

**VILLAGE OF MACKINAW**  
**PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING MINUTES**

**January 13, 2020**

**President Craig Friend 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:**

**Present:** President Craig Friend, Trustees Carolyn Elmore, Kraig Kamp, Mark Morman, and Josh Schmidgall

**Absent:** Trustees Candy Haynes and Jerry Peterson

**Also Present:** Interim Police Chief Brandon Reese along with multiple family members, Clerk/Collector Lisa Spencer, Public Works Manager Mike Schopp, EMA Coordinator Bob Davies, Attorney Pat McGrath, Treasurer Andrea Johnson, Brad Venzon, Alex Pawlak, Doug and Chelsea Bohnker, Keith Bohnker, Mary Lanier, Michele Jacobs, Jamie and Beverly Neville, Becky Vincent, and Sue Davies

**III. CONSENT AGENDA:** The consent agenda consists of approving the December 9, 2019 regular meeting minutes, public works department reports, EMA department report, non-recurring disbursements, account balance, and payroll report.

Trustee Morman moved, seconded Trustee Kamp to approve the above listed consent agenda items. On a roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 4 – Trustees Elmore, Kamp, Morman, and Schmidgall  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 2 – Trustees Haynes and Peterson  
There being four affirmative votes, the **motion carried.**

**IV. APPOINTMENT OF POLICE CHIEF –** President Friend made this recommendation to the Board to appoint Brandon Reese as Police Chief for the Village. Previously this was decided on to be a salary position of \$52,000 per year with standard benefit package.

Trustee Kamp moved, seconded by Trustee Morman to appoint Brandon Reese as Police Chief for the Village. On a roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 4 – Trustees Elmore, Kamp, Morman, and Schmidgall  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 2 – Trustees Haynes and Peterson  
There being four affirmative votes, the **motion carried.**

Chief Reese was then sworn in by President Friend. He said a few words thanking everyone for supporting him on this decision. Reese's wife placed his new badge on his uniform. Pictures were taken and the many congratulations were given. Brad Venzon then read a heartfelt and genuine letter he had written thanking the Board for their decision to appoint Reese to the position. Venzon stated that he firmly believes Reese has the energy, vision and desire to keep the department moving forward.

**Plaque presentation to Doug Bohnker -** Chief Reese presented a plaque and gift card to Officer Bohnker as appreciation of 10 years of service with the department. Bohnker thanked everyone for the recognition. Pictures were then taken.

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Curb side recycling and recycling bins –** Jamie Neville introduced himself and his wife Beverly to the Board. Neville stated that their business Ben E. Neville Trucking has been doing trash service in Mackinaw for the past 56 years. They saw that curb side recycling and recycling bins was on the agenda and wanted to offer assistance. The Village currently uses Area Recycling for the recycling bins. Numerous times the bins have not been picked up as scheduled which leads to people leaving their recycling on the ground. Trustee Schmidgall stated that he has been asked if something can be done or if curb side recycling is an option. Neville stated that he is friends with Area Recycling and is available to help with communication between them and the Village. He stated that their trash service does not have limitations so when the recycling bins are full residents may include it as part of their weekly trash pick-up. Schmidgall asked Public Works Manger Schopp if it would be beneficial to have an additional bin added to the recycling site. Schopp stated that it may help but feels that if the bins were picked up as scheduled by Area Recycling the matter of being full would not be such an issue. Neville stated that adding an additional bin is the right track to follow and wants the Board to know that they are willing to

help with any communication with Area Recycling. Schmidgall told Neville that if the curb side recycling is ever bid out for service that they would be notify. Schmidgall requested Schopp to see what an additional bin would cost and report back to the Board.

## **VI. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**POLICE REPORT:** Police Chief Brandon Reese reported on the activities of the police department. Interviews and background checks for applicants have been completed. After completion no applicants were selected for the department. Reese asked the Board to consider implementing additional pay incentives upon hire for applicants with prior experience.

**Gun racks for the department vehicles -** Chief Reese readdressed the need for gun racks in the department vehicles. He has reviewed his budget and feels comfortable that there are enough funds available in the line item to purchase them this fiscal year. The cost for three gun racks installed is around \$3000 installed. These would be able to be transferred to future vehicles as needed.

Trustee Kamp moved, seconded by Trustee Schmidgall to authorize Chief Reese to purchase three gun racks and have them installed in the department vehicles. The cost is not to exceed \$3300. On a roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 4 – Trustees Elmore, Kamp, Morman, and Schmidgall

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 2 – Trustees Haynes and Peterson

There being four affirmative votes, the motion carried.

**EMA COORDINATOR'S REPORT:** EMA Coordinator Bob Davies reported on the activities of the department. Davies has been updating the radios and phones to digital. He stated that on March 3, 2020 he will send a message through the One Call system to test the system in preparation of the upcoming tornado season. Davies congratulated Chief Reese on his position and Officer Bohnker on his years of service.

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:** Public Works Manager Schopp reported on the activities of the department. Schopp updated the Board that the solids basket for the trailer park lift station has been installed. The trench boxes left by Nicor along E. Fast Ave. were picked up today, they had been causing an issue with visibility for the residents backing out of their driveways. He also reported on a couple service line breaks have been addressed.

