

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES,
THE VILLAGE OF McCULLOM LAKE,
4811 W. ORCHARD DRIVE
McCULLOM LAKE, IL 60050
April 26, 2022
All Village Board meetings will be tape recorded.**

President Shepit called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: By the Village Clerk, Sherri L. Messina

Present: President Shepit, Trustees Bogacz, Fritz, Matthesius, Mazurek, Vick, Walter

Absent: Attorney Shaw

Minutes: Trustee Matthesius made a motion to approve the minutes with one word correction; seconded by Trustee Walter. Voice vote: Bogacz, Fritz, Matthesius, Vick, Walter=ayes. Mazurek- abstained. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report: Trustee Bogacz made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report; seconded by Trustee Mazurek. Voice vote: Bogacz, Fritz, Matthesius, Mazurek, Vick, Walter=ayes. All in favor, motion carried. Deputy Clerk Prehn – Just so everyone knows the reimbursement was made today and we have been fully paid out by the State for McCullom Lake Road. All board members thanked Deputy Clerk Prehn for all her hard work on the paperwork for the McCullom Lake Road project.

Bills Read and Approved: Trustee Matthesius made a motion to pay the bills; seconded by Trustee Vick. Voice vote: Bogacz, Fritz, Matthesius, Mazurek, Vick, Walter=ayes. All in favor, motion carried.

Parks: Trustee Matthesius has to get with Paul about the area surrounding the basket ball court. Deputy Clerk Prehn – Stated that Paul did get the estimate about the cost to fix the area by the basket ball court and it's around \$2000.00. Trustee Matthesius: We haven't received anything yet, right? Deputy Clerk Prehn: No, we have to do the application and write down what we are going to

use it for. President Shepit – Are they just talking about putting dirt there or putting a drain in? Deputy Clerk Prehn: No, sod. President Shepit: Well then the water isn't really going to drain. Deputy Clerk Prehn: They're planning on putting a swale in there and there's a drain on the other side. Trustee Walter: It needs to be dug up. Deputy Clerk Prehn: I did talk to our grant manager for this grant. He said that if Paul could do the work we don't have to pay the prevailing wage because he is our employee and volunteers can also help and be included as part of the labor so we could use most of the \$30,000. If we were to hire someone just to do fencing on the back stop and it's under \$10,000 it would be called a micro-purchase. This money is not available until the State's next fiscal year which is in July.

Blight: Trustee Walter has noticed some interior roads have potholes and low shoulders. Trustee Matthesius: I've noticed Paul has been out there filling in potholes.

Communications: President Shepit received something from Com-Ed on what they are calling the Energy Infrastructure Modernization Act or EIMA and preparing the grid infrastructure to support the growing demand of electric vehicles. Because of all the anticipated future use of power/electric they are talking about if approved Com-Ed's distribution rates will increase about \$2.20 per month for the average residential customer, however, the ICC is reviewing a proposal to advance to customers \$65 million in deferred income tax benefits, which would offset .82 cents in monthly delivery charge increase. So because of having to change the infrastructure for the electric cars everyone is going to pay for it. Trustee Matthesius did they mention anything about the lights or are they just going to wait? President Shepit: That should all be taken care of it's already in the works. We have already sent them everything and they are supposed to be changing everything out. Not sure if it's going to be done this year or if it will fall into next year.

Audience: Glenn Gates: When his son Brian became a certified Arborist he had come around and tagged these trees in the Village that are all dangerous now, and these trees are rotten. When they did that he said now that the trees are no longer considered an act of God when they fall down, they will be the land owner's responsibility. Deputy Clerk Prehn: They weren't tagged the lady actually called today and he (Brian) had just given her a note from a pad of paper it was not an official Arborist letter. Glenn: So are the land owners now responsible for these trees when they go down now and the land owners would have to pay the damages? Deputy Clerk Prehn: Yes, if the tree was dead. If it's a live tree it is considered an act of God. Deputy Clerk Prehn: Does anyone know who started Greener Lawn? The fee has gone up a lot for fertilizer. Paul doesn't think we really need it and that it doesn't do much for the crab grass.

Trustee Walter: Well we could skip a year. All board members agreed to skip the fertilization for a year.

Deputy Clerk Prehn: So for next year there are a few people in the Village with vehicles stickers that they do not want to display the stickers for security and safety reasons. So we can either remove McCullom Lake off of the stickers and just use a plain sticker. There have been some residents who jog around the Village and then come down to the office to say these people don't have Village stickers. Our police department has told the resident that comes to the Village to complain; that there are specific reasons why these people are not displaying the stickers. If the police department has a list of those specific residents that do not display their stickers it's really no one else's business to know why. They've purchased their stickers, and they are on the list to not have to display them. Our Ordinance states that they must be displayed. Trustee Bogacz: Then our Ordinance needs to be changed to state there are certain circumstances when a vehicle sticker does not have to be displayed. Deputy Clerk Prehn: Then we can either change the design for next year to not have the name of the Village on it or change the Ordinance.

