

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES,  
THE VILLAGE OF McCULLOM LAKE,  
4811 W. ORCHARD DRIVE  
McCULLOM LAKE, IL 60050  
March 23, 2021  
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, Attorney Shaw, Trustees Bogacz, Fritz, Matthesius, Mazurek, Vick, Walter

**Minutes:** Trustee Matthesius made a motion to approve the minutes with one correction; seconded by Trustee Walter. Voice vote: Bogacz, Fritz, Matthesius, Vick, Walter=ayes. Trustee Mazurek=abstained. Motion carried.

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

**Audience:** Forest Glen – Attorney Mark Saladin was in the audience along with Chip Eldridge and Charlie Eldridge to present to the board their plans for Forest Glen. They have purchased thirty-two lots in Forest Glen. The plans presented to the board are some concept plans to build Duplex's and they would like to start Phase I. They've also purchased the property at 5310 Orchard where they would like to put a model up as soon as they can. The property is currently subject to an annexation agreement that was entered into in 2004 and it does expire in 2024 and there would have to be an amendment to the annexation agreement and they would work with the Village on that and the zoning. There are two (2) different designs and the price range would be in the mid \$200,000. They are hooked up with Wausau homes where they would bring the shell in and

the Eldridge's would contract out the workers where they build out from the inside of the shell. They would like to do one well for each lot. Attorney Shaw asked if they have talked to the City of McHenry and is there going to be an access issue getting on to Ringwood Road? There's just been a history of that access between McHenry and our Village and he feels they should have the conversation with the City of McHenry sooner than later. They said they would be talking with the City of McHenry. There will be no Section 8 housing the intent is to sell them. The houses will be built on slabs and construction would have to go through on Ringwood Road and not our Village roads. They will check on the zoning, the PE's and the annexation. All board members liked the concept that was presented to them.

Audience: Deputy Prehn – Last year they collected money for old tickets. The Comptroller has put a halt on low to moderate income and will not be offsetting tax returns for anyone that files an Earned Income Credit on their tax return. Because of Covid the amount previously collected will go down a bit. These will not be going away it's just been changed slightly because of the virus.

Deputy Clerk Prehn received an update from Heather on the status of the grant for McCullom Lake Road they received and accepted a Notice of State Award. They requested a working Capital advance of 25% of the grant amount up front. The Grant Agreement requires the Grant Funds (working capital advance) once received, be deposited into an interest bearing account. So we are just waiting for the next steps. Everything's been approved and then we should be ready to go. The entire Village board thanked Lori for all her work on this. It is greatly appreciated!

**Old Business:** Discuss Purchasing Village Truck – Trustee Fritz made a motion to table this until the next board meeting; seconded by Trustee Vick. Voice vote: Bogacz, Fritz, Matthesius, Mazurek, Vick, Walter=ayes. All in favor, motion carried.

**New Business:** Approve Liquor License for the Cullom Knoll, Sunrise Foods & Liquor and MCNL Poker – Trustee Fritz made a motion to approve all of the above liquor licenses; seconded by Trustee Mazurek. Voice vote: Bogacz, Fritz, Matthesius, Mazurek, Vick, Walter=ayes. All in favor, motion carried.

Amend Hall Rental Agreement 295, 418, 451, 473, 509 – Trustee Matthesius made a motion to Approve Ordinance #533 An Ordinance Amending Section 6.5-31 of the Code of Ordinances; seconded by Trustee Walter. Voice vote: Bogacz, Fritz, Matthesius, Mazurek, Vick, Walter=ayes. All in favor, motion carried.

Ordinance Regulating Work in the Village Right of Ways – Trustee Bogacz made a motion to approve Ordinance #534 An Ordinance Regulating Work in the Village Right of Ways in the Village of McCullom Lake; seconded by Trustee Mazurek. Voice vote: Bogacz, Fritz, Matthesius, Mazurek, Vick, Walter=ayes. All in favor, motion carried.

