

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

**August 24, 2020**

**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**

**II. ROLL CALL BY:**

**Present:** President Craig Friend, Trustees Carolyn Elmore, Candy Haynes, Kraig Kamp, Jerry Peterson, and Josh Schmidgall (arrived at 7:10 p.m.)

**Absent:** Trustee Mark Morman

**Also Present:** Police Chief Brandon Reese, Clerk/Collector Lisa Spencer, Public Works Manager Mike Schopp, Attorney Mark McGrath, Treasurer Andrea Johnson, Brian and Angela Rich, Glen and Kelly Atkins, Todd Smith, Randy Schmidgall, and Joe McGrath

**III. CONSENT AGENDA:** The consent agenda consists of approving the August 10, 2020 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: 5 – Trustees Elmore, Haynes, Kamp, Peterson, and Schmidgall

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 – Trustee Morman

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

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Angela Rich regarding ordinance violation received by Titan Industries, Inc.** – Angela Rich, President of Titan Industries, Inc., informed the Board that they received an ordinance violation ticket for the dust particles in the air that neighbors have been contacting the EPA and the police department with complaints. Angela Rich explained to the Board how Titan Industries, Inc. was established and what they do. They expressed that they enjoy the Mackinaw community and could have taken this addition of the business to another town but chose Mackinaw. They employ people from the community and have supported JFL, Dee-Mack Co-op, and other local organizations. A dust collector to eliminate the excess partials was ordered in April but with Covid everything has been delayed. The estimated delivery time is now September 1, 2020. The neighbors have complaints about the amount of dust going in the air and whether or not it is a health issue. The EPA has come and inspected and stated that the dust is not hazardous. It was explained that the police wrote a nuisance ticket after numerous complaints of the dust. Todd Smith said that he has power washed the green dust from his porch in April and the buildup is so bad that it needs done again. He also expressed a concern due to the air being heavy he doesn't feel that it can be good for anyone breathing it in. Rich stated that the media used to blast is not green and it is in the same classification as vinegar. Randy Schmidgall said that sometimes it's so bad that he can't see the other neighbor's houses. He had pictures on his phone to show the Board but due to social distancing was asked to email them to the Village office after the meeting. Schmidgall also stated that the dust is metallic. He was told it is not metallic and that if it's metallic it would stick to a magnet. Angela and Brian Rich further explained that they have ordered the dust collector but they can't stop production due to the delay especially since the dust is not hazardous. Kelly Atkins said that she doesn't know what they do over there and wished that someone would have come and told them. She said that she has breathing issues and feels like she can't even go in her back yard now because of the dust. Rich explained the steel fabrication process and expressed that professionals and engineers have been involved to assure that all health insurance measures have been made. The neighbors do not want to see the company close down but they would like more communication on what is going on. Glen Atkins asked if the items being blasted are old or new and if old do they contain lead paint. Rich's stated that the steel is new and nothing of an age that would contain harmful material. Angela Rich shared with everyone their email address and asked them to contact her. She will answer any further questions they may have and give them updates on when the dust collector is being installed, once received it will be a two day process to have it installed. An electrician is on call for the installation. Upon further discussion it was agreed that blasting operations will only be done between 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. and that if the wind is over 20 mph no blasting will be done. Angela and Brian Rich invited the neighbors to tour the facility after the dust collector is installed to show them the process.

**Joe McGrath regarding 2020 Sacha's Sashay** - Joe McGrath updated the Board that this year's Sacha's Sashay will be a virtual event. They will still be using the park to distribute shirts on October 3<sup>rd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>. The proceeds of the event will go towards park improvements and playground equipment. Registrations for the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Sacha's Sashay will be available on line and will be included with the September 1<sup>st</sup> water bills. More information on the event can be found on their Facebook page. McGrath also asked to reserve Veterans Park for next year. The 2021 Sacha's Sashay will be held the first Saturday in October.

#### V. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

**POLICE REPORT:** Police Chief Brandon Reese reported on the activities of the police department. Chief Reese informed the Board that the superintendent has requested that the school resource officer be at sporting events to enforce mandated face covering. The question was brought up that if the event is held on Village property who is to enforce face coverings. Attorney McGrath stated that since Brock Lake is leased to the township that they would be responsible for face coverings. It was then explained that the school is required to enforce all mandates issued by the IL Department of Public Health regardless of where the event is held.

**Hiring of an additional crossing guard** – Chief Reese requested that an additional crossing guard be hired and begin having a second cross walk at Orchard St. and Madison St. He feels that there are more kids coming from that area so there is a need. Public Works Manager Schopp stated that this location would cause traffic to back up and cause congestion back to Fast Ave. He stated that the school zone lights, school zone speed limit, and cross walks would all need to be changed if doing this. Reese told a story of a girl that rode her bike across the street at Orchard St and Madison St in front of traffic last school year. He followed the girl home and spoke to her and her parents about the importance of crossing with the crossing guard at the crosswalk at Orchard St. and Fifth St. The Board asked for him to do a trial run having an extra crossing guard at the corner of Orchard St. and Madison St to direct pedestrians to the corner of Orchard St. and Fifth St. to cross with the crossing guard at the cross walk and report back to the Board on the number of pedestrians that were directed to the corner.

**Ordinance #998 regarding vehicle impoundments** – Trustee Peterson moved, seconded by Trustee Kamp to adopt Ordinance #998 making amendments regarding vehicle impoundments to Title 7 of the Village Code. The ordinance establishes procedures for the impoundment and release of properly impounded vehicles and the charging of administrative fees that complies with terms of Section 5/11-208.7 of the Illinois Vehicle Code. On a roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 – Trustee Morman

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

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:** Public Works Manager Mike Schopp reported on the activities of the department. The Board asked Schopp to go ahead and have the alley along 300 W Franklin St. to determine the property lines. The homeowner is saying that the property is not an alley and owned by him. Schopp will report back to the Board once the area is surveyed.

**Cameras for Westwood Park and recycling bins** - Schopp presented a quote from Gov Tech Support to the Board for security camera to be installed at Westwood Park and recycling bins. The project was quoted at \$3,499.78 with additional options available. President Friend stated that they should upgrade from 4ch to 8ch at the additional cost of \$150.

Trustee Elmore moved, seconded by Trustee Haynes to authorize Gov Tech Support to install security camera systems to Westwood Park and recycling bins at a cost not to exceed \$4000. On a roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 – Trustee Morman

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

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

AYES: 5 – Trustees Elmore, Haynes, Kamp, Peterson, and Schmidgall  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 1 – Trustee Morman

**VI. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

**Microsoft Office 2019 for office** – President Friend tabled this item until the end of the year.

**VII. TRUSTEES' REPORT:**

**Request to install speed hump on Brendalyn Dr.** – This item was tabled.

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

**No parking on east side of Juliana St along the curve** – Trustee Schmidgall asked that no parking on the east side of Juliana St along the curve be added to the next agenda. It has become hard to see going through the curve with vehicles parked on both sides.

**Limits regarding cats and dogs** – Trustee Elmore asked what the limit is for owning cats and dogs. It was stated that the Village Code does not have it listed therefore the Village follows Tazewell County guidelines. Clerk Spencer will contact Tazewell County and let her know the limits. She also informed Chief Reese of excessive barking going on along Main St. she believes the homeowner is leaving and placing their dog in a kennel. The dog then continues to bark until they return.

**X. ADJOURNMENT @ 8:48 P.M.:** There being no further business to come before the Board Trustee Elmore moved, seconded by Trustee Haynes to adjourn. On a roll call, the vote was:

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: 09/15/20