

Village of Makanda
P.O Box 99
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Board Minutes

December 2, 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 Dalton. Voice vote. All members present at roll call voted yes. Motion carried.

CITIZEN'S HEARING: None

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS: President received an email from Kevin Donahue with CN Railroad regarding the merger of Union Pacific and Norfolk Southern. They will soon submit their full application to the U.S. Surface Transportation Board (STB). The merger has the potential to reshape rail service across many regions, with implications for local economies, consumer pricing, freight mobility, community impacts, and long-term transportation competitiveness. CN believes it is essential that the voices of local leaders be considered throughout the federal review. The STB process allows stakeholders to formally take part in the review. They will continue to keep us informed as the process moves forward and appreciates our engagement in this important discussion about the future of rail competition. If we wish to engage, we need to submit a "Notice of Intent to Participate". Board felt this was not necessary. President will keep everyone updated with any new information.

CLERK:

TRUSTEES: Trustee Cardenaz reported that there continues to be issues with trucks parking too close to the road, at the pull off on Old US Highway 51.

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

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

A. Finance Committee:

B. Ordinance Committee: Needs to meet, after the holidays.

C. Street & Road Committee: Trustee Dalton reported that on S. Poplar Camp Rd. where the new culvert was put in, there is good size dip in the road that needs to be fixed. President will let Dan Know.

D. Subdivision Committee:

E. Insurance Committee:

F. Playground Committee: President advised that only a few items remain to be addressed that are on the list of Park Inspection Loss Control Recommendations, provided by the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

A. Emergency Disaster Committee:

B. Special Events Committee:

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS: Annual Levy Ordinance was presented. Trustee Wolff made a motion to proceed with passing the Levy Ordinance. It was seconded by Trustee Dalton. Individual voice vote. All those present at roll call voted yes. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS: President advised Nick King had talked with Dan and accepted our offer to work for the Village for the approved hourly wage as a starting salary for six months.

President provided an update regarding shop press. Victor could not find a good used one. NAPA was having difficulty in ordering one. Dan checked out the one from Harbor Freight and feels it will work okay. Cost will be approximately between \$350 to \$400.

President provided an update regarding Abandoned Property. The owner of the property, David Stankiewicz, called President on November 25 to advise he is planning to start the process of clearing the property soon and plans to attend the December meeting. President advised legal counsel by email on December 1 that she had received a call from Mr. Stankiewicz. She asked if a letter should be sent to him giving a deadline for cleanup. Board discussed, due process must be followed. Vacant and neglected properties decrease the property value of surrounding properties and can become a nuisance and hazard to the public. Stankiewicz has put a no trespassing sign and camera at the entrance to Baggett Lane, which is a public road. Board discussed vacating the road.

NEW BUSINESS: Board discussed and approved 2026 Meeting Calendar.

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 7:52 p.m.

Leslie Yambert, Village Clerk

Tina Shingleton, President