

Village of Makanda
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Board Minutes

October 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: Trustees Hilliard, Hagler, Wolff, Cardenaz, Ross, and Dalton 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 Ross. Voice vote. All members present at roll call voted yes. Motion carried.

CITIZEN'S HEARING: Kim Baker thanked the Board for resurfacing the parking lot directly across from the Bell Building. Russ Kramer inquired if there was any update on hi-speed internet in the valley. President advised there was no update at this time, but she will keep reaching out. Kim reported she has Starlink at the Bell Building. Trustee Cardenaz reported he had heard positive things about Starlink.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS: President reported leaning Frontier pole across from 2013 Makanda Road on 10/1. Appointment scheduled for them to come out and check for Friday 10/3.

President had called each Board member the middle of September to see if they would be in favor of hiring Dana McGuire to help with Streets and Roads. Everyone was in favor. Dan was to meet with him on September 15 but meeting will have to be rescheduled.

CLERK:

TRUSTEES: Trustee Hilliard advised that he had met with the Illini foreman and inspected all 4 roads before the actual resurfacing began. Trustee Hillard watched as the work was done and advised that he thought a good job was done by Illini. Trustee Hillard advised that Illini called him when they were done and reported they had rock left over and was there someplace they could put it for the Village. Trustee Hilliard had them put it by the maintenance building parking lot. Trustee Hagler advised that he had been contacted by Bud Barnett regarding the need for a culvert at the property he has purchased. Trustee Ross reported that he had contacted her as well and will report on it, when it is her turn. Trustee Wolff reported that he and Dan had met with Beck Simonds regarding the requirements for installing a culvert on Hartline Road, and an understanding was reached. Culvert will be installed on or about September 18th and inspected. Trustee Cardenaz advised tat he had been talking with people on the Makanda Township Board, and they are interested in meeting with the Village Board possibly closer to the date of the America250 celebration. Trustee Ross reported that the tables at the B.C. Ross Community Center need to be stacked back up. Trustee Ross advised that Bud Barnett has purchased one of the abandoned properties on Crackers Neck and has contacted her regarding the need for a culvert at the driveway. Bud has hired Kevin Wheetley to help him clean up the property. President has already contacted Dan, and advised that Dan, Bud and Kevin need to meet to discuss the best way to move forward.

FISCAL MATTERS:

A. Treasurer's Report: President presented the Treasurer's Report to the Board.

B. Bills Payable: Treasurer 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: Culvert on Hartline Road was installed and approved on September 18th.

Culvert on North Poplar Camp to be installed this Thursday, October 9, weather permitting. Road will be closed from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Will let property owners know and post notice at Post Office and on Makanda Happenings. Ditching, seeding, and strawing on bank have already been done.

D. Subdivision Committee:

E. Insurance Committee:

F. Playground Committee: Trustee Ross and Clerk advised the Board of improvements that were recommended during the recent Illinois Municipal League insurance inspection. Official report is yet to be received.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

A. Emergency Disaster Committee:

B. Special Events Committee: President advised she had received the Special Event Permit Application for Vulture Fest being held October 18 and 19. The Board was asked for approval. Board approved.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS: President presented the annual Resolution for Maintenance from IDOT for FY 2026, to designate \$3,000 for snow removal from the Motor Fuel Fund. Trustee Cardenaz made a motion to accept the Resolution. It was seconded by Trustee Hilliard. Voice vote. All present at roll call voted yes. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS: President advised that she had emailed Beck Simonds on September 17th and let him know the current Board still supports the letter from January 4, 2022 regarding not being inclined to contribute to the maintenance of Stone Creek Roads. Regarding the Homeowner's Association discussion regarding de-annexation from the Village she asked that they keep the Village updated regarding their plans.

President advised she had followed up with Kevin Wiggins from WK&T regarding Broadband in Makanda. He advised they had been unsuccessful in receiving any funding through the BEAD program. President will reach out to see if there are any other options for receiving assistance.

An email was received from Greater Egypt Regional Planning & Development Commission for a Housing Workshop on October 28 being held in Marion regarding Vacant Properties, Condemnations and Demolitions, City Ordinances, and Code Enforcement. President Shingleton, Village Clerk, Leslie Yambert, and Trustee Elaine Ross will attend this workshop for information to learn how to proceed regarding the abandoned property on Crackersneck.

NEW BUSINESS:

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT: President asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was made by Trustee Ross and was seconded by Trustee Dalton. Voice Vote. All present at roll call voted yes. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Leslie Yambert, Village Clerk

Tina Shingleton, President