

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

May 24, 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, Kraig Kamp (7:10 p.m.), Jerry Peterson, and Tim Severt

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 Pat McGrath, Brad Venzon, Jack Nieukirk, Alex Pawlak, Doug Bohnker, Kevin Sauder, LG Stutzman and Meg Rocke

III. CONSENT AGENDA: The consent agenda consists of approving the May 10, 2021 regular meeting minutes, public works department report, police department report, non-recurring disbursements, account balance, and payroll report.

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

AYES: 4 – President Schmidgall and Trustees Elmore, Peterson, and Severt

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

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

IV. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

POLICE CHIEF’S REPORT:

Resignation of Police Chief Brandon Reese – Chief Reese stated that his last day will be May 31, 2021. He thanked the Board and stated that he is grateful for the opportunity that was given to him as Chief. He has taken a position with Tazewell County Sheriff’s Department and will be available to answer any questions that the next Chief may have. Trustee Peterson thanked Reese for his service and wished him well.

Request by Chief Reese to be paid for any unused vacation time, personal time, and sick time after his last day of employment - Chief Reese asked that this item be on the agenda because he was uncertain if he could be paid if it wasn’t on the agenda. Attorney McGrath told him that it did not need to be on the agenda and that the law regarding this is set by the State of Illinois. McGrath stated that by law Reese will receive payment for any used vacation time in his final paycheck and that unused sick time is not required to be paid by the employer.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Heartland Fiber – On behalf of Heartland Fiber LG Stutzman came before the Board to discuss bringing fiber optic for internet and TV service in the Village. Heartland Fiber is a locally owned and operated company based in Eureka, formed in 2015 to meet a recognized need for faster more reliable internet and TV service to be brought to small towns. Stutzman shared information regarding the Village entering into a franchise agreement with Heartland Fiber along with rates and speeds they could offer residents. If the Village decides to enter into a franchise agreement for service construction would begin in the fall and be completed in 2022. The Board is in favor of the opportunity to bring fiber optic to the Village but would like to wait to make a decision until after the entire board has had the opportunity to review their information and ask questions.

VI. DEPARTMENT REPORTS (continued):

PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER’S REPORT: Public Works Manager Mike Schopp reported on the activities of the department. Schopp reported on the broken pipe at the trailer park. The detention ponds and culvert in the industrial park have been completed. The EPA risk and resilience report has been completed. Schopp then reviewed the Main Street project and informed that Board that decisions will need to be made regarding what items to do and how much the Village is willing to spend. He will report more on this matter at a later date.

Award 2021 Motor Fuel Tax project – Public Works Manager Schopp reviewed the tabulation of bids for the 2021 motor fuel tax project. The project is for seal coating various sections streets within the Village. Porter Brothers was the lowest with a bid of \$56,459.10.

Trustee Elmore moved, seconded by Trustee Peterson at award the 2021 MFT project to Porter Brothers at a cost of \$56,459.10 to preform seal coating on various sections of streets within the Village. On a roll call, the vote was:

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

TREASURER’S REPORT:

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

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

VII. PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

Appointments of officials – President Schmidgall recommended appointing Joe McGrath as Zoning Officer for a one year term, Mike Schopp as Public Works Manager for a one year term, Bob Davies as EMA Coordinator for a one year term, Andrea Johnson as Treasurer for a one year term, Lisa Spencer as Collector for a one year term, and Lisa Spencer as Clerk for a four year term.

Trustee Kamp moved, seconded by Trustee Elmore to approve the recommendation to appoint the Village Officials as listed above. One year terms will end on April 30, 2022 and four year term will end on April 30, 2025. On a roll call, the vote was:

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

Hiring of new police chief and officers – This item was tabled until the interview process is complete.

VIII. LOCAL LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSIONER’S REPORT:

Members of the Local Liquor Control Commission – Local Liquor Control Commissioner Josh Schmidgall recommended to appoint Ted Laidig and Kevin Wilkins to serve a 4 year term on the Local Liquor Control Commission ending on April 30, 2025.

Trustee Kamp moved, seconded by Trustee Peterson to approve the recommendation to appoint Ted Laidig and Kevin Wilkins to serve 4 year term on the Local Liquor Control Commission ending on April 30, 2025. On a roll call, the vote was:

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

IX. TRUSTEES’ REPORT:

Fiber optic for delivering internet and TV service to homes and businesses with the Village – The Board was in agreement that before voting on this matter it be reviewed with the rest of the Board. The information given out by Heartland Fiber will be sent to the Board to review and the item will be placed on the next agenda.

Review part time employees – This item was tabled.

Annual wage increases for employees – This item was tabled.

X. ATTORNEY’S REPORT:

Retaining TIF Illinois to create Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Districts within the Village - This item was tabled.

XI. NEW BUSINESS: none

XII. ADJOURNMENT @ 8:22 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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