

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

**August 23, 2021**

**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:** Mayor Josh Schmidgall and Trustees Carolyn Elmore, Candy Haynes, Jerry Peterson

**Also Present:** Clerk/Collector Lisa Spencer, Public Works Manager Mike Schopp, Attorney Mark McGrath, Police Chief Mike Kemp, Officer Kyle Edwards, and Brad Venzon

**III. CONSENT AGENDA:** The consent agenda consists of approving the August 9, 2021 regular meeting minutes, public works department report, police department report, non-recurring disbursements, account balance, and payroll report.

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

AYES: 4 – President Schmidgall and Trustees Elmore, Haynes, and Peterson  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 3 – Trustees Kamp, Morman, and Severt  
There being four affirmative votes, the **motion carried.**

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT:** none

**V. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER REPORT:** Public Works Manager Mike Schopp reported on the activities of the department. Installed a new water service at 308 Brandy Dr. The department has been marking numerous locates for the installation of fiber optic in the Village. Miller & Son is continuing to clear trees along the sewer lagoon. Locking thermostat covers were installed at the community center due to the thermostats being turned down to 61 degrees and causing condensation to drip from the unit on the roof through the ceiling.

**Approve Water Treat Technology to treat sewer lagoon -** Trustee Elmore moved, seconded by Trustee Haynes to authorize Water Treat Technology treat the sewer lagoon for duck weed at a cost not to exceed \$2,700. On a roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 4 – President Schmidgall and Trustees Elmore, Haynes, and Peterson  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 3 – Trustees Kamp, Morman, and Severt  
There being four affirmative votes, the **motion carried.**

**POLICE REPORT:** Chief Kemp reviewed the police report with the board which included the number of incidents, ordinance violations, arrests, citations, reports, and open cases. Kemp said that it has been a busy week for the department. He was pleased to announce that he received a donation of body camera and tasers for the department.

**Appointment of Officer Edwards** – Trustee Peterson moved, seconded by Trustee Haynes to appoint Kyle Edwards to the position full time officer. Edwards will be a patrol officer and school resource officer for the school district. Chief Kemp introduced Edwards to the Board. On a roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 4 – President Schmidgall and Trustees Elmore, Haynes, and Peterson  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 3 – Trustees Kamp, Morman, and Severt  
There being four affirmative votes, the **motion carried.**

**Full time officer position** - Chief Kemp would like to the Board to consider hiring an additional officer. Kemp stated that there are many issues around town that need to be addressed the extra officer would help with addressing these issues along with public safety of the residents. He doesn't want to hire a new officer in as a sergeant to start with because sergeant is a promotable position. The item will be placed on the next agenda.

Kemp would like the Board to review the wages of the department. Larger departments are offering more wages to bring in officers from smaller departments due to having them already certified. If the hourly wages aren't increased, he feels that we will lose our current officers. Schmidgall stated that he spoke to Sheriff Lower about this and even the larger departments are losing officers due to bonuses being offered by out of state departments. Kemp said that if you lose officers, you most likely would have to pay to have new officers go to certification training which would result in spending nearly the same as increasing wages now. Schmidgall asked the Board to think about the matter; stated a year ago he would not have thought about raising the department wages, but a lot has changed in the last year. The item will be on the next agenda.

#### **CLERK'S REPORT:**

**Purchase of Municode self-publishing software** – Clerk Spencer presented a quote for Municode self-publishing software so that the office staff can do code updates and be able to have the Village code on the website. The software will have an annual fee of \$1200 and a one time set up fee of \$1000. This will result in a savings from hiring the updates to be made annually.

Trustee Elmore moved, seconded by Trustee Peterson to authorize the purchase of Municode self-publishing software and set fees not to exceed \$2500. On a roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 4 – President Schmidgall and Trustees Elmore, Haynes, and Peterson  
 NAYS: 0  
 ABSENT: 3 – Trustees Kamp, Morman, and Severt  
 There being four affirmative votes, the **motion carried.**

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

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

AYES: 4 – President Schmidgall and Trustees Elmore, Haynes, and Peterson  
 NAYS: 0  
 ABSENT: 3 – Trustees Kamp, Morman, and Severt  
 There being four affirmative votes, the **motion carried.**

#### **VI. MAYOR'S REPORT:**

**Increase zoning board members pay amounts for attending meetings** – Mayor Schmidgall asked the Board to consider increasing the pay for attending zoning board meetings from \$20 per meeting to \$30 per meeting. The item will be voted on at the next regular meeting.

**Hiring of school resource officer** – This item was tabled. Chief Kemp has scheduled a meeting with the school on September 9, 2021.

**Line-item budget to be used by department heads** – This item was tabled.

#### **VII. LOCAL LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: none**

#### **VIII. TRUSTEES' REPORT:**

**Install cameras around town** – Mayor Schmidgall would like to use business district tax funds to grant the businesses in the districts funds to purchase security cameras. Business owners would then be responsible for maintenance of the equipment. In the event of a crime the police would be able to request use of the camera footage. The matter will be discussed further at a later meeting.

**Place garbage cans on walking trail** – Public Works Manger Schopp was asked to place garbage cans on the walking trail.

**Purchase more automated speed limit signs** – This item was tabled.

**IX. ATTORNEY’S REPORT:**

**Heartland Fiber Optic franchise agreement** – This item was tabled due to minor changes to be made to the agreement before being ready for signatures.

**X. NEW BUSINESS:** none

**XI. ADJOURNMENT @ 8:02 P.M.:** There being no further business to come before the Board Trustee Elmore moved, seconded by Trustee Haynes 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: 09/14/21