

VILLAGE OF MACKINAW
VILLAGE BOARD of TRUSTEES
REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING MINUTES

February 24, 2025

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 Wille Cotton, Candy Haynes, Kraig Kamp, Mark Morman, and Tim Severt

Absent: Trustee Jerry Peterson

Also Present: Clerk Lisa Spencer, Police Chief Mike Kemp, Attorney Mark McGrath, and Public Works Manager Mike Schopp

III. CONSENT AGENDA: The consent agenda consists of approving February 10, 2025, regular meeting minutes, Police department report, Public Works department report, non-recurring disbursements, and payroll report.

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

AYES: 5 – Trustees Cotton, Haynes, Kamp, Morman, and Severt

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 – Trustee Peterson

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

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT: none

V. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- 1. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:** Police Chief Mike Kemp reported on the activities of the department. The Chief showed a video of the building that the Board previously asked Attorney McGrath to begin the process to determine it unsafe and dangerous.

Establish K9 program for department – Chief Kemp discussed with the Board the benefits of establishing a K9 program for the department. The dog would aide with uncovering drugs (other than cannabis) with the officer that is his handler. Kemp explained the details of choosing a dog and training both the dog and the handler. Kemp is requesting funds not to exceed \$25,000 for a K9 for the department. He will look for grants and donations to assist with costs.

Trustee Haynes moved, seconded by Trustee Severt to approve Chief Kemp to proceed with establishing a K9 program for the department. The cost to establish will not exceed \$25,000. This will include dog, trainings, and supplies. Kemp will apply for grants. He will also seek donations to assist with grooming, food, and veterinary services. On a roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 5 – Trustees Cotton, Haynes, Kamp, Morman, and Severt

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 – Trustee Peterson

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

- 2. PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER'S REPORT:** Public Works Manager Mike Schopp reviewed the activity of the department. Schopp reported on details from the water conference that him and Brian Lang attended in Effingham. He also updated the Board that the tracks on the skid steer needed replaced. He was able to purchase new ones in Indiana and KDJ volunteered to pick them up and deliver. Public Works will install the new tracks.

Planters for downtown area – Public Works Manager Mike Schopp reviewed a few styles and prices for new planters in the downtown area. He would like the Board to review them and vote on them at the next meeting.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

AYES: 5 – Trustees Cotton, Haynes, Kamp, Morman, and Severt

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 – Trustee Peterson

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

VI. MAYOR'S REPORT:

2025 Firework display budget - The consensus of the Board was to not increase in the budget amount for the 2025 firework display at Brock Lake. The Board approved spending \$6,000 on the 4th of July Firework display at Brock Lake.

Employee Health Insurance Renewal - Trustee Haynes moved, seconded by Trustee Morman to approve the 2025 Blue Cross Blue Shield renewal for employee health insurance at an increase of 11%. The employee policy will remain the same and the employees who pay a portion for family coverage will be calculated the same as before. Policy renewal will take effect on April 1, 2025. On a roll call, the vote was

AYES: 5 – Trustees Cotton, Haynes, Kamp, Morman, and Severt

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 – Trustee Peterson

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

VII. LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: none**VIII. TRUSTEES REPORT:**

Additional cell towers in or near the Village limits – Trustee Kamp stated that two people have approached him stating that they have received letters regarding adding a cell phone tower to their property. Kamp asked the Board if this is something that the Village wants within the 1 ½ mile radius of the Village.

Trustee Morman moved, seconded by Trustee Haynes to have Attorney Pat McGrath see if this is something that can be prohibited and if so, draft an ordinance prohibiting cell phone towers within 1 ½ miles of Village limits.

AYES: 5 – Trustees Cotton, Haynes, Kamp, Morman, and Severt

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 – Trustee Peterson

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

IX. ATTORNEY'S REPORT: none**X. NEW BUSINESS:**

Noon Whistle – Trustee Morman would like to start the noon whistle again. The item will be placed on the next agenda.

High School park lot – Trustee Morman stated that the High School's empty grass covered lot that is used for additional parking during sporting events is causing a lot of mud to be brought out to the Village streets. He would like the school to address the issue. Attorney McGrath suggested that they discuss the matter with the School Superintendent.

Political signs in Village right a ways - Trustee Morman would like an ordinance drafted that states no political signs be allowed in any Village right a ways. Clerk Spencer will have the office draft something and bring back to the Board.

XI. ADJOURNMENT @ 8:15 P.M.: There being no further business to come before the Board Trustee Haynes moved, seconded by Trustee Severt 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.

Lisa Spencer, Village Clerk
Posted: 03/11/25