

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

July 26, 2021

President 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: President Josh Schmidgall and Trustees Carolyn Elmore (7:04 p.m.), Kraig Kamp, Mark Morman (7:08 p.m.), Jerry Peterson, and Tim Severt

Absent: Trustee Candy Haynes

Also Present: Clerk/Collector Lisa Spencer, Public Works Manager Mike Schopp, Attorney Pat McGrath (7:30 p.m.), Betsey Link, Brad Venzon, Alex Pawlak, and Kaleb Rhoads

III. CONSENT AGENDA: The consent agenda consists of approving the July 12, 2021 regular meeting minutes, July 12, 2021 executive session 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 – Mayor Schmidgall and Trustees Kamp, Peterson, and Severt
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

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

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT: none

V. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

POLICE REPORT: Officer Pawlak reviewed the police report with the board which included the number of incidents, ordinance violations, arrests, citations, reports, and open cases. The department is looking into a grant to assist with the cost of body cams for the officers.

PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER'S REPORT: Public Works Manager Mike Schopp reported on the actives of the department. The basketball court at Westwood Park has been striped and painted. Schopp was very pleased with how it turned out. Since he added more details to the original design the bill was a bit higher than the quote. Sasha's sashay funds were used to pay for the painting of the court. The bushes along the alley in Veterans Park were removed. Schopp will be looking at another way of creating a barrier between the park and the house on Park St. The rubber around the wet hatch on top of the water tower was replaced. Schopp has nearly collected all the lead and copper samples for the IEPA.

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.**

VI. MAYOR'S REPORT:

Acceptance of Police Chief position – Mayor Schmidgall was pleased to announce that Michael Kemp as accepted the position of police chief for the Village of Mackinaw. Kemp's first day of employment will be August 16, 2021. The Board and the police department look forward to working with him as Chief of Police for the Village.

Reappoint Zoning Board Member Tad Myers – Trustee Elmore moved, seconded by Trustee Morman to approve the mayor’s recommendation to reappoint Tad Myers as a member of the zoning board for a term ending on April 30, 2027. 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.**

Hiring of school resource officer – Schmidgall wanted to know the Board’s feelings on hiring a new school resource officer. The current agreement with the School District may be amended or modified in whole or part by a written document signed by the Village and the School District. Terms for the current agreement state that after a 1-year period, the agreement will then need to be updated to include a contract period for multiple years pending district and village funding. This will need to be reviewed with the School District, Village Board and Chief of Police. The matter will be placed back on the agenda later.

Line-item budget to be used by department heads – Schmidgall would like the Board to look at the worksheets given and begin the process of preparing a line-item budget to be used by department heads.

Ordinance #1009 to change section 94.17 of the Village Code – Trustee Severt moved, seconded by Trustee Elmore to adopt ordinance #1009 to give the duty to serve notice for removal of plants and weeds that are permitted to be grown in violation to the police chief and officers of the department. 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.**

VII. LOCAL LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSIONER’S REPORT: none

VIII. TRUSTEES’ REPORT:

Review employee wages for possibility of additional wage increase – Item tabled until after executive session.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 7:23 p.m. Trustee Peterson moved, seconded by Trustee Kamp to enter executive session to consider employment compensation per section 2(c) (5) of the open meeting act. Village Board and Attorney Pat McGrath present during the meeting. 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.**

X. RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING AT 8:17 P.M. – ROLL CALL

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

Also: Clerk/Collector Lisa Spencer and Attorney Pat McGrath

XI. TRUSTEES’ REPORT: (continued)

Review employee wages for possibility of additional wage increase – Trustee Severt moved, seconded by Trustee Peterson to give a wage increase of 12% to Clerk/Collector Lisa Spencer and Public Works Manager Mike Schopp. The increase will be effective immediately. 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.**

XII. 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.

Easement agreement with Heartland Fiber Optic – Trustee Kamp moved, seconded by Trustee Morman to authorize President Schmidgall to enter into an easement agreement with Heartland Fiber Optic stating guidelines to allow Heartland Fiber Optic to place equipment for operation and installation of fiber system. 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.**

XIII. NEW BUSINESS:

Additional stop sign request – Trustee Severt stated that he has had two individuals request a stop sign be installed on Orchard St at the corner of Fifth St. Currently this is the corner that the crossing guard works before and after school. It was the consensus of the Board that no additional stop sign is currently needed at this location.

512 E Madison St. – Attorney McGrath updated the board on the lawsuit regarding the 512 E Madison St. property. The house was demoed for safety reasons at the expense of the Village. Judgment was awarded to the Village. He will give a further update later.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT @ 8:33 P.M.: There being no further business to come before the Board Trustee Elmore moved, seconded by Trustee Severt 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.

Lisa Spencer, Village Clerk/Collector
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