President Shepit called the meeting to order at 7:07 P.M.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**Present:** President Shepit, Trustees Bogacz, Fritz, Given, Matthesius, Walter.

**Absent:** Attorney Shaw, Trustee Mazurek

**Minutes:** Trustee Bogacz made a motion to approve the minutes with Trustee Matthesius’ corrections along with, under New Business, the passing of Ordinance #526 that Attorney Shaw stated that there would be no tickets issued to guests that parked on the side of the street when attending a Village resident who was having a party; seconded by Trustee Fritz. Voice vote: Bogacz, Fritz, Given, Matthesius, Walter=ayes. All in favor, motion carried.

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

**Communication:** President Shepit stated that we’ve been trying to get money for McCullom Lake Road so we had a meeting down here and we tried talking with Lauren Underwood and that didn’t get us anywhere so we talked to county and they told us to send out some letters and to try and get part of our portion of the 20% that we would have to pay. President Shepit got a call from Kay Bates and she was working on something but then we were told that that wasn’t really going to work. There is a program called STP (Surface Transportation Program) and from what we understood and what we were told is that we were not eligible for it because it only addressed million dollar projects so that’s why we went through county. President Shepit sent out a letter and had Deputy Prehn send out some letters to people on the board. President Shepit got a letter back stating that they were in receipt of our letter and that the Village of McCullom Lake is classified as a Cohort 4 community, which reduces our required local match for construction from 20% to 10% which we never knew about. President Shepit went on to read that unfortunately the County of McHenry is
unable to provide our Village with funding assistance for the local match. It is their hope that new motor fuel tax revenue from the State of Illinois Capital Program will allow us to fund this important project on our own with little or no negative impact on our existing budget. According to their most current estimates, the Village should expect Capital Program “bond proceeds” in the amount of $70,000 distributed over the next 3 (three) years. In addition the Village should expect its annual motor fuel tax allotment to increase from $27,000 to $45,000. These new transportation revenues should allow us to match the Federal STP grant, if we are successful in obtaining one during this current call for project. So no real help from County but our engineer Frank Cuda has a meeting January 29, 2020 with IDOT, District 1 for a Phase I and II kickoff meeting for McCullom Lake Road to try and get funds for our roads. President Shepit stated that Com-Ed has what’s called Green Region Partnership of Open Lands that provides funding for municipalities for open space projects. There is a lot of paperwork involved with this along with a design etc. and this is available every year and we also have to have the funds to match it and the next one available is March 13, 2020 so if not this year we can try for it next year.

**Audience:** Cindy’s youth group will be racing for Dogs on the Go. It is an animal rescue here in McHenry County. It is a non-profit organization and the youth group chose them because not only do they rescue the dogs but they train them and partner them up with persons who have physical and mental health disabilities.

Boris Jasovic owns a trucking company out of Elgin and is looking at the property at 5100 McCullom Lake Road that was previously owned by a landscaping company and he's looking at the lot next to it as well. He's inquiring about the zoning and any permission from the board to see if this would be feasible. Trustee Matthesius: Her biggest concern is how bad our roads are right now and our roads could not handle it. Mr. Jasovic stated that the trucks are semis and they will have some trailers parked in the lot. They would be doing their dispatching out of there, handle paperwork out of there and mechanical work done but none of the work would be done outside. There would not be any warehousing. Mr. Jasovic has been in contact with Attorney Shaw who suggested that he should come before the board and that Mr. Jasovic’s business would require a special use permit for this kind of company because the lot is not set up for what he is looking to use it for. Most of his trucks are on the road and doesn't see his drivers for seven (7) to eight (8) months. Trustee Walter: How many trucks would be parked there? Mr. Jasovic: There might be only three (3) to four (4) trucks parked on the lot but it would mostly be empty trailers parked there. President Shepit stated that there could be a noise issue when the vehicles are started up. Mr. Jasovic stated the noise issue they could probably work around it. Trustee Bogacz stated that if there is a work area for the trucks that he would have to look into the Storm water protection plan because of
repaired being done and getting rid of oil etc. President Shepit: there is also a creek that runs behind that property too and that’s a huge deal for runoff. Trustee Bogacz: You should really check into the storm water permit and protection plan you would probably have to have both of those in place. Mr. Jasovic: Ok. President Shepit: You have absolutely no sales or anything going on there? Mr. Jasovic: No. Trustee Bogacz: So you’re looking to move your office from Elgin to here plus a repair shop? Mr. Jasovic: Yes. Trustee Fritz: So it’s like a hub with a shower? Mr. Jasovic: It’s a maybe they can shower at the truck stop. Trustee Bogacz: I would like to see information in regards to how you would help us alleviate some of our problems like with the roads. Mr. Jasovic: Sure. Trustee Bogacz: We’ve been working on our roads for two (2) years now at least. President Shepit: It’s been five (5) years since we’ve been trying to get money for our roads. Mr. Jasovic: If he can be of any help and we could try and work together and try and raise the money together he’d be happy to help. He does not want the board to feel pressured. Trustee Matthesius: Her only issue is the current condition of our roads. Deputy Clerk Prehn: You wouldn’t be driving through the Village? Mr. Jasovic: No. Trustee Bogacz: What are you looking for as a time frame? Mr. Jasovic: Tomorrow. (laughter)… President Shepit: We can’t do anything about this now but if you guys could think about it and any questions that you come up with, we can ask Jeremy. Mr. Jasovic: Take your time. Trustee Walter: How about the entrance, is it sufficient enough for the semis? Mr. Jasovic: It appears to be sufficient enough. He is asking that the board please contact him or Jeremy with any questions or concerns or if we come up with something, please feel free to ask.

