VILLAGE OF MACKINAW
VILLAGE BOARD of TRUSTEES
REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING MINUTES

February 23, 2026
Trustee Candy Haynes 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: Trustees Willie Cotton, Candy Haynes, Kraig Kamp, Mark Morman, Tim Severt, and Kevin Wilkins

Absent: Mayor Josh Schmidgall

Also Present: Clerk Lisa Spencer, Police Chief Mike Kemp, Attorney Mark McGrath, and Tony Moore

III. CONSENT AGENDA:

CONSENT AGENDA: The consent agenda consists of approving February 9, 2026 regular meeting minutes, Police department report, Public Works department report, recurring disbursements, and finance packet.

Trustee Severt moved, seconded by Trustee Cotton to approve the above-listed consent agenda items. 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.**

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Award garbage and recycling agreement contract for Village residents- At the meeting, Tony Moore from Republic Services introduced himself and provided an overview of the company and the services they offer. The Board reviewed proposals submitted by both GFL Environmental and Republic Services. Both companies presented comparable pricing for garbage and recycling services. GFL Environmental currently offers a once-per-year curbside bulk cleanup for residents. Republic Services, while not offering curbside bulk pickup, proposed providing roll-off containers placed within the Village once per year for residents to use for disposal of bulk items.

Trustee Morman moved, seconded by Trustee Severt, to authorize Mayor Schmidgall to sign a 5-year service extension on the current agreement with GFL Environmental. The agreement will begin July 1, 2026. 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.**

V. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

1. **PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER'S REPORT:** The Board reviewed the department report.

2. **POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:** Police Chief Mike Kemp reported on the activities of the department.

Purchase Quicket thermal printers for vehicles – Trustee Severt moved, seconded by Trustee Wilkins to authorize the purchase of 4 Quicket thermal printers at a cost of $4145.00 to be used in police vehicles. Each will send tickets directly to Tazewell County to be placed on the docket. 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.**

Intergovernmental Contract for police services – Chief Kemp informed the Board that the Village of Mackinaw has been approached regarding the possibility of contracting police services for the Village of Deer Creek. Chief Kemp provided an overview of what such a contract would include and explained the scope of services that could be provided. He stated that he will be meeting with Deer Creek representatives again to further discuss and develop a formal proposal. Chief Kemp will continue to keep the Board updated as discussions progress.

Ordinance #1089 relating to banning kratom and/or synthetic alternative drugs – Trustee Morman moved, seconded by Trustee Wilkins to adopt ordinance #1089 amending the Village of Mackinaw municipal code to provide amendments relating to banning kratom or synthetic alternative drugs in the Village of Mackinaw. 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. **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Non-Recurring Bills – Trustee Haynes moved, seconded by Trustee Cotton to approve the non-recurring bills. 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.**

VI. MAYOR'S REPORT:

Developer Agreement Guidelines – This item was tabled.

Firework display budget for July 4th, 2026 at Brock Lake – Trustee Kamp moved, seconded by Trustee Severt to approve $10,000 for 2026 July 4th firework display at Brock Lake to celebrate America250. 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.**

Resolution #26-02 authorizing an "America250" coloring contest – Trustee Haynes moved, seconded by Trustee Severt to authorize resolution an "American250" coloring contest fundraiser to support splash pad improvements at Westwood Park. The Village shall conduct the contest and related fundraising activities in compliance with all applicable Illinois statutes, municipal ordinances, ethics laws, and public transparency requirements. 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.**

Employee health insurance –– Trustee Severt moved, seconded by Trustee Wilkins to approve the employee health insurance renewal with Blue Cross Blue Shield beginning April 1, 2026. Employees will be granted reimbursement on met deductibles. Single plans will receive $1000 reimbursement after meeting their deductible. Family plans will receive a $2000 reimbursement after meeting their deductible. Family plans will be granted a $650 credit monthly - any coverage cost over that amount for the Blue Cross Blue Shield plan will be a cost of 30% to the employee. 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.**

VII. LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: none

VIII. TRUSTEES REPORT:

Purchase of splash pad for Westwood Park – Trustee Kamp moved, seconded by Trustee Morman to authorize the purchase of equipment for a fresh water commercial splash pad to be placed at Westwood Park from Rain Deck Splash Pad Products and Design at a cost of $111,301.77. Public Works Department will be doing the installation. A generous portion of the cost will be received from Sasha's Sashay and Stout Grant Foundation. 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.**

Variance for 504 S Main St to reduce front yard setback – Trustee Wilkins reviewed with the Board a variance request for 504 S Main to reduce their front yard setback to allow steps from a deck to reach the sidewalk. Wilkins expressed that it was the recommendation of the Zoning Board to deny this variance for safety reasons. The homeowner was given other options for placement of the steps by the Zoning Officer.

Trustee Wilkins moved, seconded by Trustee Cotton to approve the recommendation of the Zoning Board of Appeals and deny the variance to reduce the front yard setback. 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.**

Ordinance #1090 to grant variance for 202 and 204 Tulip Dr for zero-lot lines to divide property – Trustee Morman moved, seconded by Trustee Severt to adopt ordinance #1090 to authorize and approve a zero-lot-line property in the Village of Mackinaw. The owner intends to terminate the condominium form of ownership and instead designate the property as a zero-lot line duplex that is consistent with the Village of Code. 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. ATTORNEY'S REPORT: none

X. NEW BUSINESS:

XI. ADJOURNMENT @ 8:00 P.M.: There being no further business to come before the Board Trustee Severt moved, seconded by Trustee Wilkins 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.

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Lisa Spencer, Village Clerk
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