

Village of Makanda
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Board Minutes

August 4, 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 about the process for dealing with the abandoned property on Crackers Neck Street. President explained that it is a legal process to be handled by Webb Smith, attorney for the Village. The Village has not had to deal with this type of problem before, and therefore not versed in all the necessary steps, at this time.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS: President was contacted by Ed Hoke, Makanda Township Street and Road Supervisor, regarding possibly putting up a Library box in Makanda. Possibly at Pavilion. It was mentioned there is a book rack in the hallway of the L.L. Bell Building on the Makanda Boardwalk, where people can take a book or donate a book.

President was contacted by Carrie Eldridge with Jackson County Health Department asking if the Village would be interested in setting up a flu clinic. It would not be scheduled until November. Upon discussion, some felt there would not be many who would take advantage of a flu clinic. Many people get shots at

their doctor's office or through the pharmacies in the area. President will get back to Carrie and let her know.

CLERK:

TRUSTEES: Trustee Hilliard thanked the Village Board for allowing the Masons to have their annual Masonic Picnic at the B.C. Ross Community Center, on August 1st. Trustee Ross reported that she had mopped the floors, after the event. Trustee Hilliard reported that one of the threshold boards in the kitchen doorway was curling and popped off in his hand and need to be properly secured to the floor. The summer heat and humidity are causing a mold problem in the building. Board discussed possible solutions. President advised that the B. C. Ross Community Center and Village Hall will be sprayed for bugs, every 3 months, to begin shortly. Both Trustees Wolff and Cardenaz reported that they had responded to the Giant City State Park Airstrip Survey. Trustee Ross reported on the unsightly vegetation overgrowth at the Post Office, Box Building, and Allan Stuck's property. President reported that she has called IDOT twice regarding the need to clean out the ditch and culverts across the road from the Boardwalk along Makanda Road heading north and had also mentioned removing dead trees and branches along Makanda Road and in the ditches on both sides from U.S. Hwy. 51 to downtown.

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:

D. Subdivision Committee:

E. Insurance Committee:

F. Playground Committee:

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

A. Emergency Disaster Committee: Village resident, Kara Dunkel, contacted President regarding an Emergency Prep Fair being held on September 26th from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. at the Carbondale Civic Center. This might be helpful information to update the Village's Emergency Operating Plan. Some members of the Emergency Disaster Committee will try to attend.

B. Special Events Committee: Sara was contacted by Midsouth Exotics who has a traveling petting zoo of exotic animals to be a vendor at the SI Honey Festival. They would need their own insurance as they would not be covered by the festival's insurance. Village Clerk checked with IML and they would require Midsouth Exotics to have \$1 million dollars of coverage. Sara checked with them regarding insurance (they responded they had never been asked to provide insurance), what animals are included and if they would fit in a 10' x10 space. President has concerns regarding noise from trains. Board was asked for their thoughts on having a petting zoo at the festival. After discussion, Board felt there were too many unknown factors, including the trains, to have a petting zoo.

President advised she had sent the flyer for the SI Honey Festival to IML to be listed in the IML League Review magazine.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS: President advised that Brian at Makanda Trading Company purchased some Makanda, Illinois lapel pins and donated to the Village for the shadow box being put together for Brad Cole. Deadline was June 30th but President called and items were still being collected. A pin was sent July 16 and received on July 20 to be included in the shadow box. A big "thank you" to Brian in helping us to have Makanda represented.

President gave update regarding the discussion regarding repair/replacement or possibly removing door at south entrance of Village Hall. Village Clerk checked

with IML Risk Management, and they advised that it should be determined if the door is required as part of the building's required means of exit. Tina, Cliff Hilliard and Dan Walker met with Makanda Township Fire Chief, Josh Lipe, to discuss options and safety. They also checked the B.C. Ross Community Center for any updates that might need to be made. Regarding the door in the Village Hall it was discussed replacing seals around door and putting a piece of plywood with hinges and handle inside in front of existing door. The fire extinguishers need to be updated, and a few Exit signs added in both buildings and install new batteries in the existing lights in Community Center in case of a power outage. We will get started on the updates.

It was suggested that we consider purchasing the numbered address signs from the Township Fire Department for the Village Hall and B.C. Ross Community Center.

President contacted Village legal counsel on July 30 regarding abandoned property on Crackersneck asking that we move forward and give property owner a deadline for completion of cleanup but has not received a response.

President contacted Village legal counsel on July 30 regarding the Sales Agreement for Clutts property but has not received a response.

NEW BUSINESS: Request was received from Patrick Lortie and Shawn Will with CN Railroad requesting approval of their Proclamation for See Tracks? Think Train Week being held from September 21 to 27, 2026. We have posted in the past at the Post Office and on the Boardwalk. President asked for approval. All Board members approved. Village Clerk will complete Proclamation and email to CN Railroad.

President received a call from Bill at Maier's Tidy Bowl on July 21 advising the port-a-potty at the playground had been vandalized when they stopped to clean it. The front panel on the left side was bent out and the screws the whole length from top to bottom were out. President took photos and since they were still in the area went ahead and had the vandalized one removed and replaced. Bill will find out what cost will be to repair it and let us know. President asked Board's thoughts on having a port-a-potty still available.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS: Trustee Dalton announced that there would be a yard sale at Ruby's house.

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 8:09p.m.

Leslie Yambert, Village Clerk

Tina Shingleton, President