

VILLAGE OF MACKINAW
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING MINUTES

April 12, 2021

President Friend 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: President Craig Friend and Trustees Carolyn Elmore, Kraig Kamp, and Jerry Peterson

Absent: Trustees Haynes, Morman and Schmidgall

Also Present: Police Chief Brandon Reese, Deputy Clerk Amanda Nunley, Public Works Manager Mike Schopp, Attorney Pat McGrath, and Chris Davila

III. CONSENT AGENDA: The consent agenda consists of approving the March 22, 2021 regular meeting minutes, public works department report, police department report, non-recurring disbursements, account balance, 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: 4 – President Friend, Trustees Elmore, Kamp, and Peterson

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 3 – Trustees Haynes, Morman, and Schmidgall

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

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chris Davila Requesting to Reduce the Speed Limit in Eastwood Park Subdivision – Ms. Davila comes before the board to request a reduction in the speed limit for all streets but specifically Brighton Ave., in Eastwood Park subdivision. Ms. Davila feels that people use Brighton Ave., as a turnaround and seem to frequently speed on this road. There is a park next door to Ms. Davila and she says that children who frequent the park do not look when crossing the road and that they are there at all times of the day and night. Trustee Elmore asked if there are any signs posted regarding slow or kids playing in this area, Davila responded with there was not. President Friend asked Chief Reese to patrol the area for 2 weeks and give recommendations on signs, reduction of speed limit or crosswalks to be added to this area. Chief Reese asked Ms. Davila if she had noticed if they were speeding more so in direction to the park area, Ms. Davila said it seemed they were speeding from both sides. Trustee Peterson inquired if an electronic speed limit sign could be put in the area so that people realize they are traveling over the speed limit. Trustee Elmore states that she does not think reducing the speed limit would work but felt that having a sign stating “Children Playing” would gain more results in people slowing down. Attorney McGrath said it may be possible to put a Park Zone sign up in that area but the Village would need to check if that is only allowed in park district or if anyone can place these signs.

Chris Davila left the meeting at 7:11 pm

V. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

POLICE CHIEF’S REPORT: Police Chief Brandon Reese reported on the activities of the police department and that the past week and a half the department has been busy with several serious calls. Chief Reese informed the board that he had received notice that the Village of Mackinaw and Officer Dorn have been removed from the Brown lawsuit. Chief Reese reports that he and Officer Pawlak have reviewed the ordinances regarding mailboxes and that he feels the code needs to be more specific in order for ordinance violations to happen. Attorney Pat McGrath suggested to have the zoning code look into this matter and if they decide to make the recommendation then hold a public hearing for a new ordinance in the zoning code to cover mailbox regulations. Trustee Peterson suggests that Chief Reese speak with Postmaster regarding any regulations that they have regarding the maintenance and upkeep of a mailbox. Chief Reese states that now that spring is back the police department will begin revisiting ordinance violations. Chief Reese reports that the police department received notice that they had been

awarded the Stout Grant for a flag pole and flower bed. Chief Reese will be conducting 2 interviews this week, one for a part-time officer and one for a SRO.

Purchase of new squad vehicle for the department – Chief Reese presented to the board that during last fiscal year the Village spent \$5,277.99 on repairs to the 2015 Impala. Trustee Elmore asks if most of that cost was due to the air conditioning unit being fixed and the response was yes but it still does not work correctly. Chief Reese states he spoke with Trustee Schmidgall regarding the purchase of a new squad car and that Schmidgall told him that he does not want funds pulled from other police department line items. Reese states that Clerk/Collector Spencer has given him the amounts he has in the car purchase funds but he does not remember that number. Reese states that he feels that police department should be able to purchase a new squad car every 3 years instead of every 4-5 years due to the wear and tear on the vehicles. Trustee Elmore states she is not completely against getting a new squad car but wants to make sure that the money is already in the car purchase funds before agreeing to a new squad car being purchased. Elmore states that she spoke with Trustee Morman and he would like the ability to purchase a new squad car set at every 5 years and Elmore agrees with this. President Friend states that he feels the 2015 Impala is capable of letting an officer down and feels that this squad car is dangerous. Chief Reese states his concern about only having 2 squad cars available. Trustee Elmore states that she would like to have a full board before the decision is made to purchase a new squad car and asks that this matter be tabled until then.

Trustee Elmore moved, seconded by Trustee Kamp to table this item until the next Board meeting. **motion carried**

PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER'S REPORT: Public Works Manager Mike Schopp reported on the activities of the department. Water loss has come down since a new leak was found and has been repaired. Heritage Lake water hydrants were flushed the previous week and the Village's hydrants were being flushed this current week. Working on getting the restrooms open at Brock Lake once testing is completed and passed per the Tazewell County Health Department.

