

**VILLAGE OF MACKINAW**  
**VILLAGE BOARD of TRUSTEES**  
**REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING MINUTES**

**January 12, 2026**

**Mayor Schmidgall called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.**  
**This was a regular meeting of the Village of Mackinaw.**

**I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**II. ROLL CALL BY:**

**Present:** President Josh Schmidgall and Trustees Willie Cotton, Candy Haynes, Kraig Kamp, Tim Severt, and Kevin Wilkins

**Absent:** Trustee Mark Morman

**Also Present:** Clerk Lisa Spencer, Public Works Manager Mike Schopp, Attorney Pat McGrath, and Tazewell County Clerk John Ackerman

**III. CONSENT AGENDA:** The consent agenda consists of approving December 8, 2025 regular meeting minutes, December 8, 2025 TIF Public Meeting, Police department report, EMA department report, Public Works department report, recurring disbursements, and finance packet.

Trustee Haynes moved, seconded by Trustee Severt to approve the above-listed consent agenda items. On a roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 5 – Trustees Cotton, Haynes, Kamp, Severt and Wilkins

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 – Trustee Morman

There being five affirmative votes, the **motion carried.**

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Tazewell County Clerk John Ackerman regarding historical markers -**

Tazewell County Clerk John Ackerman came before the Board to explain the historical marker that Tazewell County will be placing in Mackinaw marking the first courthouse in Tazewell County as part of their bicentennial anniversary. Ackerman stated that with America 250<sup>th</sup> coming up it would be a good time for the Village to add an Abe Lincoln site to the state's historical markers. President Schmidgall and the Board agreed to work on adding historical markers within the Village, especially since 2027 the Village will be having our bicentennial celebration. The Village will contact Ackerman to assist with submitting a historical marker with the state marking a place that Abe Lincoln was in Mackinaw.

**V. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

- 1. PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER'S REPORT:** Public Works Manager Mike Schopp reported on the activities of the department. Schopp reported on a water main leak at Heritage Lake that was repaired. Street sweeper has been out 3 times. Lost a tree at Veterans Park near the playground. The trees behind the playground are dead and Schopp is thinking of installing a fence where the trees are located. The department has been working on vehicle maintenance and repairs for public works and police. The rock from the alley along the IGA collects on Monroe Street when a hard fast rain happens. Schopp is looking at tar and chip for that alley to keep this from happening.

**Award Water Main Project –** Trustee Severt moved, seconded by Trustee Wilkins to grant the water main project on Second St. and White St. to Twin Lake Civil Construction. On a roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 5 – Trustees Cotton, Haynes, Kamp, Severt and Wilkins  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 1 – Trustee Morman  
There being five affirmative votes, the **motion carried.**

**Splash pad at Westwood Park** – Trustee Kamp and Public Works Manager Mike Schopp informed the Board that they will be having a conference call with Rain Deck splash pad product and design to answer questions regarding the proposal. If the Board has any questions regarding the project, please let Kamp or Schopp know so that it can be asked during the conference call.

## **2. TREASURER’S REPORT:**

**Non-Recurring Bills** – Trustee Cotton moved, seconded by Trustee Severt to approve the non-recurring bills. On a roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 5 – Trustees Cotton, Haynes, Kamp, Severt and Wilkins  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 1 – Trustee Morman  
There being five affirmative votes, the **motion carried.**

## **VI. MAYOR’S REPORT:**

**Developer Agreement Guidelines** – This item was tabled.

## **VII. LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSIONER’S REPORT:** none

## **VIII. TRUSTEES REPORT:** none

## **IX. ATTORNEY’S REPORT:**

**Ordinance to set a date for public hearing for the proposed TIF district** – This item was tabled.

## **X. NEW BUSINESS:** none

## **XI. ADJOURNMENT @ 8:04 P.M.:** There being no further business to come before the Board Trustee Wilkins moved, seconded by Trustee Haynes to adjourn. **motion carried.**

I, Lisa Spencer, Village Clerk of the Village of Mackinaw, Illinois do hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the regular meeting held on the above date, as the same appears on the records of the Village now in my custody and keeping.

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Lisa Spencer, Village Clerk  
Posted: 1/27/26