

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

Board Minutes

March 4, 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.

AFTER ROLL CALL: President asked for a motion to change the order of the agenda for this meeting and move New Business to after Approval of Minutes of the Preceding Meeting. Trustee Ross made a motion to change the order of the agenda for this meeting. It was seconded by Trustee Hilliard. Voice vote. All members present at roll call voted yes. Motion carried.

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.

NEW BUSINESS: Forest Freyenberg and Richard Howell, with Horner & Shifrin, Inc. representing Buncombe Water District, presented information regarding Easement for new downtown water line on East side of Makanda Road across from Post Office. After discussion, President asked for a motion for approval of Easement. Trustee Wolff made a motion to approve easement. It was seconded by Trustee Dalton. Voice vote. All members present at roll call voted yes. Motion carried. Work will begin in late April or early May.

CITIZEN'S HEARING:

Victor Cardenza and Russ Kramer to observe. Sara and Laura Lipe presented information to the Board asking for approval to hold a Honey Festival in Makanda to be held tentatively on September 6. After discussing it, the Board approved of the Festival. Sara has partially completed the permit. Once a few details are finalized she will contact Village President for signatures.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS: President completed and submitted the 2025 Annual Boundary and Annexation Survey to the U.S. Census Bureau.

President received an email from Jackson County Health Department advising they will be celebrating their 75th Anniversary on April 10. A flyer was attached with details. It will be posted at the Post Office.

Susan Beattie contacted President regarding burning brush at equipment bldg. The wind was blowing lots of smoke toward her house, and she was concerned about the fire spreading. We advised her that we were using caution to safely burn the debris, and Dan was keeping watch over it. He also had called the Jackson County Sheriff's office to let them know we were doing a controlled burn. Due to the recent ice storm, we had a larger amount of trees and limbs to burn than normal. We also told her that in the future we would let her know when we would be burning and try not to burn if the wind was blowing in her direction.

CLERK: Distributed Annual Statements of Economic Interest to Board members, with directions for completing them. Clerk collected forms when completed and will return them to the Jackson County Clerk.

TRUSTEES: Trustee Hilliard reported that Ameren is going to have to set a new pole to replace the one that fell on Misty Meadow. Trustee Ross reported that the guttering on the south side of the B.C. Ross Community Center has a leak in the seam that needs to be repaired. Also, on the south side the drainage ditch needs to be cleaned. Trustee Ross asked if the Board would purchase a new ink cartridge for her printer since she uses it to print out all the rental forms that are needed for the rental events that are held at the B.C. Ross Community Center. Board approved.

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.

Treasurer asked if the Board would recommend moving \$125,000 from the Village checking account into a liquid CD. Trustee Wolff made a motion to move \$125,000 into a liquid CD. It was seconded by Trustee Ross. All those present at roll call voted yes. Motion carried.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

A. Finance Committee: Clerk distributed the Working Budget for fiscal year 2025-2026, and Agenda/Minutes from the Finance Committee Meeting held on February 8, 2025, to Board members. Clerk and President reviewed various line items and answered questions from Board members. Dan Walker was present at the Finance Committee meeting and requested the Village purchase a new Bobcat Compact Track Loader and presented information to the Committee regarding features and benefits of such a purchase. Board discussed. Trustee Wolff made a motion that the Village move forward with the purchase of the Bobcat Compact Track Loader. It was seconded by Trustee Allen. Voice vote. All those present at roll call voted yes. Motion carried. President Shingleton will consult with the Village attorney and have the proper resolution drawn up and properly recorded and published in the Village minutes. President asked for a motion to approve the Working Budget for fiscal year 2025-2026. Trustee Wolff made a motion to approve the Working Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. It was seconded by Trustee Ross. Voice vote. All those present at roll call voted yes. Motion carried.

B. Ordinance Committee:

C. Street & Road Committee: President advised that Dan and Randy removed the old guardrail on Baptist Hill to make it easier to maintain.

D. Subdivision Committee:

E. Insurance Committee:

F. Playground Committee: Clerk has been in contact with Jim Closson from IMLRMA and will schedule a playground inspection in April.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

A. Emergency Disaster Committee:

B. Special Events Committee:

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS: President has ordered 6 U.S. Flags and 3 Illinois State Flags to have on hand to replace at Pavilion. Trustee Ross will contact AMVET to inquire if they can donate a P.O.W. flag to the Village.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS: Next Board Meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday** April 2nd, the day after the Elections.

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 es. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Leslie Yambert, Village Clerk

Tina Shingleton, President