

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES,
THE VILLAGE OF McCULLOM LAKE,
4811 W. ORCHARD DRIVE
McCULLOM LAKE, IL 60050
August 14, 2018
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, Attorney Shaw, Trustees Bogacz, Fritz, Given, Matthesius, Mazurek, Walter.

Minutes: Trustee Matthesius made a motion to approve the minutes with minor corrections; seconded by Trustee Walter. Voice vote: Bogacz, Fritz, Given, Matthesius, Mazurek, Walter=ayes. All in favor, motion carried.

Bills: Trustee Bogacz asked if the bill to Vian Construction was the final payment, to which President Shepit replied, no. Trustee Bogacz made a motion to pay the bills; seconded by Trustee Matthesius. Voice vote: Bogacz, Fritz, Given, Matthesius, Mazurek, Walter=ayes. All in favor, motion carried.

Parks: Trustee Given has a K-9 Demonstration for Saturday's Neighbors Helping Neighbors picnic along with a Fire Truck and a bigger truck. President Shepit stated that there are pins out in the baseball where the bases will be and they will be taken out for now and until after the picnic. The community garden is getting quite big.

Roads: Trustee Walter stated that the road re-surfacing after Phase 4 was completed and went well. Trustee Bogacz stated it did not go well there is a huge issue in front of her home. President Shepit stated that Maple Hill and Fountain is quite patchy. Trustee Walter will check out the front of her home and Engineer Cuda will also be contacted.

Communications: President Shepit received a letter from Township asking if we were interested in having them snow plow for us again this year. All board members agreed that the Village is interested in the plowing again. President Shepit stated that the Office staff has been making phone calls on delinquent sewer accounts and some of them have been paid because of those calls.

Audience: Cindy – The next outreach program will be Pizza with Police. It will be on October 2nd, 2018 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at the Pizza Hut in McHenry. Pizza Hut will also be helping to promote this. Chief Beatty will be helping with the step up. Cindy is looking to reach out to Stu Cohen who is a reporter from Star 105.5 and she's planning on contacting him because he likes reporting on projects that are new and creative and work that people do in their community. So hopefully he will come out and talk to our Chief and help us to promote this too. She is still working on getting the social media page up and running, it just takes some time.

Pat let the board know that we received \$80,000 from the CDBG grant that was entered into our General fund. Pat did look into the expenditure account of the salaries/overtime. It is not overtime. She is not exactly sure what it is but it's something that is coded incorrectly. Pat did hear from McHenry and they have raised our rates for the waste water treatment about .36 cents per thousand gallons. The Debt service has gone up about \$4000.00 every two (2) months. Trustee Bogacz stated that if we are being charged more we need to put it back on the residents. That's our responsibility as residents to pay that. Trustee Bogacz asked Attorney Shaw if we are able to back date. Attorney Shaw replied we probably should there's no emergency basis for it. President Shepit stated that the City of McHenry should be notifying us about these increases but they haven't. Pat stated that the new rate is up \$4.00. This needs to be added to the meeting's agenda as a Resolution for the rate change. Pat will make sure that she has the right amount for the Resolution. Also there will be an administrative assistant added to the office so that Lori can go back to being part time. She starts this Thursday. Linda has picked up a lot of new jobs and is updating the Standard Operating Procedures as she goes along.

Scott – He would like more information on the Ball Park. President Shepit stated that we are fixing up what's there and making it so it's for the kids. Scott – It's being paid for by whom? President Shepit replied donations by the McHenry Baseball Association who have also been volunteering their time. We had an engineering company come out who did the survey for the pins which was donated as well. It's just bringing it back to the way it was as far as a usable space. Scott – Who will be in charge of regulating who uses it and who doesn't? President Shepit replied the Village. We already have baseball teams that practice down here which is great. The field is not big enough for anything above a Pinto as far as the age level for baseball. So it would be all Pinto kids up to nine (9) years old. Anybody can practice down there but eventually the thought is maybe have some games down here because there are lights that would be donated for us too. Hopefully this could attract more kids down here for games and be outside instead of being inside on computers. If we wanted to start a baseball game with the kids it will be usable. The bases that are there are so over grown so now they have actual bases to run to. Trustee Mazurek brought up that the back stop is not moving. Scott – What about regulating the

use of it such as the lights that scares him living across the street. Will the residents get to vote on how much use it gets? President Shepit replied yes. It's like a spare park. Scott – Do we have control of the park as opposed to other leagues like all of a sudden the American league wants to bring their kids in here to start something and have use of the park and the residents don't. President Shepit replied No, we have control of the park. Trustee Walter asked him to keep coming to the meetings and we will update him on it. Scott – He had one other question if there could be something done with the ditch across the street that is the Village's that he has been maintaining for the last two (2) years. It's kind of been neglected and forgotten. Trustee Walter will get a hold of Paul. Scott – He doesn't believe that it's really doing the job it's suppose to do down in there now everything has shifted and moved. President Shepit stated we could also have our Engineer look at it.

