

VILLAGE OF MACKINAW
VILLAGE BOARD of TRUSTEES
REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING MINUTES

August 12, 2024

Mayor 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 Willie Cotton, Candy Haynes, Kraig Kamp, Mark Morman, Jerry Peterson, and Tim Severt

Absent: none

Also Present: Clerk/Collector Lisa Spencer, Attorney Pat McGrath, and Police Chief Mike Kemp, Public Works Manager Mike Schopp, Tim Weir, Trenton Reese, and Taylor Flack

III. CONSENT AGENDA: The consent agenda consists of approving the July 22, 2024 regular meeting minutes, police department report, Public Works department report, EMA department report, non-recurring disbursements, and payroll report.

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

AYES: 6 – Trustees Cotton, Haynes, Kamp, Morman, Peterson, and Severt

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

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

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Taylor Flack regarding Mack-a-fest – Taylor Flack of 204 S Main St came before the Board to inform them during the Mack-a-fest the barricades for the 200 Block of Main St had been moved by a carnival employee to driven on. Flack reported that this was a safety issue and resulted in her having a confrontation with the carnival employee. She stated that words were said, and she reached into the person's vehicle and knocked their phone out of their hand and later the driver struck her in the shoulder with the vehicle. Mayor Schmidgall asked how this started and how it became a confrontation. Flack updated the Board that it started as a traffic issue because they were blocking driveways. She stated that the police were called after the confrontation and the next day she did go to the hospital for her pain. Flack offered ideas to the Board about moving the carnival and hiring a different company. She was informed that the Mack-a-fest is a separate organization, and the Village Board does not have anything to do with the hiring or organizing of the festival. Flack said she knew this but wanted to report that she feels that more safety standards need to be enforced to make sure that residents are safe. She gave the idea of closing the road and moving the carnival's campers to Westwood Park for more parking room and so residents don't have to hear them. The Board asked if she had contacted the Mack-a-fest committee regarding the matter. She stated that she did not know how to contact them. Mayor Schmidgall had her give her written requests and documents to Kraig Kamp because he is on their committee. Kamp stated that he will give this to the Mack-a-fest committee because we need to find a way to coexist and ensure the success of the festival. Mayor Schmidgall asked if blocking the road except for through traffic and making the east side no parking during the festival would help. Trenton Reese that also lives at 204 S Main St stated that it would help. Kamp will present all the information and ideas at the next Mack-a-fest Committee meeting.

Tim Weir regarding subdivision proposal – Tim Weir came before the Board to propose adding to his subdivision off East Fast Ave. If the addition to the subdivision containing 20 lots were annexed into the Village, he would like to receive \$140,000 per lot in developer reimbursement or if not annexed he would like a water main installed for the subdivision. At this time, he is unclear whether access would be from Fast Ave or Westminster Dr in the Heritage Lake subdivision. The Board asked the Public Works Manager Schopp to meet with the Village engineer to see if 20 additional residences could be added to the water distribution system. Due to the Village having a comprehensive plan any subdivision within a 1 ½ mile radius of the Village must follow the Village Code regarding subdivision development. It was the consensus of the Board that before proceeding with Weir's proposal that a list of restrictions and requirements would need to be made for review. This proposal will be placed on the agenda to be addressed later.

Weir would also like the addressing of the current annexed lots on E Fast Ave to be reviewed, he stated that he believes the numbering is incorrect and that he is having issues with Ameren for service due to the address. Mayor Schmidgall asked Clerk Spencer to investigate the matter to determine if a numbering change is needed.

V. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT: Police Chief Mike Kemp reported on the activities of the department. Chief Kemp would like to address that Area 52 needs to complete their beer garden to comply with the liquor code. The code states that access can only be from inside and requires a permanent barrier of at least 4 feet. Kemp stated that he also received complaints regarding Area 52 using a loudspeaker outdoors during an event for the purpose of attracting attention as per Village code this is prohibited. The Board authorized Attorney Pat McGrath to compose a written warning to Area 52 regarding these matters. Kemp also stated that the liquor code requires a criminal history check and fingerprinting be done upon the initial application and renewals for all licensees. He would like a letter stating this to be sent to all applicants with their renewal documents.

PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER'S REPORT: Public Works Manger Mike Schopp reported on the activities of the department. Schopp updated the Board that the water meter at the primary/jr high was not working properly and was replaced. In doing this it was discovered that a significant amount of water was leaking through some toilets. The school addressed these leaks, Schopp believes that this will reduce recent additional monthly water loss in the distribution system.

Approve purchase of 3 noise cancelling wireless headsets and charging base from Coe Equipment - Trustee Haynes moved, seconded by Trustee Kamp to authorize the purchase of 3 noise cancelling wireless 2-way headset and charging base to be used while using the vac truck from Coe Equipment at a cost of \$6,114.75. On a roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 6 – Trustees Cotton, Haynes, Kamp, Morman, Peterson, and Severt
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

AYES: 6 – Trustees Cotton, Haynes, Kamp, Morman, Peterson, and Severt
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

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

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

Ordinance #1061 to grant variance to reduce backyard setback to 12 feet at 303 W Fourth St – Trustee Morman moved, seconded by Trustee Severt to adopt ordinance #1061 granting a variance to 303 W Fourth St to reduce the back yard depth to be 12 feet instead of 25 feet and permit steel siding to the new accessory structure. On a roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 6 – Trustees Cotton, Haynes, Kamp, Morman, Peterson, and Severt
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

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

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

Sitting area on Main Street – The Board would like to thank Bill Haynes for volunteering his time stamping and staining the concrete for the sitting area on Main Street.

XI. ADJOURNMENT @ 8:50 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: 8/27/24