**Cameras at Westwood Park and recycling bins –** This item was tabled.

## **VII. TREASURER'S REPORT:**

**Non-Recurring Bills -** Trustee Morman moved, seconded Trustee Schmidgall to approve the non-recurring bills. On a roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 4 – Trustees Elmore, Kamp, Morman, and Schmidgall

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 2 – Trustees Haynes and Peterson

There being four affirmative votes, the motion carried.

**Credit card for Police Chief –** Treasurer Johnson stated that Chief Reese has requested a credit card to be used for travel due to training classes and emergencies. Johnson would like Board approval before adding an additional card to the Village's visa account through Heartland Bank. The account limit is currently shared by the Public Works Manager and the Clerk/Collector.

Trustee Schmidgall moved, seconded by Trustee Kamp to have the Treasurer add the Police Chief as an additional card holder to the Village's visa account through Heartland Bank. The limit shared by the department heads will not be increased. On a roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 4 – Trustees Elmore, Kamp, Morman, and Schmidgall

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 2 – Trustees Haynes and Peterson

There being four affirmative votes, the motion carried.

**Investment report ending December 30, 2019** – Trustee Elmore moved, seconded by Trustee Kamp to accept the investment report submitted by the Treasurer. The report shows the investments accounts and the interest earned in 2019. On a roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 4 – Trustees Elmore, Kamp, Morman, and Schmidgall

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 2 – Trustees Haynes and Peterson

There being four affirmative votes, the motion carried.

**2020 water/sewer rates** – Trustee Schmidgall moved, seconded by Trustee Elmore to freeze the 2020 water/sewer rates and not proceed with the annual 3% increase as stated in the Village Code. On a roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 4 – Trustees Elmore, Kamp, Morman, and Schmidgall

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 2 – Trustees Haynes and Peterson

There being four affirmative votes, the motion carried.

#### VIII. **PRESIDENT’S REPORT:**

**2020 budget for July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks at Brock Lake** - Jason Ritthaler from the fire department contacted the Village regarding the budget for fireworks. He stated that the cost have increased quite a bit so they need to know the how much the Board is willing to spend to determine the kind of display to put on. Last year the Board gave them \$3500 budget.

Trustee Elmore moved, seconded by Trustee Schmidgall to approve \$5000 for fireworks for the 2020 July 4<sup>th</sup> firework display at Brock Lake. On a roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 4 – Trustees Elmore, Kamp, Morman, and Schmidgall

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 2 – Trustees Haynes and Peterson

There being four affirmative votes, the motion carried.

#### VI. **LOCAL LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSIONER’S REPORT:** none

#### IX. **TRUSTEES’ REPORT:**

**Stout Foundation grant application** - Every year the Village has applied for a Mackinaw Stout Foundation Grant. The mission of the foundation is to provide financial support to projects that benefit the community. The Board decided that this year the applications should be to assist with funding for potentially adding a new ceiling with lighting to the pavilion in Veterans Park and new decals for the police department vehicles to show support for our schools. The completed applications will be reviewed for final approval by the Board before submitting.

#### X. **ATTORNEY’S REPORT:**

**Resolution #20-01 authorizing the extension of the economic development agreement with Zehr Foods, Inc.** – Trustee Kamp moved, seconded by Trustee Morman to adopt resolution #20-01 authorizing the extension of the economic development agreement with Zehr Foods, Inc. The agreement rebates one-half of the sales tax generated from the Mackinaw Hometown IGA facility. This extension will continue until December 31, 2024. On a roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 5 – President Friend and Trustees Elmore, Kamp, Morman, and Schmidgall

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 2 – Trustees Haynes and Peterson

There being five affirmative votes, the motion carried.

**Approve the extension of the economic development agreement with Fitzgerald Equipment** – Trustee Elmore moved, seconded by Trustee Schmidgall to authorize President Friend to enter into an economic development agreement with Fitzgerald Equipment Company expiring on December 31, 2024. The agreement rebates one-half of the sales tax generated from Fitzgerald Equipment Company in exchange for hiring additional full time employees and intention of expanded sales revenue through the Mackinaw facility. On a roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 5 – President Friend and Trustees Elmore, Kamp, Morman, and Schmidgall

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 2 – Trustees Haynes and Peterson

There being five affirmative votes, the motion carried.

**Resolution #20-02 to sell 102 E. Madison St.** – Trustee Elmore moved, seconded by Trustee Morman to adopt resolution #20-02 authorizing the sale of a vacant land owned by the Village of Mackinaw which is located at 102 E. Madison St. On a roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 5 – President Friend and Trustees Elmore, Kamp, Morman, and Schmidgall  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 2 – Trustees Haynes and Peterson  
There being five affirmative votes, the motion carried.

**Approve purchase contract to sell 102 E Madison St.** – Trustee Elmore moved, seconded by Trustee Kamp to authorize President Friend to enter into a contract for the sale of real estate to sell 102 E. Madison St. to Keith and Lori Schmidgall at a cost of \$30,000. On a roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 5 – President Friend and Trustees Elmore, Kamp, Morman, and Schmidgall  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 2 – Trustees Haynes and Peterson  
There being five affirmative votes, the motion carried.

**XI. NEW BUSINESS:** none

**XII. ADJOURNMENT @ 7:50 P.M.:** There being no further business to come before the Board Trustee Elmore moved, seconded by Trustee Kamp to adjourn. **motion carried.**

I, Lisa Spencer, Village Clerk/Collector 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/Collector  
Posted: 1-28-20