Lease Mowers for the 2021 Season – Trustee Elmore moved, seconded by Trustee Kamp to approve the lease for the mowers from Cross Implement for 2-2021 John Deere Z920M ZTrak 60in deck for \$4,400.00. On a roll call, the vote was:

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

Replacing Four Flush Hydrants at Heritage Lake – Trustee Elmore moved seconded by Trustee Peterson to accept the proposal from G.A. Rich & Sons, Inc. not to exceed proposal amount of \$24,832.00. On a roll call, the vote was:

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

Renew Contract with Earlybird for Lime Removal from Water Plant – Public Works Manager Schopp presents the contract with Earlybird for lime removal at the water plant. Schopp states this is a 10 year contract and pricing is set for each of these 10 years. Trustee Kamp asked if this was something that the public works employees could do themselves, Schopp states that this would be something he would have to look into due to not having the equipment and possibly would need a special license. Trustee Peterson moved seconded by Trustee Kamp to accept the 10 year contract from Earlybird for lime removal at the rates of \$16.73 per ton 2021, \$17.06 per ton 2022, \$17.40 per ton 2023, \$17.75 per ton 2024, \$18.11 per ton 2025, \$18.47 per ton 2026, \$18.84 per ton 2027, \$19.22 per ton 2028, \$19.60 per ton 2029 and \$19.99 per ton 2030. On a roll call the vote was:

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

AYES: 4 – President Friend, Trustees Elmore, Kamp, and Peterson

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 3 – Trustees Haynes, Morman, and Schmidgall

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

Remove Craig Friend from the Village Bank Accounts and Add Josh Schmidgall – Trustee Elmore moved, seconded Trustee Kamp remove Craig Friend from the Village bank accounts and add Josh Schmidgall. On a roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 4 – President Friend, Trustees Elmore, Kamp, and Peterson

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 3 – Trustees Haynes, Morman, and Schmidgall

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

VI. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Proclamation Designating April 19, 2021 as “Dr. Manivald Harm Day” in Recognition of his 100th Birthday - President Friend informed the Board that he has been in contact with Eric Harm regarding Dr. Harm's 100th birthday. A Presidential Proclamation hereby stating that April 19, 2021 be proclaimed as “Dr. Manivald Harm Day” in the Village of Mackinaw in honor of his 100th birthday and his many years of dedication and accomplishments in the Village of Mackinaw.

Ordinance Amending Section 33.15 of the Village Code to Add Working Hours for Salaried Employees Shall be 80 Hours per Fourteen Day Work Period – Trustee Elmore moved, seconded by Trustee Kamp to adopt ordinance #1002 to provide amendments relating to standard work week of salaried employee.

AYES: 4 – President Friend, Trustees Elmore, Kamp, and Peterson

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 3 – Trustees Haynes, Morman, and Schmidgall

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

VII. LOCAL LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

Annual Liquor License Renewals for Haynes on Main Class A License, Pub 52 Class A License, Zehr Foods Class B License, and Casey's Class B License – Tabled

VIII. TRUSTEES' REPORT:

Add a Definition to the Zoning Code for Swimming Pools – Attorney Pat McGrath explains that the consensus of the board is to allow the Zoning Board of Appeals to move forward with the public hearing to add the definition of a swimming pool and to amend the Section 153.005 to add a new section to Residential District as §153.058 Swimming Pools.

IX. ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Procedure for Establishing a TIF District – Attorney Pat McGrath presents information to the board regarding establishing a TIF district. McGrath obtained a price estimate from Jacob & Klein/TIF Illinois/Economic Development Group to create your TIF District. Their estimate was \$30,000 to \$40,000. The process to create a TIF District is 6 - 9 months. Based on the development that he understood is intended for the TIF district, he estimates payback for the Village's initial investment in creating the TIF district would be 3 years or less, assuming the intended development moves forward. Keith Schmidgall intends to build a house on the back of the ground that Dustin and Kerry own, and if that construction could be included within the TIF the payoff would be quicker. With a TIF district, in general terms the property tax money on new development or on increases in value to existing development within the district goes into a separate fund controlled by the Village. That fund can be used to repay

developers for TIF eligible cost, such as infrastructure, land acquisition, relocation costs for businesses, costs of rehabilitating or remodeling existing public or private businesses within the district, costs of marketing sites within the district, demolition and site prep work, surveys, studies and development plans, architectural engineering and legal fees, etc. Attorney McGrath suggest contacting TIF Illinois to help the Village create the TIF district.

X. NEW BUSINESS:

Purchase of New Service Truck for Public Works – Public Works Manager Schopp requests for the next agenda the purchase of a new service truck. Schopp informs the board that he currently has enough in his funds to purchase the truck outright but would need to purchase a plow for the new truck around September. The new truck would be to spec and the 2003 service truck would be put out for bid to sell.

Annexation of Land Purchased by Dustin & Kerry Schmidgall – Trustee Kamp asks that annexation of the land purchased by Dustin and Kerry Schmidgall be added to the May 10, 2021 agenda.

Part Time Employees and Annual Wage Increases for Employees – Trustee Peterson asks that the review of part time employees along with wage increases for employees be added to the next agenda.

XI. ADJOURNMENT @ 8:40 P.M.: There being no further business to come before the Board Trustee Elmore moved, seconded by Trustee Peterson 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 and are now in the Clerk's custody and keeping.

Amanda Nunley, Deputy Clerk
Posted: 4-27-21