

Village of Makanda
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Board Minutes

April 7, 2026

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: Russ Kramer inquired if the Village would have a porta-potty at the playground again this year. President responded that it will be set up the first part of May.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS: President received an email from Jennifer at Giant City State Park advising that next year they will be 100 years old. They are putting together a planning committee and wondered if we would be interested in participating in some fashion. The first meeting was April 3 at the Visitor, but President was unable to attend. If we are interested, they would be interested in sending out the meeting notes. Do we want to participate? Board would like to participate. President will contact and ask for them to send out meeting minute notes from their April 3 meeting.

CLERK:

TRUSTEES:

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.

Treasurer advised that tomorrow he would transfer the money from the Village General fund to a liquid CD, for the Village; per the Board's previous approval at the March 3, 2026, Board meeting.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

A. Finance Committee:

B. Ordinance Committee:

C. Street & Road Committee: Trustees Hilliard and Wolf have inspected the Village roads and will present their findings at the Street and Road Committee meeting on April 11th at 9a.m. Trustees Hilliard will type up the final report to present to the Board at the May 5th meeting. Trustee Wolff reported that there are two trees that need to be removed by professional tree removers with the required equipment. One tree is on Poplar Camp Road and the other is on Rowan Road.

D. Subdivision Committee:

E. Insurance Committee:

F. Playground Committee: Playground Inspection has been scheduled with Brice Griesemer from RMA Loss Control for Wednesday, April 15th.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

A. Emergency Disaster Committee:

B. Special Events Committee: Trustee Ross advised that she had received the paperwork for the Honey Festival. Trustee Hilliard suggested publicizing the upcoming Honey Festival in the monthly Illinois Municipal League publication, which includes local events.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS: Clerk presented the annual Appropriation Ordinance: Ordinance 2026-1 AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR ALL CORPORATE PURPOSES FOR THE VILLAGE OF MAKANDA, ILLINOIS, JACKSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2026, AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2027. Individual voice vote. All present at roll call voted yes. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS: President received a phone call on March 14 from David Stankiewicz stating he had been out of state and had received a letter from our attorney. Wanted to check that we had not started any demolition on his property on Crackersneck. He stated there was no date on the letter to respond by. He plans to be back home the end of March and start cleanup. President called Village legal counsel April 6. The letter he had sent states cleanup should begin by end of March. Legal counsel advised another letter will be sent out on April 7th stating he has until the end of April to show progress of property cleanup. Trustee Ross advised that limbs from two small trees were cut on Lot 111 on April 6. This is the only thing that has been done to date.

President and Village Trustee, Elaine Ross attended the Broadband Workshop in Marion on March 26. Will need to do some more research. Not sure if Broadband is a possibility in the Village. Residents signing off on easements is an issue.

President purchased a 250th Anniversary of America flag that Dan has put up at the Pavilion.

NEW BUSINESS: President received an email regarding the Southern Illinois Aggregation Partnership Update. They are nearing the point of needing to finalize new rates for the residential opt-out electric aggregation programs. Our current contracts with Homefield Energy are for a term of December 2023 to December 2028. We are currently at \$0.11789/kWh which included a base rate of \$0.09530 kWh. They have been discussing possible changes to the aggregation programs to accomplish two main goals:

1. Return to savings compared to Ameren's price to compare
2. Minimize the amount of phone calls during the opt-out process to the communities

To achieve these goals, Homefield has agreed to make the following changes:

1. Homefield will allow them to set the base price now for the remainder of the contracts through December 2028. This will give us the longer term stability to the majority of the price (everything except the capacity costs) that we have been used to in the past and been more successful with. We continue to have two price to compare points (one from the aggregation with Homefield and one from Ameren), and residents have the flexibility to choose whichever they prefer or to select a supplier of their own. Residents retain their ability to opt-out at anytime without penalty.
2. Homefield has agreed to limit who they send the opt-out letters to. These changes will not force residents who have previously opted out to opt out again as they will not be sent letters.
 - Homefield will not mail to accounts that have previously opted out either during the last opt-out mailings or during the current 2-month rate that has been in place since June 2025.
 - Opt-out mailers will be sent to currently enrolled participants and newly eligible accounts that have not previously opted out.
 - Mailers will be sent in early May after the annual MISO capacity auction results are announced. On the mailers, the rate for June 2026-June 2027 will be the final all-in number as residents would see on their bills, but then the extra base rate for June 2027 through December 2028 will be listed below that with a note on capacity being set after the relevant MISO capacity auctions are announced. This will be the final opt-out letter sent for the remainder of the current contracts through December 2028.

They are planning to finalize the base rates and lock those in on behalf of all members of this group over the next couple of weeks. An announcement will be made when they do so, and no action is required by the communities.

In the event a community wishes to terminate their aggregation contract now, they have a short open window to be allowed to do so. They must email Jordan Haarmann by 3 p.m. on April 17th if the community does not wish to continue an aggregation rate to their residents. Board was asked if they wish to continue or

terminate the aggregation contract. After discussion, Board decided to continue with the aggregation contract.

Board discussed and approved scheduling Clean Up Day for May 16th, with a rain date of May 23rd. President will post a flyer at the Post Office and Village Hall.

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 7:56 p.m.

Leslie Yambert, Village Clerk

Tina Shingleton, President