

**VILLAGE OF MACKINAW**  
**VILLAGE BOARD of TRUSTEES**  
**REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING MINUTES**

**September 23, 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 Candy Haynes, Jerry Peterson, and Tim Severt

**Absent:** Trustees Willie Cotton, Kraig Kamp, and Mark Morman

**Also Present:** Clerk/Collector Lisa Spencer, Attorney Mark McGrath, Police Chief Mike Kemp, Public Works Manager Mike Schopp, Dave Haensel, Nicole Mitok, Terry Lohn, and Tim Weir

**III. CONSENT AGENDA:** The consent agenda consists of approving the September 9, 2024 regular meeting minutes, police department report, Public Works department report, non-recurring disbursements, and payroll report.

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

AYES: 4 – Mayor Schmidgall, and Trustees Haynes, Peterson, and Severt

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 3 – Trustees Cotton, Kamp, and Morman

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

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Alley vacation along the south side of 106 N Webster** – The Village policy for vacating an alley is that the alley is divided down the middle and each side receives 6 feet. The Village will start the process for this once the fee is paid – it is between the property owners on determining if the cost is shared or not. Terry Lohn of 106 N Webster has paid to start the process for vacating the alley that runs along the south side of her property at 106 N Webster. She has requested to have the entire alley since she paid the fee. The properties at 304 E Fast Ave and 306 E Fast Ave are on the other side of this alley. Nicole Mitok of 306 E Fast Ave stated that she would like the Board to follow their policy and divide this part of the alley down the middle. McGrath stated that 304 E Fast Ave is not interested in the alley, so there is no concern in granting Lohn the entire 12 feet if the Board is in favor.

Trustee Haynes moved, seconded by Mayor Schmidgall to authorize McGrath to draft an ordinance to vacate the alley. The portion of the alley between 306 E Fast Ave and 106 N Webster will be divided down the middle giving each side 6 feet. The portion of the alley between 304 E Fast Ave and 106 N Webster will give the entire 12 feet of the alley to 106 N Webster. On a roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 4 – Mayor Schmidgall, and Trustees Haynes, Peterson, and Severt

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 3 – Trustees Cotton, Kamp, and Morman

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

**Tim Weir regarding subdivision along E Fast Ave** – Tim Weir asked the Board if anything has been determined regarding his request to change the addressing of his subdivision along E Fast Ave. Mayor Schmidgall stated that we have an email recommendation from Steve Hullcranz (retired from Tazewell County 911) to address it as it is currently. Weir stated that he has an email saying to address it differently. Schmidgall asked Weir to meet with him and review documents to determine what needs to be done. Weir also asked if the engineer has met with Public Works Manager Schopp regarding a watermain for the proposed addition to the subdivision. Schmidgall stated that Attorney Pat McGrath sent him an email about the matter.

**V. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:** Police Chief Mike Kemp reported on the activities of the department.

**PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER'S REPORT:** Public Works Manager Mike Schopp reported on the activities of the department. The contractor is finishing the remaining items on the Main Street project. The sitting area will have benches added soon. Josh Gillespie refinished the benches that were added to the downtown by a family member. Gillespie is preparing an unveiling for the benches with will include a plaque. Schopp will keep the Board updated on the details. Hydrant flushing in the Village and Heritage Lake will begin in October. Schopp received a quote on drilling an additional well, he is waiting on the quote for the additional piping, wiring, and controls to add to the system. He will bring this back to the Board when he has more information.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

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

AYES: 4 – Mayor Schmidgall, and Trustees Haynes, Peterson, and Severt  
 NAYS: 0  
 ABSENT: 3 – Trustees Cotton, Kamp, and Morman  
 There being four affirmative votes, the **motion carried.**

**VI. MAYOR'S REPORT:**

**Proclamation** – President Schmidgall proclaimed that Trick-or-Treating for the Village will be October 31, 2024 4:00p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and urges all residents to participate in helping to make a safe and enjoyable occasion for everyone.

**Ordinance # 1063 regarding no parking on Fourth St.** – Mayor Schmidgall moved, seconded by Trustee Haynes to adopt ordinance #1063 to make the north side of Fourth Street between Orchard Street and White Street no parking. This was requested by the rescue squad to ensure that rescue vehicles can get through due to the street being narrow. On a roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 4 – Mayor Schmidgall, and Trustees Haynes, Peterson, and Severt  
 NAYS: 0  
 ABSENT: 3 – Trustees Cotton, Kamp, and Morman  
 There being four affirmative votes, the **motion carried.**

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

**VIII. TRUSTEES REPORT:**

**Pan handling in the Village** – A federal district court found it unconstitutional to ban pan handling saying asking for money is a protected act under the First Amendment. Trustee Severt asked the Board, since pan handling is on the rise in smaller communities, if the Village should consider a policy for helping find assistance. Upon further discussion, the Board decided to leave this in the hands of the residents to help or not.

**IX. ATTORNEY'S REPORT:**

**Ordinance authorizing an annexation agreement to be entered into for the annexation of property owned by Randy Barnard along Rt. 9** – This item was tabled due to it requiring 2/3 vote of corporate authorities holding office.

**X. NEW BUSINESS:** none

**XI. ADJOURNMENT @ 7:52 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.

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Lisa Spencer, Village Clerk  
 Posted: 10-15-24