

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

September 23, 2019

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:

Present: President Craig Friend, Trustees Carolyn Elmore (8:07 p.m.), Candy Haynes, Kraig Kamp, Mark Morman, and Jerry Peterson

Absent: Trustee Josh Schmidgall

Also Present: Interim Police Chief Brandon Reese, Clerk/Collector Lisa Spencer, Public Works Manager Mike Schopp, Brad Venzon, Attorney Mark McGrath, Jim Visel, Bradley Potts, Beth Wiegand, and Keyth Mooneyham

III. CONSENT AGENDA: The consent agenda consists of approving the September 9, 2019 regular meeting minutes, public works department reports, non-recurring disbursements, account balance, and payroll report.

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

AYES: 4 – Trustees Haynes, Kamp, Morman, and Peterson

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 2 – Trustees Elmore and Schmidgall

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

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Beth Wiegand requesting sales tax rebate – Beth Wiegand of Garden Gate approached the Board to request a ½ % sales tax rebate. Trustee Morman informed her that she would need to schedule a meeting with Attorney Pat McGrath, President Friend, and a Trustee to discuss the matter and the drafting of a potential agreement.

Wiegand is also interested in an economic development loan. Attorney Mark McGrath told her that the qualifications for that loan program is to add more jobs to the business. Wiegand would like to the Board to review the program and perhaps change the rules to be more accommodating to already established businesses. The Board agreed to review the rules for the program and determine whether the program should to be modified. The item will be placed on the next agenda.

Jim Visel regarding plaque presentation – Jim Visel came before the Board to offer an invitation to be part of a public presentation (to be determined at a later time) recognizing Keyth Mooneyham of the Mackinaw Valley Karate and Fitness Center for his contributions to the community. He showed the Board the plaque being presented to Mooneyham. The undersigned on the plaque have either trained directly in Japan or indirectly under those who received personal documentation to teach various martial arts in America. Visel stated that Mooneyham has continued to contribute to the community helping parents to build and instill character values in their young ones, using martial arts and fitness disciplines to those in his care. The Board congratulated Keyth Mooneyham on this recognition and thanked him for his contribution to the community.

Deer Creek's Police Chief Bradley Potts requesting department partnership - Deer Creek Police Chief Bradley Potts was asked to on behalf of the Deer Creek Village Board to offer a proposal to meet and discuss creating a partnership between the police departments. A partnership could be as little as him being an administrative chief to the having officers from Deer Creek work in Mackinaw. Potts explained that the state has increased the training requirements to the point it is becoming unrealistic for a small town department to survive. Deer Creek is currently contracted by Goodfield to supply police protection at a cost. Minonk has contracted the county to supply police protection to their community. This is becoming a trend for small

communities and Deer Creek would like to start the line of communication and possibly give Mackinaw the opportunity to contract them for police assistance. Trustee Kamp stated that having a meeting between Mackinaw's police committee and Deer Creek police committee to discuss the issue further could be beneficial. Potts will let Deer Creek's clerk know of the interest and schedule a meeting between the two committees.

V. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

POLICE REPORT: Interim Police Chief Brandon Reese reported on the activities of the police department. Brad Venzon was introduced to the Board. Venzon is the police department's clerical assistant. Venzon is a retired Peoria officer and has proven to be a great asset to the department. Reese updated the Board on the sexual assault training class he is currently attending. He then stated that Officer Pawlak is scheduled to take his full time transition training in the spring. Reese is looking to hire another part time officer for the department this will help with reducing the overtime hours of full time officers.

The Board further discussed the matter of Deer Creek offering to start communication for contracting a partnership with their police department. Attorney McGrath stated that you'll probably see more partnerships with fire protection districts before police departments. It was stated that Mackinaw funds are currently healthily due to planning for future costs for the department. The Board agreed that they are currently pleased with how the department is run and its relationship with the community.

Update the decals on department vehicles - Interim Chief Reese shared a draft of his vision for decaling the department vehicles. He chose the school colors to show community and school support. The quote to decal the vehicles is \$1200 each. Reese did not expect the cost to be quite that high. He has applied for a grant to assist with funding. He would like to at least see this design on future department vehicles. The Board liked his design and support his vision of showing community and school support. The Board would like to see if he receives any grant funding for the project and agreed with him that future department vehicles display his design.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Public Works Manager Schopp reported on the activities of the department. The community basketball court construction at Westwood Park has started. Sand for the project has been donated by Jim Hoffman. ADA parking has been added to the police station. A letter will be mailed to all residents of Country Side Estates mobile home park stating items that cannot go into the sewer system. The pump at the lift station for the mobile home park has to be pulled and cleaned from solid debris 3 times in the last 4 weeks. Schopp is working on having a collection basket installed to make cleaning the pump done more easily. Schopp will present the cost for the collection basket at the next board meeting.

Resolution #19-04 authoring easement agreement with Deer Creek-Mackinaw Community Unit School District #701 – Trustee Morman moved, seconded by Trustee Kamp to adopt resolution #19-04 authorizing an easement agreement with Deer-Creek Mackinaw Community Unit School District #701. The agreement grants an easement for a public sewer utility across the school property and releases the liability of Village for any damage caused to permanent improvements constructed over this portion of the easement premises. On a roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 – Trustee Schmidgall

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

VI. TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

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

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 – Trustee Schmidgall

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

VII. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Friend reported that he has been contacted that AT&T interested in adding an antenna to the Verizon cell tower in the industrial park.

VI. LOCAL LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: none

VIII. TRUSTEES' REPORT:

Place 305 E. Franklin St. for sale – This item was tabled.

Appraisal for 102 E. Madison St. – This item was tabled.

IX. ATTORNEY'S REPORT: none

X. NEW BUSINESS:

Sacha's Sashay – Trustee Morman encouraged the Board to register for this event if they haven't already. This year's proceeds will be used to fund playground improvements at Westwood Park. The annual walk/run fulfills Sacha's wish for a compassionate community giving back.

XI. ADJOURNMENT @ 8:19 P.M.: There being no further business to come before the Board Trustee Elmore moved, seconded by Trustee Morman 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
Posted: 10-16-19