

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES,
THE VILLAGE OF McCULLOM LAKE,
4811 W. ORCHARD DRIVE
McCULLOM LAKE, IL 60050
JULY 25, 2023
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, Thompson, Vick, Walter

Absent: Attorney Shaw

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

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

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

Public Works: Trustee Vick is still waiting on getting quotes on the three (3) to four (4) manholes that need to be lifted, his guy had to re-schedule. Trustee Vick would really like to bring up the idea of a yearly patching program throughout the Village. If we took X amount of dollars and put it towards the worst places we can find around the Village. Pick like four (4) or five (5) spots, mark out an area and have them come in and patch it. We're talking about spending around twenty thousand a year and to try and keep the roads up as best as we can. President Shepit: What about the lines/seal coating in the cracks? Trustee Vick: Is it worth it, yes because it keeps the moisture out of the road base. The pricing for it isn't a lot but it would be like half a million for the whole Village.

President Shepit: What about just one (1) street? (Laughter) but we could do something like that too even though it doesn't last forever. Trustee Vick: I'm just going to try to develop some sort of plan just to come up with an idea where we can do a little bit each year. Trustee Bogacz: That's a great idea. I think Maple Hill and Spring would be a great start. Trustee Vick: I'll come up with a plan and if we can get approval on it and get some information from Deputy Clerk Prehn and everything that she knows, because she knows everything. Deputy Clerk Prehn: You do have to remember that the grant is already out there for those five (5) spots. Trustee Vick: Yes, absolutely and I'm not talking about redoing whole roads or anything like that just generalized bad areas. President Shepit: Lori you're talking about the grant for the bike path? Deputy Clerk Prehn: The CDBG grant which is part of Spring and out front here by the Village hall. President Shepit: That's Orchard all the way down. Trustee Vick: That's 2024 right? Deputy Clerk Prehn: Yes. We don't know if we are approved yet, the decision will be made in October and if approved the work wouldn't start until Spring of next year. Trustee Thompson: What are quotes for common maintenance in comparison to re-surfacing over the course of how many years, what's more beneficial? President Shepit: What we're talking about Chad is that we applied for a grant that covers bike paths. Orchard had a bike path all the way to the West End and into the bike path in to the forest and it came all the way down here and to get to the other bike path you would go down Orchard, Lake Shore and to the bike path. So that would cover that whole area because the road is part of the bike path. Trustee Thompson: O.k., I mean if you're going to spend half a million dollars to do the cracks and everything, what's more beneficial? Something that's going to last one (1) year or something that's going to be re-surfaced over a course of how many years. President Shepit: We also would have to have the money and patching is what we have. We don't have re-surface money. Deputy Clerk Prehn: We could do a comparison and see what it is. Trustee Vick: I'm talking the worst of the worst because everyone that lives in the Village knows o.k. that's bad and that's bad. Trustee Walter: You said there are five (5) spots you're going to do? Trustee Vick: I think it's maybe five (5) manholes they can try and do. Trustee Walter stated that he has a bad one in front of his home. Trustee Vick: I'll get something together for the next meeting and we can all mull it over and decide on a number that everyone is comfortable with and get some bids. Trustee Bogacz: That's awesome, thank you.

Communications: Trustee Bogacz: Our garbage contract is up I believe October 31st. She was able to get a hold of the Vice President of sales for LRS and she mentioned that when we were with Prairieland one of the things she really liked and would like to keep are the services where they can help the elderly in our community by bringing out their garbage cans and we really liked that idea. Doesn't think there is really anything extra that can be added to our service. He is planning on getting a proposal to her and she will have it by the

September board meeting. Our pricing will be going up a little bit. He's going to be putting together a five (5) year plan and a seven (7) year plan so we just need to look at them and see which one is better for us. We also have a resident who is an operations manager for LRS.

Audience: Deputy Clerk Prehn – The electric bill for the street lights we haven't seen a bill since April. They were switching over to the LED lights and they were having issues with their billing program. The bill is now over \$3000.00 dollars because they have been charging us late fees and she has been going back and forth with them on those late fees, but when she does get to an agreeable fee can she just go ahead and pay it. The answer to that question is yes go ahead and pay it. Trustee Thompson asked Deputy Clerk Prehn to ask them for an itemized bill for the LED's and he would like to look at it.

Old Business: N/A

New Business: Appointment of new Trustee. Village Clerk Messina swore in Joe Zakrocky.

Discussion: Trustee Fritz – We had a project last week on a Saturday with Neighbors Helping Neighbors. They were asked two (2) years ago to help a guy unload a garage and rebuild one. We had people help out but the resident did not help himself. Trustee Fritz got a call from Deputy Clerk Prehn stating that the resident still needed his garage taken down and doesn't want anything rebuilt. They were able to tear it down in four (4) hours. There was a lot of stuff inside and they wanted to know what he wanted to do with it. He was told to just take whatever you want, unload the garage and tear it down so that's what they did. What a project! President Shepit asked if there was a but to his story? He replied no. The garage is down and it's no longer an eye sore to the community. The board replied, nice job!

There is another project coming up on Saturday August 5th and Sunday August 6th. Dumpsters will be placed where the cameras are. When the dumpsters are full they are full and that's it. This is just for Village residents only. Trustee Fritz stated that Trustee Vick & Trustee Zakrocky brought this up at a Neighbors Helping Neighbors meeting and they went for it. They also wanted to acknowledge Bill Cross for being the wingman on this project.

Trustee Vick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 P.M.; seconded by Trustee Bogacz. Voice vote: Bogacz, Fritz, Thompson, Vick, Walter, Zakrocky=ayes. All in favor, motion carried.

The next Village board meeting will be August 22, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

Marilyn Shepit
Village President

Sherri L. Messina
Village Clerk