

Village of Makanda
P.O Box 99
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Board Minutes

February 4, 2025

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL TO ORDER: Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President Tina Shingleton.

ROLL CALL: Clerk called the roll of the Village Board: Trustee Hilliard, Trustees Allen, Ross, Dalton, and Wolff, were present. Trustee Pitcher was absent. Also absent, Leslie Yambert, Village Clerk and Tom Rosenthal, Treasurer.

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:

Victor Cardenaz to observe.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS: President advised she had received and completed the Buncombe Water Survey for the Village Hall, Community Center, and Equipment Building.

An email was received from Orval Rowe with Jackson County Emergency Management with an attached flyer regarding a National Weather Service Skywarn Storm Spotter class being held on Tuesday, March 4th for anyone who might be interested. The flyer has been posted at the Makanda Post Office and Makanda Boardwalk.

Correspondence was received by mail to complete a US Postal Experience Survey. President will complete and submit online.

President was contacted by Ellen Novar on McGuire Road. A family has moved in next door to her with two dogs who are penned up and bark a lot. She has already called Jackson County Animal Control to report. She asked about any Ordinances the Village might have regarding dog nuisances. She was advised the only Ordinance we have is to regulate animal restraint and tethering. President will check Ordinances to see if there is an ordinance for Nuisances.

President noted the flag rope at the Pavilion had broken and the American flag needed to be replaced. Dan took care of replacing flag rope and put up a new flag. Village needs to purchase both American and Illinois flags.

Emails have been received from:

*Jackson County Mass Transit regarding discussion of transportation issues and needs in Jackson. President was contacted back in August but nothing was ever done. Three 90-minute focus groups have been scheduled. Clerk is scheduled to attend one on February 6 but due to illness may not be able to attend.

*Jackson County Health Department virtual learning session regarding the development and implementation of active transportation plans and policies. President Shingleton is scheduled to join a session on February 19.

CLERK:

TRUSTEES: Trustee Hilliard reported that a large flatbed truck had driven down Misty Meadows and had apparently got stuck, requiring another large truck to come and pull him out, leaving large ruts in the road. Trustee Hilliard inquired if the Village would consider putting up another sign in addition to the sign that says No Exit. Perhaps a sign that said No Turn Around. Board briefly discussed. No action taken. Trustee Wolff reported that Dan and Randy had done an excellent job cleaning up the trees and limbs that had come down during the recent ice storm. Trustee Allen inquired if the Village might offer the option to residents to bring their tree debris from the recent ice storm to the Village Maintenance Shed burn-pile and let Dan and Randy burn it for them. Many residents have small yards and not an easy way to get rid of the debris. Board discussed concerns. No action was taken. Trustee Wolff advised that there are several lawn care services and tree removal businesses that residents could contact to get the job done. Trustee Ross reported that there is a tree on Baptist Hill, above Baggett Lane that is partially on the road and needs to be removed.

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 Ross 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: Trustee Allen questioned if aprons were included in the bid that was received and approved last meeting from E.T. Simonds for Resurface of McGuire Road. E.T. Simonds was contacted, and the bid did not include aprons. Trustee Allen, Trustee Wolff, Dan, and two representatives from E.T. Simonds met to look over McGuire Road and discuss. After the meeting, six core drills were done and adjustments were made. The bid amount will remain the same and new proposal includes aprons. Project will probably be done some time in April. Trustee Wolff made a motion to approve the new proposal. It was seconded by Trustee Allen. Voice vote. All members present at roll call voted yes. Motion carried.

D. Subdivision Committee:

E. Insurance Committee:

F. Playground Committee:

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

A. Emergency Disaster Committee:

B. Special Events Committee:

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS: President received a phone call from Hannah Miller with Linderlake Corporation regarding Broadband meetings held the end of January at SIU Research Park and Feather Hill Winery.

President also sent an email to Craig Hopkins with WK&T on January 23rd asking if there was any update regarding a possible grant through the BEAD program for assistance in downtown Makanda. Have not received a response and will follow-up.

NEW BUSINESS: Village Trustee, Len Pitcher, has moved out of the Village and has submitted his formal letter of resignation.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS: Trustee Ross reported that Ben and Tiffany Rowan's daughter Lillie has been picking up trash in Makanda for her Beta Club.

ADJOURNMENT: President asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was made by Trustee Ross and was seconded by Trustee Wolff. Voice Vote. All present at roll call voted es. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Leslie Yambert, Village Clerk

Tina Shingleton, President