

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

Board Minutes

April 7, 2025

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL TO ORDER: Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:00 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.

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 Dalton. Voice vote. All members present at roll call voted yes. Motion carried.

CITIZEN'S HEARING:

Victor Cardenaz to observe. Russ Kramer inquired if Makanda residents might be able to use the B.C. Ross Community Center as a tornado shelter. Board discussed that it would not be a safe place to shelter in and someone would have to oversee opening, supervising, cleaning, and closing the building. Kim Baker reported that her dumpster is being overfilled, and she is being charged for it. She inquired if the Village would consider paying for a recycling dumpster and putting it over by the Pavilion. Trustee Hilliard advised that people probably would put things in it that did not belong. President Shingleton advised that the Village was already having the same type of problems with the Spring Cleanup Day dumpster and the little trashcan at the Pavilion. In addition, there is no room for a dumpster there, as Village property does not begin until one foot in front of the Pavilion, the parking lot is Canadian National property.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS: President received communication from Matador Network who is working with the Illinois Office of Tourism advising they will be in Makanda on Tuesday, April 8 to film social media content and asking if any special permission to film on the Boardwalk was needed. President advised that no special permission was needed and businesses on the Boardwalk were advised regarding the filming.

President received an mail from a gentleman and his wife from Rio Rancho, NM who recently visited Makanda and Giant City State Park. He was inquiring how tall and when the Smiley Face Water was built. President checked with Buncombe Water and advised him the water tower is 131 ft. tall and was built around 1963. Board members commented they think tower was built in 1973.

CLERK:

TRUSTEES: Trustee Hilliard advised that he has the forms ready for the Street and Road Committee members to use when they inspect the roads, in preparation for the annual Street and Road Committee Meeting on April 12, 2025. Once the Committee has decided which roads need to be repaired, he will compile the information and present it to the Board at the May 13, 2025, meeting. Trustee Wolff reported that both he and the Street and Road Crew have been working on cleaning ditches and culverts after the recent storms. Also, the Street and Road Committee will be checking for additional ditches and culverts to be cleaned and put that information in their report. Trustee Hilliard advised that the new Bobcat has been very useful in clearing limbs off the roads and was used to spread some of the milled asphalt from McGuire Road and use it to reinforce the parking area at the Maintenance Building. Trustee Allen reported that he had watched E.T. Simonds replace a wooden bridge on McGuire Road with a culvert. Barricades have been put up around the culvert because there is more work that needs to be done around the culvert. Trustee Ross reported that the driveway at the new house on Makanda Road has washed out into the road and the ditches are clogged there. It is the responsibility of the State to clean that up. Trustee Dalton reported that there is also a tree leaning over the Frontier wires close to the same driveway. Trustee Ross mentioned that when it is time to do the landscaping at the B.C. Ross Community, the Butterfly Bush, on the left as you go up the stairs, is dead and needs to be replaced. Dan is watching a leak at the guttering on the south end of the Community Center entrance. Trustee Ross reported that there is a wash out at the top of Heern Street, that needs to be repaired. Trustee Ross reported that on both Baptist Hill and Crackers Neck there is debris in the ditches that needs to be cleaned up. Trustee Hilliard stated that the information should be included in the

Street and Road Report. Trustee Hilliard reported that the Makanda Veterans will be ordering P.O.W flags, for the Village.

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 sent IDOT updated information for 2025 Equipment Rental Rates for their approval. These rates are used when Village equipment is used for snow removal for reimbursement to the Village from Motor Fuel Tax. The updated rates were approved.

Update regarding McGuire Road resurfacing. While milling on April 1, E.T. Simonds found that an old wooden bridge under the road was rotten and had to be replaced with a culvert. Repair was done on April 2 and the road had to be closed from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Since E.T. Simonds was short staffed, Dan and Randy assisted with the culvert repair so the road could be reopened to traffic as soon as possible. The cost of the repair is \$16,703.93. The total cost for resurface of McGuire Road and culvert installation is \$190,789.84. The Resolution approved back in January states cost not to exceed \$255,000. Since the total cost is within authorization a formal motion is needed to ratify a change order. Trustee Wolff made a motion to ratify a change order. It was seconded by Trustee Dalton. All members present at roll call voted yes. Motion carried.

