois. She attached a flyer about a Boots to Business event being held in three locations, specifically designed for veterans interested in starting their own business. President posted the flyer at the Post Office and on the Boardwalk on October 22.

CLERK:

TRUSTEES: Trustee Pitcher inquired how Vulture Fest had gone. Trustee Ross reported that it had been successful, although parking on Crackers Neck and Baptist Hill Road continues to be a problem. Trustee Ross reported that there is a tree limb on Baptist Hill Road that needs to be cut back, from the road. She will call Dan, to take care of it. There is an old table at the B.C. Ross Community Center that needs to be hauled away. Trustee Ross reported that she had called Anna City Hall regarding information on Christmas decorations for the Village. Silkworm can print banners. President Shingleton advised that she is in the process of purchasing lights and wreaths and hopes to have them up by Thanksgiving. Trustee Dalton reported that Jessie Rowan had asked her if the Village could get Meals on Wheels to deliver down here in the Village. Trustee Dalton said she would call them and get some information about their services.

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 advised she had ordered and received Slow-Children Playing signs to be installed on McGuire Road and Crackersneck.

Regarding resurfacing of McGuire Road, President recommended that the Board consider getting at least two quotes and using funds from a CD to pay for the cost. All Board members agreed regarding using CD funds to pay for resurfacing. President requested a list of requirements necessary for the resurfacing McGuire Road, to be used in putting the project out for bids. Trustee Allen and Wolff offered to put together requirements for quotes.

Trustee Pitcher reported that the bridge near his house is sagging and should be inspected and repaired before McGuire Road is resurfaced. Trustees Wolff and Allen will look at it. President reported that the Village bridges are required to be inspected every few years. The last time the Village bridges were inspected was 2021, only bridges of a specific dimension, 20 feet or longer, qualify for an inspection. President will look into the specifics, and report back. Village may have to go a different route to repair bridges that are shorter. President Shingleton will contact Mitch Burdick.

D. Subdivision Committee:

E. Insurance Committee:

F. Playground Committee: President is checking prices on new bleachers for the basketball court and a new portable stage for the Pavilion.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

A. Emergency Disaster Committee:

B. Special Events Committee:

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS: President provided an update regarding purchase of property from Bud Barnett and John Newsome. Purchase has been completed and recorded by Jackson County Clerk and Recorder.

Trustee Ross inquired if there was any progress condemning and removing the abandoned houses on Crackersneck. No progress to date.

NEW BUSINESS: Trustee Ross advised regarding need to update B.C. Ross Community Center Rental agreement to include that political events be prohibited. Use as polling place for elections would be allowed.

Trustee Ross inquired what the Village policy should be regarding postdated checks for the rental of the B.C. Ross Community Center. Board discussed. Board decided not to accept postdated checks. Trustee Ross will update rental agreement as discussed.

President received an email from LaLonna Jackson with the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity stating that the Village of Makanda has been approved a grant in the amount of \$20,000 for all costs associated with the construction or purchase of a storage facility. Board was asked for input. After discussion, the Board could not think of any space or need for the construction or purchase of a storage facility that would be eligible by the Grant. President will contact LaLonna and advise her.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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 8:25 p.m.

Leslie Yambert, Village Clerk

Tina Shingleton, President