

Village of Makanda
P.O Box 99
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Board Minutes

July 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: None

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS: President advised she had received correspondence from WHKS & Company advising that IDOT is in the preliminary engineering phase of a project to replace the existing bridge carrying Old US 51 over Clay Lick Branch just beyond the southwest corner of Makanda, IL. They are asking that we provide any information relevant to defining an appropriate roadway configuration which may include bicycle accommodation where needs exist and any feedback or comments. After discussion the Board feels there are no Village roads this project would interfere with.

CLERK: Clerk distributed proposed Giant City State Park airstrip survey site information. Board discussed.

TRUSTEES: Trustee Ross advised that people continue to park on Heern Street, especially when there is an event at the Boardwalk, emergency vehicles would not be able to get through. Tree limbs at the intersection of Crackers Neck Street and

Baptist Hill Road, still blocking view of drivers pulling out, additional tree trimming is needed.

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:

C. Street & Road Committee: Trustee Dalton reported that there is small section on South Poplar Camp Road, that has become uneven. President advised that money for that repair could come out of General Funds, as needed.

D. Subdivision Committee:

E. Insurance Committee:

F. Playground Committee:

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

A. Emergency Disaster Committee:

B. Special Events Committee: President was asked if bands could play at the Honey Festival for tips. The Honey Festival policy does not cover bands since they are not being paid by the festival. The bands would have to carry their own insurance. Having bands is not essential to the festival. Board was asked for their thoughts on letting bands pay for tips at the Pavilion. After discussion, the Board felt this would open up other issues and problems.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS: President advised that she and Dan checked on ordering a new stage from Wenger Corporation. Cost of stage is \$6,088.72 and shipping cost of \$1,030.53 totaling \$7,119.25. Expected ship date is 7/13/26.

President checked on cost of spraying for bugs at the Village Hall and Community Center. Cost would be \$90 each quarter. Board was asked for approval. Board approved. President will call and schedule.

President brought up a previous discussion regarding repair/replacement or possibly removing door at south entrance of Village Hall. It was recommended that we check regarding whether it would be safe to remove door. Village Clerk will check with IML Risk Management.

President provided update regarding abandoned property on Crackers Neck. She spoke with Mr. Stankiewicz on June 18 and asked for a schedule or goals for when he plans on having property cleaned up. He advised he is looking at July 31 to have cleared. President advised she had received a bid from Kevin Wheatley to clean up property. He advised cost would be between \$8,500 to \$9,000. President advised Mr. Stankiewicz of this in case he was looking for someone to clean up property.

President advised the Sales Agreement for Clutts property has been signed and submitted for title search by Village attorney. Closing should occur no later than July 31st.

NEW BUSINESS: President advised she contacted IDOT on June 29th to check on having the ditch and trees across from Heern Street on the west side of Makanda Road and the culverts under Makanda Road cleaned out.

President and Village Clerk attended a meeting on June 26th, 2026, at Giant City State Park Visitor Center regarding the Park's 100th Year Celebration next year. It was discussed and decided to hold a kickoff ceremony on October 15 and more celebratory events on Saturday the 16th and Sunday the 17th. This is the same weekend as VultureFest next year. After discussion everyone felt that having the events simultaneously could be mutually beneficial to both celebrations. Debbie Dunn, organizer of VultureFest, will be advised.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS: Trustee Hilliard announced that the annual Masonic Family Picnic will be held on August 1st, 2026.

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 8:13 p.m.

Leslie Yambert, Village Clerk

Tina Shingleton, President