

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

**August 9, 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, Candy Haynes, Kraig Kamp, Mark Morman, Jerry Peterson, and Tim Severt

**Also Present:** Clerk/Collector Lisa Spencer, Public Works Manager Mike Schopp, Attorney Pat McGrath, Doug Bohnker, Brad Venzon, Alex Pawlak, Anjelina Lowery, Madison Jenkins, Tara Kemp, and Mike Kemp

**III. CONSENT AGENDA:** The consent agenda consists of approving the July 12, 2021 regular meeting minutes, EMA department report, public works department report, police department report, non-recurring disbursements, account balance, and payroll report.

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

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

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

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

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Request for police department** - Anjelina Lowery and Madison Jenkins came before the Board to suggest that the police department hire back Chase Gillespie. Gillespie had previously been a part time officer for Mackinaw but had left to take a full-time position at another department. They were asked what it was about him that they like as an officer for the Village. They stated that when he worked here before Gillespie was always around and easy to talk to and very approachable. The Village has posted a hiring notice and Gillespie has applied for a position with the department. Mayor Schmidgall said that the new chief will start on August 16<sup>th</sup> and he will then be making recommendations for the department. The Board thanked them for taking the time to voice their request and attending the meeting.

**V. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**POLICE REPORT:** Officer Bohnker reviewed the police report with the board which included the number of incidents, ordinance violations, arrests, citations, reports, and open cases. Bohnker reported that the Tahoe received new tires and had 2 rock chips repaired on the windshield.

**Appointment of Police Chief** – Trustee Elmore moved, seconded by Trustee Haynes to appoint Michael Kemp to the position of Police Chief for a term ending on April 30, 2022. On a roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

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

**Swearing in of Police Chief** – Mayor Schmidgall stood before the Board and swore in Michael Kemp as Police Chief for the Village of Mackinaw. The Board applauded and congratulated him on the position. Kemp addressed the Board and thanked them for the opportunity. He stated that his goal is to make the department very community oriented. He feels that this will be no problem to achieve with the great group of officers he has in the department. Kemp will start as Police Chief on August 16, 2021.

**PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER'S REPORT:** Public Works Manager Mike Schopp reported on the activities of the department. A new blower was installed in the lagoons in effluent chamber. Cross walks and some curbs were painted. Curbs will be completed when the department is able to get paint, was told there is a shortage right now. Heartland fiber has started installing fiber optic conduit in the Village. Schopp was pleased that he has not received any complaints on their installation work, and he was pleased that they have re-seeded grass and removed locate flags as they go. The department has delivered area disposal trash and recycling cans to residents that were either given the wrong type can or have requested additional cans. Miller and Son are still clearing trees around the lagoon.

**Culvert in creek along Leopold St.** - Schopp asked the Board if they looked at the culvert along the creek off of Leopold St. The homeowner removed a dead tree and revealed some damage to it. Due to the location, the homeowner is asking who's responsibly it is to repair it. Attorney McGrath suggested having a title search done to see if any easements have ever been made to the area and suggested reaching out to the engineer to see what could be done to repair the culvert. It was the consensus of the Board to have a title search done to determine who's responsible for the repairs.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

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

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

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

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

#### **VI. MAYOR'S REPORT:**

**Ordinance #1010 amending Police Chief duties with regards to hiring officers** - Trustee Morman moved, seconded by Elmore to adopt ordinance #1010 to provide amendments relating to police chief duties with regards to hiring officers. The Police Chief will recommend hiring of qualified full-time officer candidates for consideration of the Board due to compensation costs. The hiring of qualified part-time officers shall be the decision of the Police Chief. On a roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

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

**Hiring of school resource officer** – This item was tabled.

**Line-item budget to be used by department heads** – This item was tabled.

#### **VII. LOCAL LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:** none

#### **VIII. TRUSTEES' REPORT:**

**IL Boat Access Development Grant Program** – Trustee Kamp stated that he had Deputy Clerk Nunley review the IL boat access development grant program to determine if this is something that the Village could apply for a boat ramp at Brock Lake. It was the determination that there is not enough time to get the engineering design and endangered species analysis completed before the deadline for this year. Kamp would like to work towards completing the information needed to apply for the grant next year.

**IX. ATTORNEY’S REPORT:**

**Heartland Fiber Optic franchise agreement** – This item was tabled due to minor changes to be made to the agreement before being ready for signatures.

**X. NEW BUSINESS:** none

**XI. ADJOURNMENT @ 7:52 P.M.:** There being no further business to come before the Board Trustee Elmore moved, seconded by Trustee Haynes 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: 08/26/21