

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

**April 8, 2024**

**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, Jerry Peterson, and Tim Severt

**Absent:** Trustees Candy Haynes, Kraig Kamp and Mark Morman

**Also Present:** Clerk/Collector Lisa Spencer, Attorney Pat McGrath, Public Works Manager Mike Schopp, Police Chief Mike Kemp, Officer Doug Bohnker (and family), Officer Justin Kitts (and family), Officer Kyle Edwards, Officer Nicholas Gilmore, Brad Venzon, and Darrin Morgan

**III. CONSENT AGENDA:** The consent agenda consists of approving the March 25, 2024 regular meeting minutes, police department report, EMA department report, Public Works department report, non-recurring disbursements, and payroll report.

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

AYES: 4 – Mayor Schmidgall, and Trustees Cotton, Peterson, and Severt

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 3 – Trustees Haynes, Kamp, and Morman

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

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**304 E Madison St. update** – Darrin Morgan owner of 304 E Madison St. came before the Board to give an update on the progress of the renovations of his property. In October he told the Board that he was working on the property and the Board granted him a 90-day extension on the completion. Since then, Kemp has issued violations for the exterior not being to code. Morgan asked the Board to give him until June 1, 2024, to complete the exterior which mainly includes installation of windows, siding, and foundation repairs. Mayor Schmidgall told him to bring in writing to the Village Office on April 9, 2024, everything that he is improving on the outside and state it will be done by June 1, 2024. This way the Village has a timeline if further code violations are issued or if the Board needs to legally have the property deemed unsafe.

**V. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:** The Board reviewed the report on the activities of the department.

**Chief's Commendation Award Presentation** – Police Chief Mike Kemp presented Officer Douglas Bohnker, Officer Justin Kitts, Officer Nicholas Gilmore, and Officer Kyle Edwards with the Chief's Commendation Award for their outstanding efforts, performance, and dedication to duty during a vehicle versus pedestrian accident involving a child during the Mack-a-fest on July 14, 2023.

Chief Kemp also presented Officer Justin Kitts with the Commendation Life Saving Award for his outstanding efforts, performance, and dedication to duty during a vehicle verses pedestrian accident on November 20, 2023. Officer Kitts was believed to be a contributing factor that saved a life on that evening.

Mayor Schmidgall said a few words of gratitude for setting an example of excellence and thanked them all for making a difference in our community. Brad Venzon took pictures during the presentation of the awards. The Board also thanked them for all that they do for Mackinaw.

**PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER'S REPORT:** The Public Works Manager Mike Schopp reported on the activities of the department. The department is flushing hydrants this week. Illinois EPA lead and copper inventory data entry will be submitted on April 12, 2024. The Main Street downtown project is preparing to begin. Sidewalk replacement on the east side of the street is being started on April 11, 2024.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

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

AYES: 4 – Mayor Schmidgall, and Trustees Cotton, Peterson, and Severt

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 3 – Trustees Haynes, Kamp, and Morman

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

**VI. MAYOR'S REPORT:**

**2024 Arbor Day Proclamation** – Mayor Schmidgall proclaimed that April 26, 2024 as Arbor Day in the Village of Mackinaw. He urges all residents to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands.

**VII. LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:** none**VIII. TRUSTEES REPORT:** none**IX. ATTORNEY'S REPORT:** none**X. NEW BUSINESS:**

**Hometown Consulting** – Mayor Schmidgall updated the Board that Hometown Consulting will be giving a proposal at the next meeting for the Village to hire them for services regarding analysis towards economic growth and development.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT @ 7:35 P.M.:** There being no further business to come before the Board Trustee Severt moved, seconded by Trustee Cotton 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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