Deputy Clerk Prehn: We did get approval to use MFT RBI funds for the roads with the additional \$50,000 for McCullom Lake Road.

New Business: Ordinance Amending Section 6.5-35 of the Municipal Code of McCullom Lake, McHenry County, IL (Video Gaming Act). Trustee Bogacz made a motion to approve Ordinance #545 An Ordinance Amend Section 6.5-35 Of the Municipal Code of McCullom Lake, McHenry County, IL; seconded by Trustee Walter. Voice vote: Bogacz, Fritz, Matthesius, Mazurek, Vick, Walter=ayes. All in favor, motion carried.

Discussion: Review Comcast Quote to Include Phone Lines. Trustee Walter: He was thinking about revenue when he saw Comcast and didn't they want to put up an antenna off of our antenna? Clerk Messina: I believe you do get revenue for that. Deputy Clerk Prehn: Basically right now we are averaging around \$520.00 for internet and cable a month. So this proposal is for higher speed, free cable and for 5 (five) phone lines for \$264.75. Trustee Fritz: That's a no brainer.

Trustee Fritz made a motion to accept the proposal; seconded by Trustee Mazurek. Voice vote: Bogacz, Fritz, Matthesius, Mazurek, Vick, Walter=ayes. All in favor, motion carried. Deputy Clerk Prehn: There is that 911 line outside so there might be an additional charge so I will let the board know at the next meeting.

Trustee Vick: Why is the garbage not getting picked up? Clerk Messina: This was talked about at the last meeting too. Deputy Clerk Prehn: RLS has taken over Prairieland and you will be receiving a letter with your next bill so please open it. So if you are on auto-pay you are going to have to switch your account. They have relocated their office. Trustee Vick: His garbage and multiple neighbors have not had their garbage picked up, what is going on and why are they coming at all different hours.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors – Trustee Fritz: We had an excellent Easter Egg Hunt. It lasted a little over 3 minutes.

May 15th, 2022 Golf Cart Poker Run – An all you can eat breakfast is being planned. Sign up will be at the Knoll and you must be signed up before noon.

June 11th, 2022 is the next Smoke Out at the Knoll at 4:00 P.M.

Trustee Matthesius asked President Shepit if Neighbors Helping Neighbors is still allowed to store their Christmas decorations up in the attic because they are receiving some flack about it. Trustee Bogacz came to the Village this morning and met with Paul. Trustee Vick: Is there room? President Shepit: It needs to be straightened some. The storage up there is for the Village, the Police Department and the Office and those items need to be accessible as far as keeping it organized. Trustee Bogacz: The Neighbors Helping Neighbors stuff is back in the corner and not out of order but there is other stuff that is out of order and I understand the need for shelves but I feel a plan needs to be put in place and how the shelves will be built but we could maybe work around that because the person demanding this might just go up there and do their own thing. Deputy Clerk Prehn: I was told that it is the Clerk's job and my job to clean that attic. Clerk Messina: I have never been approached about cleaning the attic. President Shepit: He needs to back off. Trustee Bogacz: He definitely needs to back off. Trustee Matthesius: My recommendation is, if we are allowed to keep the stuff up there we need to put shelving in, we need to get all of Neighbors Helping Neighbors up there and we need to consolidate and get rid of some stuff. Trustee Bogacz: We are being told that we have to get our stuff out of there. Trustee Vick: I don't think that any one on the board cares that the Neighbors Helping Neighbors stuff is being kept up there because they do a lot of good for the Village and nobody can tell you that you can't keep it up there unless it's Marilyn. Trustee Bogacz: Our concern is that this person will go up there and do what he damn well pleases. President Shepit: Maybe that's why it's a mess up there? President Shepit will address this matter and there are other matters that have been brought up by this individual on what she should be doing and other board members should be doing that also needs to be addressed. Trustee Matthesius: So is Neighbors Helping Neighbors allowed to keep their stuff up there? President Shepit: Yes.

Trustee Bogacz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 P.M.; seconded by Trustee Mazurek. Voice vote: Bogacz, Fritz, Matthesius, Mazurek, Vick, Walter=ayes. All in favor, motion carried.

The next Village board meeting will be May 24, 2022 at 7:00 P.M.

Marilyn Shepit
Village President

Sherri L. Messina
Village Clerk