

VILLAGE OF MACKINAW
VILLAGE BOARD of TRUSTEES
REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING MINUTES

March 10, 2025

Mayor Josh 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: Mayor Josh Schmidgall, and Trustees Wille Cotton, Candy Haynes, Mark Morman, Jerry Peterson, and Tim Severt

Absent: Trustee Kraig Kamp

Also Present: Clerk Lisa Spencer, Police Chief Mike Kemp, Attorney Pat McGrath, and Public Works Manager Mike Schopp, EMA Coordinator Bob Davies, and Mike Harris

III. CONSENT AGENDA: The consent agenda consists of approving February 24, 2025, regular meeting minutes, Police department report, EMA department report, Public Works department report, non-recurring disbursements, and payroll report.

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, Morman, Peterson, and Severt

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 – Trustee Kamp

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

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mike Harris regarding gate across village street at cemetery entrance – Mike Harris came before the Board to explain the fence and expansion projects for the Township Cemetery. They are working on fencing in the cemetery to help with keeping UTV's and other motorized vehicles from coming through the woods and onto the grass areas. The cemetery is conducting surveys to confirm property lines in a few areas. A gate was installed at the end of Webster Street, Harris is asking the Board if for major reasons the gate could be closed across the Village Street. Attorney McGrath stated an option could be to vacate the right a way and give it to the Township Cemetery. Harris was asked what would be considered a major reason. He answered that something like vandalism, but not to keep golf carts or walkers out. Harris showed the Board the expansion plans, including extending the drive to open a new area for plots and a drainage project with a retention pond. Harris asked the Board to consider allowing the fence gate to cross Webster Street and vote on it at the next meeting.

V. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- 1. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:** Police Chief Mike Kemp reported on the activities of the department. Chief Kemp gave a copy of the 2025 scholarship applications to the Board for review and give their recommendations on which student to award. Kemp updated the Board that an employment offer has been given to a female officer to work for the Village as a part time officer.
- 2. PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER'S REPORT:** Public Works Manager Mike Schopp reviewed the activity of the department. Westwood Park bathrooms are open for the season. Yard waste pick has begun for 2025. Salt trucks have been emptied, and the beds have been washed. Metro Ag ran machine to stir lagoons.

Planters for downtown area – Trustee Haynes moved, seconded by Trustee Peterson to authorize the purchase of 18 planters for the downtown area from Belson Outdoors at a cost of \$5,823.53(includes freight). On a roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 5 – Trustees Cotton, Haynes, Morman, Peterson, and Severt

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 – Trustee Kamp

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

Award bid for water main extension project – Schopp stated that 5 bid proposals were received for the water main extension project. PIPCO Companies LTD was the lowest bid and the recommendation of the engineer.

Trustee Haynes moved, seconded by Trustee Peterson to award the water main extension project to PIPCO Companies LTD at a cost of \$90,743.20. On a roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 5 – Trustees Cotton, Haynes, Morman, Peterson, and Severt

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 – Trustee Kamp

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

- 3. EMA COORDINATOR'S REPORT:** EMA Coordinator Bob Davies reported on the activities of the department. Davies stated that he and Tim Severt recently attended a weather class to prepare for the upcoming storm season.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

AYES: 5 – Trustees Cotton, Haynes, Morman, Peterson, and Severt

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 – Trustee Kamp

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

VI. MAYOR'S REPORT: none

VII. LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: none

VIII. TRUSTEES REPORT:

Noon Whistle – Trustee Morman asked EMA coordinator Bob Davies to receive a quote from Ragan Communications for installing a noon whistle. Morman would like the Village to start the noon whistle again. The quote was for \$1,266.55 but only estimates labor due to not knowing how long it would take to install. Ragan has not installed a whistle in the last ten years. Morman asked that the item be tabled until the next meeting.

IX. ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Update on 109 N. Main Street – The Board reviewed a draft notice of intent to demolish or repair for 109 N. Main Street. Attorney McGrath explained the process and gave options on how the Board could proceed. It was the consensus of the Board to have the notice of intent to demolish or repair sent to the owners of the 109 N. Main St. apartment complex for reasons stated in the notice.

X. NEW BUSINESS: none

XI. ADJOURNMENT @ 8:15 P.M.: There being no further business to come before the Board Trustee Haynes moved, seconded by Trustee Severt 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.

Lisa Spencer, Village Clerk
Posted: 3/24/25