

VILLAGE OF MACKINAW
VILLAGE BOARD
REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING MINUTES

September 12, 2022

Mayor Schmidgall called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
This was a regular meeting of the Village of Mackinaw.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

I. ROLL CALL BY:

Present: Mayor Josh Schmidgall and Trustees Carolyn Elmore, Kraig Kamp, Jerry Peterson, Mark Morman, and Tim Severt

Absent: Trustee Candy Haynes

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

II. CONSENT AGENDA: The consent agenda consists of approving the August 22, 2022, regular meeting minutes, police department report, EMA department report, non-recurring disbursements, and payroll report.

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

AYES: 5 – Trustees Elmore, Kamp, Morman, Peterson, and Severt

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 – Trustee Haynes

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

III. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Request for no parking along east side of Kerlin St. – The Board discussed the request from Dennis Frisby for no parking along east side of Kerlin St. The west side of Kerlin St. is already no parking. Frisby spoke with Chief Kemp about people are parking along Kerlin St. during football games and tearing up his yard. Chief had told him that he could put cones to keep people from parking there, but if they are moved there is nothing that the police could do because it is a public street. It was stated that no other residents on Kerlin St. have complained about the parking issue. The school has stated that they are trying to get parking attendants for games to help with the parking. At this time the Board chose to wait and see if other complaints are received and if the school's parking attendants help with the placement of parking in the area.

IV. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT: Police Chief Kemp reported on the activities of the department. Kemp was contacted by the Village's liability insurance company and was pleased to find out that they will be reimbursing the Village for his upcoming training conference.

Hire additional full-time officer – At this time applications are being taken for the position.

Ordinance #1035 to increase parking ticket fees – Trustee Morman moved, seconded by Trustee Elmore to adopt ordinance #1035 regarding parking tickets fees. Tickets may be settled by paying the sum of \$10 within ten days of issuance of the citation, or the sum of \$25 within twenty days of issuance of the citation, or the sum of \$100 after the twentieth day. Upon 30 days of nonpayment citation will be sent to court of venue. On a roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 5 – Trustees Elmore, Kamp, Morman, Peterson, and Severt

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 – Trustee Haynes

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

Set up a scholarship program to award to a Dee-Mack Senior – Chief Kemp provided the Board with a draft of a scholarship program he would like to set up for the department to award to a Dee-Mack Senior. Kemp would like to use some of the violation fee income to fund the program. He would like the Board's input and decide on an amount to award. The Board is in favor of the concept and decided that \$1000 could be awarded.

Trustee Morman moved, seconded by Trustee Severt to approve the concept, and have Attorney Pat McGrath review the drafted scholarship program before starting the scholarship program. On a roll call, the vote was:

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

PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER'S REPORT: The Public Works Manager reported on the activities of the department. Replaced bad oil cooler lines on the Police Impala. Flushing hydrants in town and Heritage Lake. Painted cross walks on Orchard St. again now that seal-coating fogging is complete. Replaced curb stop in Heritage Lake. Bac T samples came back good for the new water main extension on Leopold St. Bids for the Main St. water main project will have a deadline of June 15, 2023, so that it does not effect Mack-a-fest.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

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

V. MAYOR'S REPORT

Village property behind cell phone tower – Mayor Schmidgall informed the Board that the property behind the cell phone tower lot has been questioned if the Village or Joe Sweckard owns it. Sweckard believes that the area is owned by him and has been having gatherings and allowing his sons to ride their motorcycles on the property. Schmidgall would like to end any confusion on ownership of the area (which runs along the walking trail and the tree area behind the cell phone tower) and have it surveyed.

Trustee Severt moved, seconded by Trustee Elmore to have Public Works Manager Schopp arrange to have the area surveyed to eliminate any confusion on property lines of the area behind the cell phone tower and along the walking trail.

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

VI. LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

Discuss special event/public function Class G licenses for bars – Liquor Control Commissioner Schmidgall informed the Board that currently Class G licenses require a fee of \$50 along with the permit application. Pub 52 did not acquire a license for their public function on August 27, 2022. Schmidgall would like to the Board to discuss how to handle this issue. The Board felt that Class G licenses should only have to be applied for if the bar is having a function off premises. The consensus of the Board was that Pub 52 should pay for their Class G license for August 27th. They have been issued two Class G licenses previously, so they are aware of the process. Further discussion of why the Village charges for Class G licenses for functions that charge admission. It was clarified that the intent of the Class G licenses was to charge for functions such as street fests and not for functions on their own property, but they think it is good for the Village to know when functions are happening in case there is an issue. Chief Kemp

stated that if there is a street fest it should be higher cost because there would be more police on duty during this type of function. Attorney McGrath stated that the wording of this type of license is a delicate issue because it would have to be listed that in their Class A license it does not include Class G licenses. Schmidgall asked the Board to bring back some options for how to change the ordinance to clarify what type of functions would require a permit application and what type require an additional fee.

VII. TRUSTEES REPORT: none

VIII. ATTORNEY'S REPORT: none

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

Painting of Veterans Park gun memorial – Trustee Peterson informed the Board that the legion expected to receive a bill from Litwiller Sandblasting & Painting for the cleaning and painting of the gun in Veterans Park but instead received a letter that read:

It was an honor to do the painting on your Naval gun there in Veterans Park. There were many things that went through our minds while working on it, like what all the gun went through and the men that operated it and involved with it in many ways. I know many of you went off to serve at a very young age, not knowing if you would return to see your family again, and many did not. So, the way I see it, we still owe you much more than we could ever repay. Your bill is paid in full. Sincerely, Clifford Litwiller

Peterson asked the Board if the funds that were given to the legion to pay for this project need to be returned. It was the consensus of the Board that it was a generous gesture that Litwiller Sandblasting & Painting did for the Legion and that they would like the legion to keep the funds and use them toward a future project.

X. ADJOURNMENT @ 8:53 P.M.: There being no further business to come before the Board Trustee Elmore moved, seconded by Trustee Peterson 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: 9/26/22