Old Business: Ratify Ordinance #525 Storage Containers – Trustee Bogacz made a motion to approve the ratification; seconded by Trustee Given. Voice vote: Bogacz, Fritz, Given, Matthesius, Walter=ayes. All in favor, motion carried.

Discussion: President Shepit: For vehicles in the Village that don’t move a lot. Our Ordinance states that if it’s registered, has a Village sticker and is operable along with air in the tires according to our Ordinance that’s all that it needs. Deputy Clerk Prehn: and not in pieces. President Shepit: If it has the appearance of being operable, the tires aren’t flat, it has a Village sticker and the vehicle is registered that’s pretty much all our Ordinance says. So there were some questions about vehicles in the Village and one is on a trailer. It’s going to have air in the tires; it’s always been registered and has always had a Village sticker. There is another one in a driveway that doesn’t have a lot of traffic and it has a registration and also a Village sticker. There are other people that have cars sitting there with no registration, no Village sticker with parts that are missing and that is what the Village’s intent for this Ordinance was in the first place. We were asked or sort of kind of pushed into sending out letters because hey the State code is this and the County code says that, McHenry’s code is that
but our Ordinance says: If it’s registered, has a Village sticker and is operable meaning that the tires are full of air, though we might not know what’s underneath the engine, we don’t care but as long as it has the appearance of looking presentable... Trustee Matthesius: and has to be on an approved surface. President Shepit: The official Village thought on this is those are the ones you go after, make sure they have it registered, has a Village sticker and has the appearance that it’s operable, as for the rest anything that doesn’t meet that, that’s what the Village should be taking care of. So the letters that we were forced to send out, some of those are being retracted because those particular vehicles follow what’s in our Ordinance. The other vehicles that are really bad, those are the ones that the Village does not want. So that is where we are at right now, she has given Deputy Clerk Prehn direction, she’s talked to Attorney Shaw about it and they are all in agreement and if anything else comes up it goes to Deputy Clerk Prehn, then it will be brought to President Shepit, Attorney Shaw and Chief Beatty and nobody else. There have been some people wanting to step in and we are saying no, that’s not right so we are taking those people out of this. We do have properties where they have many boats and all kinds of stuff going on and those are the things that we should be concentrating on. President Shepit is just making everyone aware of this because it’s been a huge issue the past couple of weeks and she has talked to Attorney Shaw about this earlier so that everyone is on the same page instead of having rogue people that have vendettas against people or whatever the case happens to be that we are all on the same page and they need to follow our page. Anything that comes up comes directly to me, Chief Beatty or Attorney Shaw nobody just goes off and does their own thing.

Trustee Fritz: As of Sunday it is a go for the derby and they will check the ice on Thursday at the latest and if there are 6 plus inches of ice then they have safe ice. They do not have a safe parking place in the field. He is going to talk to Mr. Condon to see if they can plow the shoulders a little bit better so vehicles can park on one side of the street close to the shoulder as best as they can and they will let people know that Peterson Park is open and West Beach is open. Trustee Walter mentioned Flanders Road could be used for parking as well. Paul has plowed out the boat launch from the gate to the lake and it’s only wide enough for four (4) wheelers and snowmobiles. McHenry Police Department and Fire Department have been notified that there is a derby going on. The derby will start at 5:00 A.M. an E-blast will go out Friday morning for this. Tuesday of next week will be the next Neighbors Helping Neighbors meeting at 7:00 P.M. at the Knoll.

Trustee Bogacz would like something put in the newsletter about barking dogs. Deputy Clerk Prehn stated that the next news letter will have a whole section on nuisances of all kinds.
Trustee Bogacz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 P.M.; seconded by Trustee Given. Voice vote: Bogacz, Fritz, Given, Matthesius, Walter=ayes. All in favor, motion carried.

The next board meeting will be February 11, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. at the Village Hall.