

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

**January 25, 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, Jerry Peterson, and Josh Schmidgall

**Absent:** Trustees Candy Haynes and Mark Morman

**Also Present:** Police Chief Brandon Reese, Clerk/Collector Lisa Spencer, Public Works Manager Mike Schopp, Treasurer Andrea Johnson, Attorney Mark McGrath, two residents observing a meeting for Scouts, Tony Moore, Eric Shangraw, and Kevin Sauder

**III. CONSENT AGENDA:** The consent agenda consists of approving the January 11, 2021 regular meeting minutes, public works department report, police department report, non-recurring disbursements, account balance, and payroll report.

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

AYES: 4 – Trustees Elmore, Kamp, Peterson, and Schmidgall

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 2 – Trustees Haynes and Morman

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

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Tony Moore from Republic Waste Management** – Tony Moore from Republic Waste Management came before the Board to introduce himself. He would like to create a partnership with Mackinaw to offer garbage and recycling services to the Village. He knows the Village is currently preparing a request for proposal (RFP) to assure that the Village will receive the best price and service for its residents. Moore gave a background on Republic Waste Management and stated items that they offer. Some of the items he mentioned were carts at no cost to residents, cleanup day for communities, free service at all municipal buildings, recycling bins and curb service. He did recommend that the Village ask to have listed in the RFP that recycling pricing be given for both a drop off location and curbside. Moore offered to answer any questions that the Board may have regarding service. The Board thanked him for attending the meeting.

**V. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:** Police Chief Brandon Reese reported on the activities of the police department. Chief Reese has been obtaining quotes for body cameras and radios for new changes to dispatch. Reese said that the Impala is having issues again but when it was taken into be checked it did not have an issue so at this time they are unable to determine the problem. He stated that he will begin collecting quotes for a new squad car. Reese plans on purchasing a new squad car for the department in fiscal year 2022.

**Pay and compensations for officers** – Chief Reese presented a hiring notice for the department for both part time and full time officers. The notice showed that the starting pay is increased by \$1 it also included incentives for experience and certifications. Reese shared a salary comparison that he prepared by contacting other departments. Trustee Kamp stated that this is ok but at what point is it enough. Reese was told that for hiring purposes if raising the starting pay doesn't bring in applicants that he would have to think outside the box and come up with other ways to bring in applicants. McGrath suggested an option could be to enter into an agreement with other departments for the Village to pay for their officers to work shifts in Mackinaw. Trustee Schmidgall stated that since certification incentives are optional he doesn't feel that part time officer should be paid their hourly wages while taking trainings. The Board did not want to increase the current officers at this time but would rather wait until May during the annual salary review.

Trustee Kamp moved, seconded by Trustee Peterson to approve the hiring notice presented by Chief Reese. The notice increased starting pay by \$1.00 - full-time is \$19.00 and part-time is \$17.00. There is a .50 increase at 6 months and 1 year of their probationary period. Experience can result in an increase at hiring. There are optional pay incentives for certifications; however part time officers must obtain certifications on their own time not while on duty. Current officers will not receive a wage increase at this time; their wages will be reviewed in May during the annual salary review. On a roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 4 – Trustees Elmore, Kamp, Peterson, and Schmidgall  
 NAYS: 0  
 ABSENT: 2 – Trustees Haynes and Morman  
 There being four affirmative votes, the **motion carried.**

**PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER’S REPORT:** Public Works Manager Mike Schopp reported on the actives of the department. Schopp stated that the department is continuing to clean up damage from the ice storm at the beginning of the month. The influent meter at the sewer plant was repaired. Water and sewer samples are complete for January. Replaced rear brakes, wheel cyl., and brake lines on the 97 dump truck. New tires were installed on the rear of the 2003 service truck. The message board was installed at the village office.

**Storm water drain behind Thomas Ct.** – To assist with drainage Schopp would like Miller and Son construction to install a 4’ manhole and install 56’ of concrete pipe with end section behind Thomas Ct. It will then be backfilled with dirt. RR4 rock will be placed from end section to pipe out at road.

Trustee Elmore moved, seconded by Trustee Schmidgall to authorize Miller and Son Construction Co. to install a 4’ manhole and install 56’ of concrete pipe with end section behind Thomas Ct. It will then be backfilled with dirt. RR4 rock will be placed from end section to pipe out at road. Seed and straw are included on the proposal. Cost for materials and labor will be \$18,220.00. On a roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 4 – Trustees Elmore, Kamp, Peterson, and Schmidgall  
 NAYS: 0  
 ABSENT: 2 – Trustees Haynes and Morman  
 There being four affirmative votes, the **motion carried.**

#### **TREASURER’S REPORT:**

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

AYES: 4 – Trustees Elmore, Kamp, Peterson, and Schmidgall  
 NAYS: 0  
 ABSENT: 2 – Trustees Haynes and Morman  
 There being four affirmative votes, the **motion carried.**

#### **VI. PRESIDENT’S REPORT:** none

**VII. LOCAL LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSIONER’S REPORT:** Local Liquor Control Commissioner Friend informed the Board that Pub 52 is now open for business. Pub 52 is located in the industrial park and will also begin serving food in the near future.

**Liquor deliver bill passes both houses in the Illinois General Assembly** - A bill passed both houses of the Illinois General Assembly facilitating liquor delivery by retailers. If signed by the Governor it would amend the liquor control act to prove that nothing in the liquor control act will deny, limit, remove, or restrict the ability of a holder of a retailer’s license to deliver alcoholic liquor to the purchaser for use or consumption. With the Governor’s signature, “on-premises only” licensees and other licensed retailers could make liquor deliveries authorized by the amendments. Although the liquor delivery landscape is not yet settled since this has not been signed into law yet, municipalities may want to proactively review their ordinance and be read to address any potential changes once the legislation is enacted.

**VIII. TRUSTEES' REPORT:**

**2021 employee health insurance renewal** – The Board reviewed the proposed rate increase for the current Blue Cross Blue Shield health 2021 insurance rates. The rates increased by 2.59%. The Board felt that since the increase was minimal and the employees are pleased with their current policy that they would renew with policy with no changes.

Trustee Elmore moved, seconded by Trustee Kamp to have Kulh and company renew the employee health insurance with Blue Cross Blue Shield 1500 Choice plan beginning April 1, 2021. Employees will be granted a reimbursement on deductibles met. Single plans will receive \$1000 reimbursement after meeting their \$1500 deductible. Family plans will receive a \$2000 reimbursement after meeting their \$3000 deductible. Family plans will be granted a \$650 credit monthly - any coverage cost over that amount for the Blue Cross Blue Shield 1500 Choice plan will be a cost of 30% to the employee. On a roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 4 – Trustees Elmore, Kamp, Peterson, and Schmidgall

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 2 – Trustees Haynes and Morman

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

**Project for the Stout Foundation Grant Application** – Trustee Kamp asked the Board for ideas to apply for the Stout Foundation Grant. Kamp suggested trees along Rt. 9 to make it more appealing when entering the Village. Treasurer Andrea Johnson suggested a water fountain at Westwood Park. Public Works Manager Schopp proposed adding parking spaces, sidewalks, and a gazebo to the green space in the back of Eastwood Park subdivision. The area could then have flowers added to make for a backdrop for event photos. Kamp asked the Board to each bring back an idea for the next Board meeting.

**IX. ATTORNEY'S REPORT:** none

**X. NEW BUSINESS:** none

**XI. ADJOURNMENT @ 8:17 P.M.:** There being no further business to come before the Board Trustee Elmore moved, seconded by Trustee Kamp 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: 2/9/21