

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES,  
THE VILLAGE OF McCULLOM LAKE,  
4811 W. ORCHARD DRIVE  
McCULLOM LAKE, IL 60050  
August 23, 2022  
All Village Board meetings will be tape recorded.**

President Shepit called the meeting to order at 7:00 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; seconded by Trustee Walter. Voice vote: Bogacz, Fritz, Matthesius, Vick, Walter=ayes. Trustee Mazurek=Abstained. Motion carried.

**Treasurers Report:** Trustee Matthesius made a motion to approve the Treasurers Report; seconded by Trustee Fritz. Voice vote: Bogacz, Fritz, Matthesius, Mazurek, Vick, Walter=ayes. All in favor, motion carried.

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

Deputy Clerk Prehn mentioned that we have a new Program Grant Manager and our grant is in the works but no start date yet. We did have someone come out and give us a price quote for a seawall which was \$50,000.00 though the parks grant would not cover a seawall but there is a Team Mobile grant for \$50,000.00. So she will be trying to apply for that. Team Mobile is giving out twenty five (25) \$50,000 thousand dollar grants every quarter for the next five (5) years.

**Roads:** Trustee Vick stated that they are trimming back the trees on McCullom Lake Road which will be done soon. Trustee Walter mentioned that there is a bush on Orchard going up by West End where you can't even see the speed limit sign and it's bad because the bus comes up that way. Trustee Vick will take a look at it.

**Audience:** Deputy Clerk Prehn would like the boards input on Fall leaf pickup because she gets yelled at every year because October is too early all the leaves don't fall or it might snow, so she chose November 9<sup>th</sup> and November 30<sup>th</sup>. If there's snow, there's snow. The board members agreed that those dates were fine. The Annual audit is done and that will be presented at next month's board meeting. Also they did get to meet the Police Social Worker and she may be coming to the next meeting, or another meeting where she will introduce herself to the board.

September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 registration starts at 9:00 o'clock for the Golf Cart Poker Run. They will leave the Knoll at 11:00 o'clock and are expecting to be back at the Knoll around 4:00 or 4:30. Neighbors Helping Neighbors will be attending the event. There will be raffle prizes, a wheel barrel full of booze, Hawk tickets, etc. President Shepit asked if you had to be in the Poker Run for the raffles. Trustee Vick replied, no. You can go up there and buy your tickets, put your name and phone number on them and they'll give you a call if you win.

**Discussion:** Trustee Fritz: A week after the Poker Run is the Smoke Out on September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022 also at the Knoll. Serving time is 4:00 P.M. on that Saturday until the food runs out and there will be a band.

A resident came in and talked about our community being a very nice town where it reminds her of being a little girl and there's such a peace and beauty about McCullom Lake where you almost have to live here and feel it and know it and experience it. She moved here in 2010 but she's been gone for a year due to an illness and she had always enjoyed when they had fires. No drinking, nothing wild, no big parties and it was great and no one bothered anybody and now it's come to the point where you're supposed to have it three (3) feet away from whatever and it's in an Ordinance and then people call the police and it's like it's been taken away. You sit around the fire and watch it and there's something mesmerizing about the fire. It would have been nice if someone had told me that I could come to the board meeting and I'm not going to say who but if you have a beef you should go to the board meeting and tell them how you feel. So I'm telling you that it stinks unlike the way it was before. But if it's done right and it's watched, not with little kids running around to where they could hurt themselves and I don't know why you all can't have a meeting about this because this is our little Village and our little home town and we could have our own little rule. Why do we have to abide by what the county says and that's

all I have to say. Deputy Clerk Prehn replied you can have a fire with wood. Resident: She had one going and the neighbor has caused nothing but problems and called the police and they were told it could be a \$175.00 dollar fine. President Shepit asked where she lived to which she responded was on McCullom Lake road and their one neighbor has caused nothing but havoc so what are the rules and what are the Ordinance's? President Shepit: You can have a fire and it can't be within fifty (50) feet of a garage or a hundred (100) feet of a house if it's going to be a big fire. You can have a fire in a three (3) by three (3) fire pit and that's fine. Resident: Why does this neighbor have the power to have the police come and threaten me and take videos and cause havoc for everybody when they have grass this high because there's a grass ordinance and they got around it by putting wild flowers in it so they do what they want but any time anyone has a fire they call the police and I think that's crap. President Shepit stated she will have a chat with the police department and she'll dig into that one and before you leave give Deputy Clerk Prehn your address. Resident: The police officer did measure with his feet and it was a hundred feet away or more. First the neighbor said it was too close to their house and they're like watching you with this camera that's under their awning shooting it at us but they have a beautiful flower bed this high. They are nothing but trouble and they are renters. They've done all these things and she has never once called the police on them and she's getting tired of it. The police told her they could have it as long as they are watching it and then the neighbors called the police again and were arguing with the police. Trustee Vick told her if she's having a problem to come here or call here and either Lori or Justin will answer the phones and they will forward your complaint on to us and someone will take care of it. Resident: They been here for two (2) years and they are controlling to every neighbor around us even to the point of taking videos of us and I know you can have videos but what are the laws. You're supposed to be aiming it at your place and your front door not the neighbor's house. These neighbors are bullies and controlling and troublemakers and I'm not a tattletale but I've had it up to here and I've had it and they control my every move and enough is enough and I love it here and I'm going to make a fire and I'm going to do it with dignity. The board members all thanked her for coming and making them aware of this situation.

Trustee Vick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 P.M.; seconded by Trustee Bogacz. Voice vote: Bogacz, Fritz, Matthesius, Mazurek, Vick, Walter=ayes. All in favor, motion carried.

The next Village board meeting will be September 27, 2022 at 7:00 P.M.

Marilyn Shepit  
Village President

Sherri L. Messina  
Village Clerk