D. Subdivision Committee:

E. Insurance Committee:

F. Playground Committee: Clerk distributed copies of the April 1, 2025 Park Inspection Loss Control Recommendations received from Brice Griesemer RMA Loss Control Consultant. There were no major problems. Board discussed the recommendations and how to move forward.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

A. Emergency Disaster Committee:

B. Special Events Committee:

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

Clerk presented **Ordinance 2025-01** An Ordinance Making Appropriations 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. Trustee Wolff made a motion to accept the Appropriations Ordinance. It was seconded by Trustee Dalton. Individual voice vote. All Board members present at roll call voted yes. Motion carried. Clerk will file the Ordinance at the Jackson County Courthouse.

Resolution of 2025-2 Approving the Use of Village Funds Including Certificates of Deposit for Purchase of a Bobcat Compact Track Loader. Trustee Wolff made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-2 for Purchase of Bobcat Compact Track Loader. It was seconded by Trustee Ross. Voice vote. All present at roll call voted yes. Motion carried.

Approval of **Resolution 2025-3** Commemorating America's 250th Anniversary. Trustee Ross made a motion for approval of Resolution. It was seconded by Trustee Dalton. All present at roll call voted yes. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS: President advised she had contacted Ameren regarding repair of streetlight damaged in the ice storm in January on Misty Meadows mentioned by Trustee Hilliard in a previous meeting. The repair was done on March 28.

President contacted Kent Wiggins with WK&T regarding Broadband for the downtown area in Makanda. He advised they have made application for BEAD funding that includes this area. No BEAD awards have been made at this time, and they do not know for certain what the next steps will be. He will keep us updated with any future information they receive.

NEW BUSINESS: Dates were discussed for Clean-up Day. Board decided on May 10. In case of rain will move to May 17. President will call Burris Disposal and schedule a dumpster.

President contacted by Anne from Healing Traditions requesting use of Pavilion as in the past for Senior Yoga on Wednesdays, 9:00 to 10:00 a.m., from 4/9-5/28 and 6/11-7/30, 2025. Board approved.

President suggested that trash pickup at Pavilion be discontinued. She and Dan will check weekly to remove trash as needed and dispose of at equipment building dumpster. Board approved.

President has been contacted by Apple Creek Golf Course regarding renewal of their Liquor License and will provide them with necessary information for renewal.

President will contact Brad Laser to meet with him for estimate of landscaping at B.C. Ross Community Center. The board advised to move forward.

Update regarding SIAP Electric Aggregation was received. Our current term has a base rate of \$0.08760/kWh. The current base rate pricing right now for a new 12-month term is in the range of \$0.095kWh. They plan to monitor the market this week and lock in the base rate sometime before April 11th. Ameren's price-to-compare will not be announced until the last week of May for the summer period of June 1, 2025 – September 30, 2025. In late September Ameren's price for the non-summer period of October 1, 2025 – May 31, 2026 will be announced. Because of the need to mail opt-out letters and give our residents the required 21-day opt-out period before being enrolled on to the new rate, they must move forward with a rate before knowing Ameren's price-to-compare. They will communicate those figures to us as they are announced and can assist in communicating to residents accordingly.

Trustee Ross reported that a local resident has asked her if the Village could redirect an old culvert on Crackers Neck, that had been years ago diverted across

private property by the past property owner, back into the culvert. President Shingleton advised that because it is private property, the Village can do nothing about the situation.

Treasurer Tom Rosenthal reported that Jackson County was no longer going to issue paper checks and in order to accommodate the new electronic transactions, he needs a new Village computer. He has found one at Best Buy for \$789.00 and would like the Board approval to purchase it. Board approved.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS: Trustee Wolff thanked Trustee Allen for his many years of service on the Makanda Village Board. Trustee Wolff then welcomed Victor Cardenaz, newly elected Trustee, who will be replacing Trustee Allen, to the Board.

ADJOURNMENT: President asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was made by Trustee Wolff and was seconded by Trustee Ross. Voice Vote. All present at roll call voted yes. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Leslie Yambert, Village Clerk

Tina Shingleton, President