

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

**September 10, 2018**

**Village President Craig 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**

**ROLL CALL:**

**Present:** Village President Craig Friend and Trustees Carolyn Elmore, Kraig Kamp, Mark Morman, Jerry Peterson, and Josh Schmidgall

**Absent:** Trustees Candy Haynes

**Also Present:** Police Chief Jack Nieu Kirk, Clerk/Collector Lisa Spencer, Public Works Manager Mike Schopp, Attorney Pat McGrath, Jennifer Leach, Terry Hilst, Jim Carter, Brent Rassi, Robert & Kathy Taylor, Dave Grimm, and Superintendent Michele Jacobs

**II. CONSENT AGENDA:** The consent agenda consists of approving the August 27, 2018 regular meeting minutes, E.S.D.A. department report, public works department reports, recurring disbursements, and financial reports.

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

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

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 – Trustees Haynes

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

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Terry Hilst 609 Golden Ct.** – Terry Hilst and Jim Carter reported to the Board that the snowplow pushes snow in the grass at their residence at 609 Golden Ct. This is due to it being at the end of a dead end street. They stated that they have asked public works to clean up the rock and cinders left by the snowplow for the last four years but it has not been done. The collection of rock and cinders is now making it difficult for grass to grow. They asked the Board to address this issue. Hilst and Carter then thanked the Board and left the meeting.

**Robert & Kathleen Taylor regarding storm water detention project** - Robert and Kathleen Taylor addressed the Board regarding the storm water detention project in the alley along their property between Fourth St. and Susan Ln. They are concerned that this will attract mosquitos and stated that the alley is used by children. They currently mow the alley and if this is done they will no longer mow the area. The Board explained to them that they are accepting bids but have made no final decisions on whether or not to proceed with the project. Bids will let them know prices and possible options if they decide to proceed with the project. Taylors then left the meeting.

Brent Rassi then asked about the bid packets. A legal notice for invitation to bid has been released. The bid opening is scheduled for September 18, 2018 at 11:30 a.m.

**Back flow check values** - Jennifer Leach asked if there was an update on when G.A. Rich & Sons would be installing the back flow check valves at 102 &104 Kruse St. Public Works Manager Schopp stated that he was told that they were on the list but will contact them to see if a date can be given.

**Superintendent Michele Jacobs** - Superintendent Michele Jacobs came before the Board to compliment the Police Chief Nieu Kirk and his department. They have building a relationship between the Village and the School. Chief Nieu Kirk has been very proactive and this had a positive response by the School and Staff. The district is looking into having a school resource officer. Nieu Kirk is checking how other towns handle the cost with the school district.

**IV. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

- a. **POLICE REPORT:** Police Chief Jack Nieukirk reported on the activities of the police department. The 2011 Impala has been de-equipped and is ready to sell.

**Public Bid for 2011 Impala** – Chief Nieukirk recommended accepting sealed public bids for the 2011 Impala. He presented an invitation to bid with the details regarding the condition of the car. It was the consensus of the Board to accept sealed public bids for the 2011 Impala. All bids shall be submitted on or before October 3, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. with a bid opening at 10:15 a.m. The Village of Mackinaw reserves the right to reject any and all bids or waive any and all irregularities of a bid.

**Full Time Officer Position** – Police Chief Nieukirk present a proposal for hiring a full time officer for the department. The Board tabled the matter to allow time to review the proposal.

**Police Chief Residency requirement** - Trustee Kamp moved, seconded by Trustee Elmore to waive the Police Chief Residency requirement for one year from today's date. McGrath stated that the requirement was added to the Village Code because the State used to require the Police Chief have a residency requirement but that is no longer a State mandate. On a roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 – Trustees Haynes

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

- b. **PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:** Public Works Manager Mike Schopp reported on the activities of the public works department. Post was hit on the walking trail. No tracks were seen but it has been repaired. September 4, 2018 meet with Stark Construction regarding a pre-construction on water main loop on East Fast Ave.

**Sidewalk on S. Monroe between First St. and Second St.** - Trustee Schmidgall moved, seconded by Trustee Morman to hire Mud Man Concrete (Thaller) to replace the sidewalk on the east side of the Monroe St. between First St. and Second St. at a cost of \$9,910.00. This will come from the appropriated funds for Village sidewalks improvements. By hiring the work done it will free up time for Public Works to complete other projects before cold weather. On a roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 – Trustees Haynes

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

- c. **COLLECTOR'S REPORT:**

**Non-recurring disbursements** – Trustee Elmore moved, seconded by Trustee Peterson to approve the non-recurring disbursements. On a roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 – Trustees Haynes

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

**V. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

**Proclamation regarding National Suicide Prevention Awareness** – President Friend proclaimed that September 2018 is National Suicide Prevention Awareness month in the Village of Mackinaw. September is known as National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month and is intended to help promote awareness surrounding each of the Suicide Prevention resources available to us and our community. The simple goal is to learn how to help those around us and how to talk about suicide without increasing the risk of harm.

**Village Hall server** – This item was tabled.

**VI. LOCAL LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:**

**Ordinance #972 Liquor sales near churches, schools, and hospitals** – Trustee Kamp moved, seconded by Trustee Morman to adopt Ordinance #972 to provide amendments regarding liquor sales near churches and schools. The ordinance will give the LLCC power to issue a liquor license to an establishment that is closer than 100 feet from churches and schools. On a roll call, the vote was:

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

**VII. TRUSTEES' REPORT:**

**Internal projected savings** – Trustee Schmidgall presented a list from the Clerk and Public Works Manger listing items and ways the departments provide savings to the Village.

**Employee compensation and benefits** – Trustee Schmidgall stated that he would like the Board to eliminate the increased expense of the full time employee family portion to the employees. Due to the savings the departments have provided Trustee Schmidgall would like the Village to not charge full time employees an increase on their portion of family health insurance. The Board asked that this be tabled to allow time to review the costs and savings presented by Trustee Schmidgall.

**Garden Gate requesting assistance with improvements** – Trustee Schmidgall reviewed the documents from Beth Wiegand regarding her project costs and the amount of Business District Tax her customers have contributed to the Village. Trustee Schmidgall suggested the Board consider reimbursing 10% of the amount of Business District Tax paid in by Garden Gate and the Tea Room. McGrath stated that Business District Tax Fund could be used for materials for outside improvements such as her parking lot project. The item will be voted on at the next Board meeting. Clerk Spencer will contact Beth Wiegand to invite her to the next Board meeting.

**VIII. ATTORNEY'S REPORT:** none**IX. NEW BUSINESS:** none**X. ADJOURNMENT @ 8:56 P.M.:** There being no further business to come before the Board Trustee Kamp moved, seconded by Trustee Elmore 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.

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Lisa Spencer, Village Clerk/Collector  
Posted: 09/26/18