

VILLAGE OF MACKINAW
VILLAGE BOARD of TRUSTEES
REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING MINUTES

June 23, 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 Willie Cotton, Candy Haynes, Kraig Kamp (7:05 p.m.), Mark Morman, Tim Severt (7:08 p.m.), and Kevin Wilkins

Absent: none

Also Present: Clerk Lisa Spencer, Police Chief Mike Kemp, Public Works Manager Mike Schopp, and Attorney Mark McGrath

III. CONSENT AGENDA: The consent agenda consists of approving June 9, 2025, regular meeting minutes, Police 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: 4 – Trustees Cotton, Haynes, Morman, and Wilkins
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 2 – Trustees Severt and Kamp
There being four affirmative votes, the **motion carried.**

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT – none

V. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

1. 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: 4 – Trustees Cotton, Haynes, Morman, and Wilkins
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 2 – Trustees Severt and Kamp
There being four affirmative votes, the **motion carried.**

VI. LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSIONER’S REPORT:

Mackinaw Foods LLC Class B liquor license – Trustee Wilkins moved, seconded by Trustee Cotton to grant a Class B liquor license to Mackinaw Foods LLC for a term beginning June 30, 2025 and ending May 1, 2026. This is due to the sale of Zehr Foods LLC. On a roll call, the vote was:

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

Trustee Kamp arrived at 7:05 p.m.

VII. MAYOR’S REPORT:

Approve pricing proposal for commercial and street lighting electric accounts with Good Energy – Trustee Cotton moved, seconded by Trustee Haynes to accept the pricing proposal from Good Energy for a term of 48 month from Direct Energy/NRG for the Village’s commercial and street lighting electric accounts. On a roll call, the vote was:

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

Trustee Severt arrived at 7:08 p.m.

VIII. DEPARTMENT REPORTS (continued) –

2. PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER’S REPORT: Public Works Manager Mike Schopp reported on the activities of the department. Camera installation is complete. The Board discussed options for installing them at Brock Lake too.

Ordinance #1076 regarding sewer contractor registration – Trustee Morman moved, seconded by Trustee Severt to adopt ordinance #1076 relating to registrations for sewer contractors doing work within the Village limits, license, bond fee, revocation and denial of sewer contractors licenses. On a roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 6 – Trustees Cotton, Haynes, Kamp, Morman, Severt, and Wilkins

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

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

Conduit installed for streetlights on N Main Street – Trustee Morman moved, seconded by Trustee Kamp to authorize S and S to run conduit to for Street lighting across from Veterans Park and electrical along Veterans Park on N Main Street at a cost not to exceed \$13,000. On a roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 6 – Trustees Cotton, Haynes, Kamp, Morman, Severt, and Wilkins

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

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

3. POLICE CHIEF’S REPORT: Police Chief Mike Kemp reported on the activities of the department. Chief Kemp and Officer Edwards picked out a K9 for the department from American K-9’s. Training will continue with the K9 and then will begin with Officer Edwards later this summer.

Purchase of additional department vehicles - Chief Kemp reviewed his proposal for purchasing additional vehicles for the department. Kemp would like to purchase Ford F-150 4x4 and a Dodge Charger. The total estimated cost for both vehicles with equipment is \$84,000-\$100,000. The Board reviewed his strategy for funding the vehicles. They discussed transferring the Tahoe to the EMA department and using EMA accumulated funds to assist with purchasing the vehicles. It was the consensus that for now keep the Tahoe for the police, purchase the F-150 truck this year and review the purchasing of the Dodge Charger next year.

Trustee Morman moved, seconded by Trustee Severt to authorize the purchase of a Ford F-150 4x4 truck with equipment for the department. On a roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 6 – Trustees Cotton, Haynes, Kamp, Morman, Severt, and Wilkins

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

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

IX. MAYOR’S REPORT (continued):

Developer Agreement Guidelines – This item was tabled.

Employee wage increases - The Board reviewed the department head recommendations for wage increases. They also discussed a percentage increase for full-time employees. The Board would like to start the process for employee wage increases earlier next year so that they can be voted on to take effect on May 1st. From here on part-time employees receiving an increase will be by a monetary amount and not a percentage.

Trustee Morman moved, seconded by Trustee Wilkins to increase the wages of Public Works Manager Mike Schopp, Police Chief Mike Kemp, Clerk/Collector Lisa Spencer, Deputy Clerk Amanda Nunley, Public Works Employee Branden Fortney, Public Works Employee Nate Judy, and Public Works Employee Brian Lang by 4.5%.

Also increase wages for the following employees as follows:

Police Officer Kyle Edwards – 4.91% increase equaling \$1.57 per hour

Police SRO/Officer Justin Kitts – 4.48% increase equaling \$1.50 per hour

Police Officer Doug Bohnker - \$1.00 per hour increase

Public Works employee Shane Fortney – \$4.00 per hour increase

Beautification employee Norma Fejes-Venzon - \$1.00 per hour increase

Office Assistant Sandy Conley – \$.50 per hour increase

All increases will be retroactive as of May 1, 2025.

On a roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 6 – Trustees Cotton, Haynes, Kamp, Morman, Severt, and Wilkins

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

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

X. TRUSTEES REPORT:

Noon Whistle – Trustee Morman asked that this item be removed from the agenda.

Splashpad update – Trustee Haynes asked for an update on the splashpad to be installed at Westwood Park. Trustee Kamp stated that Sacha’s Sashay will contribute funds to assist with the project. Plans are being finalized and the splashpad is estimated to be installed to open for summer 2026.

Address speeding on Leopold Street – Trustee Cotton asked to the Board to address speeding on Leopold Street. He stated that their pedestrians use the road and would like speeding addressed. Chief Kemp stated that the department has patrolled the area but when a police vehicle is seen people generally slow down their speed. It was asked at what speed a ticket should be given. Upon further discussion, the Board asked Chief Kemp to contact Tazewell County and request a speed and traffic counter and get a quote on a speed trailer. The Board will discuss the matter again after the counter results have been reviewed.

XI. ATTORNEY’S REPORT: none

XII. NEW BUSINESS: none

XIII. ADJOURNMENT @ 8:50 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: 7/15/25