

VILLAGE OF MACKINAW
VILLAGE BOARD
REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING MINUTES

March 3, 2023

Mayor Josh Schmidgall called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm
This was a regular meeting of the Village of Mackinaw

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. ROLL CALL BY:

Present: 7 – Mayor Josh Schmidgall and Trustees Carolyn Elmore, Candy Haynes, Kraig Kamp, Mark Morman (arrived at 7:06 pm), Jerry Peterson, and Tim Severt

Absent: 0

Also Present: Amanda Nunley, Public Works Manager Mike Schopp, Police Chief Mike Kemp, Attorney Pat McGrath, Nikki Slagel, Justin Marshall, Jared Worthington, Mike Templeton, Frank Lockenour, and Willie Cotton

III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: The consent agenda consists of approving the February 27, 2023 regular meeting minutes, police department report, EMA department report, recurring disbursements and payroll report.

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

Ayes: 5 – Trustees Elmore, Haynes, Kamp, Peterson and Severt

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 – Trustee Morman

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

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- 1. Frank Lockenour regarding JFL development of new practice field at Brock Lake:** Members of the JFL Board, Frank Lockenour, Justin Marshall, Jared Worthington and Mike Templeton are present so that they may speak to the board regarding the development of a new practice field at Brock Lake. Mr. Marshall presented all members of the board with a proposal for renovating the tractor pull area into a practice field. To accomplish this, they would flatten the area, add soil and plant grass. They are requesting help with tree removal in this area from the village. By adding the 250' x 80' field for practicing this would allow with the health of the baseball fields that are currently used for practicing. This practice field would be open to all sports and not inclusive to JFL. Mayor Schmidgall added that he would like to see the field moved to the west slightly to allow for the creation of Tee Ball fields in this area also. Public Works Manager Schopp stated he would like

to sit down and have a meeting regarding what all this would entail. Schopp also added he would be worried about the wetness of the area as the lake is currently at the lowest level it has been in many years. This project would be slated to begin in spring of 2024. Board Member Haynes asked if there was another area in mind for the tractor pulls and there currently is not. Board Member Severt feels this would be a great opportunity for the youth in this area. Board Member Peterson inquired on a budget, Marshall stated that they will be working on that. Frank Lockenour expressed that this would help with the issues of tearing up the football fields.

Frank Lockenour, Justin Marshall, Jared Worthington and Mike Templeton left at 7:12 pm.

2. Nikki Slagel comes before the board regarding the letter they have received regarding code violation of §90.13 of the municipal code relating to Animal/Livestock. Ms. Slagel presented the board with letters from Delaware Valley Vet and Rutgers Cooperative Extension regarding the fact that pot bellied pigs were considered a domestic animal and not a swine as the code states. Ms. Slagel also presented the board with a note from a general practitioner, FHA rules and pictures of the pig interacting with family members. Ms. Slagel states that the pig has been recorded as an emotional support animal. Ms. Slagel did not leave any documentation with the board. Board Member Morman asked if the pig had been taken to Delaware Valley Vet that was located in New Jersey, Ms. Slagel answers no. Attorney McGrath states that Ms. Slagel could petition the board to change the ordinance to allow swine within the village limits. Ms. Slagel states that her pig is not defined as a swine, Mayor Schmidgall asked for the definition of a swine from her. It was stated by Ms. Slagel that a swine is a pig intended for meat production, and her pig is a domesticated animal no different than a large dog breed. Trustee Severt is cautious about changing the ordinance. At this time no board members were in agreeance that they would be willing to change the current ordinance.

Ms. Slagel left the meeting at 7:30 pm

V. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. **POLICE CHIEF REPORT:** Police Chief Mike Kemp gave a report on the activities of the department.
2. **PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER'S REPORT:** Public Works Manager Mike Schopp reported on the activities of the department. Schopp discusses the water loss and reports that 2 leaks have been repaired and hopefully we will start to see a lower

water loss. Schopp reports that public works hung 57 shut off notice warnings and shut off 7 residents with only 1 left off at this time. Starting to see a higher issue with warning notices and shut offs.

1. **2023 MFT Maintenance Program** – Public Works Manager Mike Schopp presents a map to the board showing them the areas that will be included in the 2023 MFT Maintenance Program. This map will be on file at the village.

Trustee Morman moved, seconded by Trustee Peterson to approve the 2023 MFT Maintenance Program. On a roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Trustees Elmore, Haynes, Kamp, Morman, Peterson and Severt

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

There being six affirmative votes, the **motion carried**

3. **TREASURER’S REPORT:**

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

Ayes: 6 – Trustees Elmore, Haynes, Kamp, Morman, Peterson and Severt

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

There being six affirmative votes, the **motion carried**

V. **MAYOR’S REPORT:**

1. **Renew Cell Tower Lot Lease Agreement with American Tower Corp.** – Tabled
2. **Set Budget for 2023 Firework Display at Brock Lake** – Trustee Haynes moved, seconded by Trustee Peterson to approve a budget for the 2023 Fireworks Display at Brock Lake of \$5,500.00. On a roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Trustees Elmore, Haynes, Kamp, Morman, Peterson and Severt

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

There being six affirmative votes, the **motion carried**

VI. **LOCAL LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSIONER’S REPORT:** None

VII. **VILLAGE TRUSTEE’S REPORT**

1. **Zoning Variance for 504 E Madison St to Reduce Front Yard Setback for Adding a Porch** – Trustee Morman moved, seconded by Trustee Severt to adopt ordinance #1041 grant a variance to 504 E Madison St to reduce the depth of the front yard from twenty-five feet to fifteen feet for the construction of a front deck in the front yard. Zoning Board made a recommendation to grant the variance. On a roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 6 – Trustees Elmore, Haynes, Kamp, Morman, Peterson and Severt

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

There being six affirmative votes, the **motion carried**

VIII. VILLAGE ATTORNEY’S REPORT

IX. POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION: REGARDING PERSONNEL, EMPLOYMENT, LITIGATION, CERTAIN AUDIT PROCEDURES, SALE OR PURCHASE OF VILLAGE PROPERTY OR DISCUSSION OF PAST EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

X. NEW BUSINESS

Zoning Board – Trustee Morman inquires if we are required to have a zoning board. Attorney McGrath states that we are required to have a zoning board, that would be required to meet if there was any issues or at least once a year.

304 E Madison St – Trustee Kamp would like to see a time frame put on cleaning up this residence. Mayor Schmidgall would like a time frame placed for completion. Attorney McGrath noted similar issues on other residences in the Village. The village must deem the property as dangerous and unsafe and then move through the proper channels. The notice must give a completion date on the notice.

Emergency Mini Food Pantry – Trustee Severt informed the board that Olympia Pacesetters 4-H Club received a Food Advocacy grant from the University of Illinois sponsored by Compeer Financial in order to have funds to build this Emergency Mini Food Pantry.

- XI. ADJOURNMENT @ 8:39 P.M.:** There being no further business to come before the Board Trustee Elmore moved, seconded by Trustee Haynes to adjourn. **motion carried.**

I, Amanda Nunley, Village Deputy 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.

Amanda Nunley, Village Deputy Clerk
Posted: 3-28-23