

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES,
THE VILLAGE OF McCULLOM LAKE,
4811 W. ORCHARD DRIVE
McCULLOM LAKE, IL 60050
JUNE 27, 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 Fritz made a motion to approve the minutes; 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 Walter. Voice vote: Bogacz, Fritz, Thompson, Vick, Walter=ayes. All in favor, motion carried

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

Parks: Deputy Clerk Prehn mentioned that the picnic tables and the garbage cans are out.

Roads: Trustee Vick stated that there are a couple spots in the Village where the manholes are sticking up that need to be fixed before plowing can continue. The Township was going to bow out on plowing the Village this year. He is going to get some bids from a couple of local construction companies to see what prices are. Shouldn't be more than \$2500 to fix four (4) or (5) spots. It's beating up the equipment and somebody is going to end up hitting one and then

hitting a car. This is more of a safety issue and if we get those fixed he believes Township will do our plowing.

Blight: Trustee Walter brought up that there is a wire five feet off the ground in Zender Park. Trustee Vick stated it's by the easement. President Shepit stated she would add that to her list for Com-Ed.

Communication: John Picchiotti who is a district operations staffer with State Senator Craig Wilcox. Their office is compiling a list of projects that local entities in our district are pursuing that they can track for when State funding or grant opportunities are available that we may qualify for. If there are any projects we are planning that we are seeking additional funds to please let them know by sending over a description of the project, an estimated cost of the project and any other relevant information. If there are any other projects that might be helpful in the Village to please let Lori know. Trustee Thompson stated that if they are going to resurface can they possibly resurface and grade everything towards the drains because we have many drains that are now high and dry. Trustee Walter asked about getting clearance over the trees off the roadway.

Audience: Resident Glenn – when you're talking about manholes what about the one right out here in front of the Village. It's never been fixed, blacktop has been put in there to patch it up but that just plugs it up where the water won't even go in and somebody could hit that or a kid could ride his bicycle into it and we could have a lawsuit on our hands. President Shepit stated that is not just a manhole issue it's a matter of figuring out where that whole drainage thing goes. We are working on getting Grant money which they will be making decisions by October of this year but it probably won't get started until May of next year. It's not just a matter of taking out the cover and putting it in. There is something else wrong down there. President Shepit stated she will have Paul check it out again.

Carl Kamienski from McHenry County District 6 is visiting us again.

Resident here that are new to the neighborhood and they were told to come in because her husband has a work truck that they need to get a sticker or permit for. President Shepit asked what kind of license plate it is. The resident currently has an "F" plate. President Shepit stated we have the weight limit inside the Village for a reason because the roads aren't built like McCullom Lake Road is. It's bad enough we have the garbage trucks and school buses and there were resident who drove Tow trucks for work and they had to park them elsewhere. The reason is to save our roads inside the Village and we just changed our weight limit to accommodate vehicles with "D" plates. The resident

stated that their Realtor and their attorney said that they would be able to park in the Village. President Shepit stated that we have signs at each entrance that tell you otherwise and they shouldn't have told you that. We have other contractors that live here and park their vehicles across McCullom Lake Road. Trustee Fritz stated that there is a place up the street on McCullom Lake Road that he use to park his truck at, they are right before the railroad tracks. Sergeant Beatty stated that our Ordinance goes by plate so he should check and see if he could go down to a "D" plate, or he could also possibly park it over on Lakeside Court and he could walk from his house to there.

Old Business: Ordinance Amending Ordinance #284 of the Code of Ordinances Parking. Trustee Bogacz asked about boats with motors. President Shepit stated that this is not replacing the previous Ordinance just a section of the Ordinance so that people cannot park on pavers, which would also include boats and that they would also have to be on a paved surface. Trustee Bogacz stated that some are parked in the grass. President Shepit asked at what address. The boat in question is in The Gardens. President Shepit stated we will have to look into that. Trustee Fritz made a motion to approve Ordinance #555 – An Ordinance Amending Ordinance #284 of the Code of Ordinances; seconded by Trustee Vick. Voice vote: Bogacz, Fritz, Thompson, Vick, Walter=ayes. All in favor, motion carried.

New Business: 2023 – 2024 Appropriations & Estimates of Revenues. Trustee Vick made a motion to approve Ordinance #556 2023 – 2024 Appropriations & Estimates of Revenues; seconded by Trustee Walter. Voice vote: Bogacz, Fritz, Thompson, Vick, Walter=ayes. All in favor, motion carried.

Swear in Officer Syed Abulullah. It has come to our attention that police officers do not need to be on the list for Statement of Economic Interests. Village Clerk Messina swore in Officer Abulullah.

Discussion: Trustee Fritz – The Smoke Out was a success and at the next meeting he will have information for recycling in August such as tires, newspaper etc. to clean up the neighborhood. A part of the Golf Cart Poker run people are the ones who brought this up to his attention and he decided to do it and they are going to run with it.

Trustee Bogacz asked about Lakeland Service Center if they were Johnsborg or McCullom Lake. President Shepit stated that the road there is Johnsborg's. She's asking about the property not the road. The business is located in McCullom Lake. Trustee Bogacz asked why are we allowing all those cars to be sitting out there in front in the grass. It's looking like a junk yard over there. Sergeant Beatty stated that they are going to be putting in a circle driveway. The cars that are parked there are during business hours. Trustee Bogacz suggested

maybe raising our fines on Ordinance violations to which Sergeant Beatty suggested that we could do that. He also stated that we have problems with animals at large such as dogs that he's writing tickets for. Any vicious animal reports even though we have an Ordinance on vicious dogs it has to go through Animal Control.

Fireworks – The State Law says you're not supposed to have fireworks. If they don't see them shooting them off there's not much our Police Department can do about it. It's only when he sees them, but he is working this 4th of July, and he's doing the best he can and maybe we should have two squads on that day to crack down on this issue.

Trustee Vick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 P.M.; seconded by Trustee Walter. Voice vote: Bogacz, Fritz, Thompson, Vick, Walter=ayes. All in favor, motion carried.

The next Village board meeting will be July 25, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

Marilyn Shepit
Village President

Sherri L. Messina
Village Clerk