

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

**Board Minutes**

**March 3, 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: Trustee Hilliard was absent. 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:** None

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:** President's notary seal expires in July. Paperwork to renew has been received and submitted for renewal.

Apple Creek Golf Course contacted President regarding renewal of their Liquor License which expires March 31. She will meet with them to get the necessary paperwork and renewal fee. President noted that at our April 5, 2021, Board meeting it was discussed to change date of liquor license from May 1 through April 30<sup>th</sup> to April 1 through March 31 each year. This was due to previous owner's issue with their State license. President was unable to revisit with legal counsel so it was never changed. The year remains from May 1 through April 30. President asked Board for their thoughts and after discussion it was decided to leave as stated in Liquor License Ordinance 2001-5 from May 1 through April 30.

**CLERK:** Board completed annual Statements of Economic Interest.

**TRUSTEES:** Trustee Hilliard reminded everyone of the upcoming time change and the annual Street and Road Committee meeting on April 11<sup>th</sup>. Board members need to complete their road inspections and turn in their reports to Trustee Hilliard before the meeting. Trustee Hilliard gave a summary of the process. Trustees Hagler, Wolff and Cardenaz thanked the Clerk for organizing the recent American Heart training that they had attended. Trustee Ross advised that IDOT needed to be contacted to clean the ditch that runs along Makanda Road in the downtown area.

**FISCAL MATTERS:**

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

**B. Bills Payable:** Treasurer presented the Bills Payable.

Treasurer requested approval from the Board to transfer the \$100,000 from General Fund into a liquid CD for the Village. Board discussed interest rates and agreed to the transfer.

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 and purchase the liquid CD. It was seconded by Trustee Dalton. Voice vote. All present at roll call voted yes. Motion carried.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**A. Finance Committee:** Clerk distributed copies of the agenda, minutes, and proposed Working Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. Board discussed line items and amounts. Trustee Ross made a motion to approve the Working Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. It was seconded by Trustee Dalton. Voice vote. All present at roll call voted yes. Motion carried.

**B. Ordinance Committee:**

**C. Street & Road Committee:**

**D. Subdivision Committee:**

**E. Insurance Committee:**

**F. Playground Committee:** Village Clerk advised that a Playground Inspection has been scheduled with Brice Griesemer from RMA Loss Control on Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:**

**A. Emergency Disaster Committee:**

**B. Special Events Committee:**

## **ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:**

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS:** President called Village legal counsel February 25 for update regarding Abandoned Property on Crackersneck. Legal counsel advised letter has been sent to Mr. Stankiewicz requesting demolition of structures and cleanup by certified mail. A letter will be sent to Daniel Stankiewicz regarding cleanup and removal of brush, litter, weeds, etc. on the property he owns on Crackersneck since the house on this lot is not falling in.

President contacted Greater Egypt asking if there are any plans to hold a meeting providing information regarding Broadband or Fiber Optic. She was advised a workshop is being put together for some time this month.

Dan and Randy installed new ceiling tiles in the B.C. Ross Community Center on February 25 and 26<sup>th</sup>. They did a great job.

President called Frontier on 2/19/2026 regarding leaning pole across the road from 2013 Makanda Rd. as she had never been contacted from her previous call on 10/3/2025. She spoke to Eric with Frontier and advised him about another leaning pole as you get at the bottom of the hill and start up the hill toward Makanda where the wires cross over Makanda Road from right to left headed up the hill. Eric made note of our concerns and will pass information on. He felt that the poles would be held up by the wires and not fall across the road. He suggested maybe a guy wire be installed on the first pole to provide stability.

President advised she had received correspondence from Illinois Municipal League regarding the Grocery Sales Tax Ordinance. IML encourages all municipalities to pass a local Sales Tax Ordinance , even if they do not currently have a grocery

store, to prevent potential revenue loss. This was previously discussed at our September 2, 2025 meeting and everyone decided not to pass the Ordinance. President asked Board if they were all still in agreement. All were still in agreement and felt it is not necessary.

**NEW BUSINESS:** President followed up about the email and posting on Makanda Happenings asking if anyone was able to watch the interview downtown with WPSD Channel 6 on February 26<sup>th</sup> regarding their Hidden Gems segment about Makanda. President Shingleton, assisted by Debbie Dunn and the shop owners met with their reporter, Jasmine Youngblood and camera man, to highlight and meet the shop owners on the Boardwalk and spoke with Kyle Kinser, Allen Stuck, and the innkeepers at Makanda Inn at their place of business.

Dan raked the mulch under the swings. He suggested possibly purchasing Swing Mats to place under the swings to keep mulch being kicked out as swigs are being used. We would need three mats. They weigh 80 lbs. a piece and would not easily be moved. Cost is \$125 each. It was suggested that we check with Brice of Illinois Municipal League during our April 15, 2026 playground inspection to make sure it is permissible.

President advised she has called Majestic Flag Store in Marion regarding purchase of a 3 x 5 Nylon 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Flag for the Pavilion flagpole. Cost is about \$19.95 unless cost has increased with the new shipment they have coming. Board was agreeable to the purchase. It was also discussed about having a flag for the flagpole in front of the Village Hall if it is working properly.

**GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Trustee Ross reported she had received a \$100.00 donation for the food pantry in the Post Office.

**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 8:21 p.m.

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**Leslie Yambert, Village Clerk**

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**Tina Shingleton, President**