

**Village of Makanda**  
**P.O Box 99**  
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**Board Minutes**

**November 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: 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:** Russ Kramer offered to donate a 12-foot artificial Christmas tree to the Village. President Shingleton thanked him for the offer but declined, explaining that the Village had decorations and the Street and Road Crew would be putting them up, closer to the end of the month. The Village has very limited storage space for off season items and vandalism is a concern. Russ 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. Russ inquired if there was any information on the riprap in the ditches on Church Street. President advised that Dan had added some riprap in places and would continue to monitor the situation.

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

President reported there is still concern regarding semis parked at pull off on Old US Hwy. 51. She has contacted IDOT again to see what can be done.

President also followed up regarding the road sign that was knocked down in March at intersection of Makanda Rd. and Old Hwy 51 on Hwy. 51 side by Stop sign.

President received a call from Floyd Allen regarding a person interested in working with Streets and Roads. His name is Nick King. He grew up in Makanda and moved away but is back in the area. Dan called and met with him on October 29. He seems interested and has experience with operating equipment. Everyone approved of hiring. Nick is asking for \$25/hr. President recommended offering \$22/hr. and increasing Dan (\$26) and Randy's (\$24/hr.) pay if we decide to hire him. After discussion Board recommended offering \$20/hr. as a starting salary for six or twelve months.

### **CLERK:**

**TRUSTEES:** Trustee Wolff reported in talking with Dan, Dan had indicated that the Village street sweeper needed some major repairs. Dan would be able to make the repairs if the Village had a shop press. Trustee Wolff reported that Dan is requesting approval to purchase a shop press. Cost for one at Harbor Freight is \$349 (not sure of the quality) and cost from NAPA is \$985.49. He also checked with Auto Zone, and a few other places and prices ran from \$985 up to \$1,200. President provided photos and asked for approval to purchase a shop press. Victor offered to check with people he knows to see if anyone has a good used shop press, they would like to sell for less cost. After discussion, Trustee Wolff made a motion to approve purchase of shop press from NAPA for \$985.49 if Victor cannot find someone with a good used one. It was seconded by Trustee Dalton. Voice vote. All members present at roll call voted yes. Motion carried.

Trustee Ross asked when the porta potty would be removed for the winter. President advised that it was supposed to be removed by the end of October, she will call the company. Trustee Ross inquired if the funds for high-speed internet could be used for cleaning up the lines and poles that are already here, resulting in better service. President advised funds are for fiber optic installation. Trustee Ross reported that people have reported their concerns to her about how parking on Lower Cobden Road, during Vulture Fest, had created a dangerous situation for pedestrians.

### **FISCAL MATTERS:**

**A. Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer 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:**

**D. Subdivision Committee:**

**E. Insurance Committee:**

**F. Playground Committee:** Have not yet received official report from IML Risk Management from Playground inspection. A lot of things discussed at time of inspection have been taken care of.

President reported that stage at the Pavilion will be removed, and she will work with Dan to find a portable stage for future use when a stage is needed.

## **REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:**

**A. Emergency Disaster Committee:**

**B. Special Events Committee:** President advised she had received the Special Event Permit Application and permit fee for Honey Fest 2026 scheduled for September 19.

## **ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:**

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS:** President Shingleton, Village Clerk, Leslie Yambert, and Trustee Elaine Ross attended the Greater Egypt Regional Planning & Development Commission for a Vacant Properties, Condemnations and Demolitions, City Ordinances, and Code Enforcement workshop for information on how to proceed regarding the abandoned property on Crackersneck. Received a lot of good information. President called Village legal counsel and talked with him about resuming the process of cleaning up the abandoned property. There is only one property owner that owns the property that needs cleaned up. Legal counsel will first contact the property owner's attorney as he originally did about three years ago. He will recommend that the property be cleaned up by the end of this year. President asked Board if they approved of this process. It was recommended that the Ordinance for Abandoned Properties be updated.

President followed up regarding email she had received from SIAP on October 10 regarding our electric aggregation program after our October meeting. An email was sent to each Board member which included the AGE Press Release with details regarding Ameren's electric supply rate drop for the non-summer period from \$0.1218 kWh to \$0.08402 kWh through May 2026. The Press Release was also posted at the Post Office and Makanda Happenings to make residents aware. Our rate with Homefield Energy is \$0.11789 kWh through May 2026. SIAP is working on finding the best rate for our residents for the remainder of our contract with Homefield which runs through December 2028.

On April 7, 2025, we approved a Resolution in support of the Illinois America250 Commemoration. Illinois Humanities are having bi-monthly virtual gatherings to enable organizations and communities to learn, share, and connect with one another as we approach July 4, 2026, and the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The first meeting was on September 24, and the second meeting was November 3. The President asked if anyone is interested in these meetings to let her know.

In addition, President advised that Carrot-Top Industries are selling flags for this occasion and asked if we might want to display a flag at the Pavilion to show our support. Board was presented with some options. Price runs around \$50. It was recommended to check with Amazon or local businesses as their cost might be less.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**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.

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**Leslie Yambert, Village Clerk**

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**Tina Shingleton, President**