Glen – He had heard that the VFW was going to come in and regulate the baseball field from talking to the neighbors and he remembers that there was talk about a fence. President Shepit replied I don't know who you talked to but you're the only one who has been at these meetings and everything is in the minutes of the meetings and agendas and you've heard everything that's been going on. Glen – I've heard everything but I never heard anything about the VFW. Trustee Bogacz, that's right because there is no VFW. President Shepit the VFW is where the McHenry Baseball Association has all of their games and the McHenry Baseball Association is the one helping us to make it a better field because they have funds and the means and they practice here so why not make your field better. Glen – But do they really need a fence. President Shepit – there is no permanent fence. If there is one it would be a break down one out in the outfield where it can be removed but there are no permanent fences going in anywhere. Glen – Are they going to put up more bleachers other than the ones behind the back stop? President Shepit – Yes, and I think we have some stored away somewhere that never got put up. Trustee Mazurek mentioned that they are planning on tightening up the backstop and make it more presentable and replace the wood, tighten up the fencing so that no kids can cut themselves on it. The baseball association fixed up the Freund baseball field in McHenry. There's also a park in McHenry Shores that they plan on fixing up. The City doesn't give the kids money for little league so this privately funded organization. If they can fix up a field so the kids can play baseball on that is their mission. Scott – The Village will maintain it? President Shepit – yes along with the McHenry Baseball Association will be assisting with that too. Scott - There's no charge to the residents for that? President Shepit, no. Trustee Bogacz, that's what's nice about this it's all, being donated. Trustee Mazurek, the VFW donates to the little league and the McHenry Baseball Associations fathers donate their time such as myself. I coached this year with the kids. We donate our time with the kids we teach them how to play baseball, we maintain the fields, we rake the field, we chalk the field, we clean up in the Spring and in the Fall. We introduce the kids to baseball. There are kids that don't have the opportunity to play or

have a Dad to show them how to play baseball. It just helps out the communities. President Shepit stated it's a really good organization. Garden ladies – They've been busy maintaining the beds, watering, weeding and pruning. They felt that the beds could benefit with some mulch. They would be willing to volunteer to spread the mulch if the board would be willing to buy the mulch. Adam stepped up and said that he could donate the mulch, deliver and spread it. Township has an intergovernmental agreement with Nunda Township for triple mulch.

Old Business: Personnel Policy – Trustee Bogacz put a couple of things together time off for vacation and holidays. Trustee Bogacz made a motion to table this until the next board meeting; seconded by Trustee Mazurek. Voice vote: Bogacz, Fritz, Given, Matthesius, Mazurek, Walter=ayes. All in favor, motion carried.

New Business: Hickory Lodge – Debbie owner of Hickory Lodge stated they were approved for a deck expansion and it was completed August 6th, 2018. They have six (6) tables and don't anticipate adding any more. They don't have lighting but would like some ambient lighting and everything including the music would go off at dark at 9:00 P.M. Village ordinance right now allows outside alcohol from Memorial Day to Labor Day. She is asking if the ordinance can be revisited and they would like a May 1st opening through November 30th. They would like to have a grand opening the 25th of this month. Trustee Bogacz mentioned that the agenda stated outside liquor during the month of October but she would like it through November, is that correct. Debbie, yes. Trustee Matthesius would like them to be cognitive of the neighbors. Attorney Shaw stated that given the fact they have a lot of things in the hopper going on now maybe what we do if the board is in agreement with extending it or actually removing the date restrictions and making it all year round up until sunset. Make a motion and we'll ratify a written Ordinance at the next meeting. Trustee Bogacz made a motion to do just that; seconded by Trustee Given. Voice vote: Bogacz, Fritz, Given, Matthesius, Mazurek, Walter=ayes. All in favor, motion carried. Trustee Bogacz stated that what she's been hearing and seeing is that the Hickory Lodge is changing some of their attitude and not being defiant. Debbie – I did bring this up in the past with the former Village President and I was told I was guilty by association and that's why I never came to a meeting because I was afraid to come to a meeting.

Discussion: Trustee Matthesius mentioned how bad McCullom Lake Road is getting. President Shepit stated we need a lot of money to have that road repaired. She was looking into crack sealing and how much that would cost. Adam suggested contacting Bill Behm Pavement Maintenance for an estimate and maybe we could do a section a year.

Trustee Walter brought up looking into a new garbage company and get some proposals. This will be added to the next meeting's agenda.

Community Picnic will be August 19, 2018 from 12:00 – 5:00 P.M.

Trustee Bogacz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 P.M.; seconded by Trustee Mazurek. Voice vote: Bogacz, Fritz, Given, Matthesius, Mazurek, Walter=ayes. All in favor, motion carried.

The next board meeting will be August 28, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. at the Village Hall.

Marilyn Shepit
Village President

Sherri L. Messina
Village Clerk