**Discussion:** Trustee Walter: Why don't we have the Village office open? President Shepit: Because there's still Covid. Trustee Walter: Why are we down to only one meeting? Trustee Matthesius: They've opened up for Government. Trustee Walter: I was in the federal building today. President Shepit: Well that's good but they also have tons of money to do sanitation of the building that we don't have. Trustee Walter: I know but it looks like the only ones getting hit are the residents because the office isn't open. Deputy Clerk Prehn: What is it that they need to come in for? Trustee Walter you still get paid, you still get paid, you get paid. President Shepit: I haven't been paid Mike, so either know what you're talking about before you open your mouth. Trustee Walter: Ain't you on salary? President Shepit: No, I'm not! None of has been paid and if he (Attorney Shaw) doesn't show up at the meeting he's still doing work for the Village on Ordinance's and if you don't know what you're talking about, don't open your mouth. Trustee Walter: Hey! I can open my mouth anytime I want! President Shepit: Since January to June when we didn't have meetings I didn't get a cent and I did a lot of things still. Trustee Walter: When I look at that thing for expenses it says the President is on a salary. President Shepit: That's not true and you should ask before you bring it up and know what you're talking about. President Shepit: It's per meeting Mike, just like everyone else here. Attorney Shaw gets paid for meetings when he's here but when he's not here he's doing plenty of other things for the village with arrests, court etc. Trustee Walter: I just want to know why we're not open. President Shepit: Because we found out how much it costs to sanitize this place for Covid and its \$2000 dollars to come in and sanitize this building. When we started doing court again, we had to shut that down too. The Village doesn't have the money to sanitize the building every time somebody walks in and out of that door. We don't have the employees or the money to do that. You have to have someone come in and sanitize everything. Trustee Matthesius: Are we having a problem with the Village residents not getting what they need? President Shepit: Not a one. Deputy Clerk Prehn: We have the boxes out there for them. President Shepit: If they need permits they get permits, they get inspections when they need inspections there's no problems with anybody. Lori have we had any complaints with any residents except Mike? Deputy Clerk Prehn: At first we had a little bit but we have the box outside, we have online stuff and sometimes we do let people in here and for those that might not have a computer. President Shepit: As soon as the State let's up a little more and things start clearing up and yeah I want to open up the building and I want to be able to rent the hall out but the Village can't afford it. Deputy Clerk Prehn: And now is the worst time to open it

because at the end of March you have a lot of residents getting their Village stickers on the last day and they'll be in that hall way and Justin and I are suppose to tell them to go wait outside? You have all these people every March waiting until the last minute to get their stickers and you'll have a super spreader right there in that hall way and we did talk about it maybe around the first of April we'll start opening it up a bit. President Shepit: Lori how much money have we gotten back from what we've lost at the Village? We're not going to get anything back if we have to sanitize this building. Trustee Bogacz: I haven't heard any complaints, I had a neighbor ask is this how we do it and I said yes just put the check in the drop box and they'll mail you out your sticker. Deputy Clerk Prehn: I'm confused as to why there is a need for two (2) meetings because with two (2) you're getting paid for being here for only 15 minutes most of the time but by having one meeting for an hour you are saving the Village \$6000 dollars a year. Trustee Vick: Which is a great thing. Trustee Matthesius: If we go down to one (1) meeting I think we should still get what bills are getting paid. President Shepit: We can do that. Deputy Clerk Prehn: I've suggested emailing them to you guys anyway. That saves on ink and paper. Trustee Vick: Deal. Trustee Bogacz: I'd rather get it that way because there's so much wasted paper. Trustee Matthesius: I'd rather get email although it is easier to do my proof reading on paper. President Shepit: Mike's worried about the President getting paid which really doesn't happen, when the President is responsible for all phone calls at any time of the day. I'm out there running around looking at stuff and it doesn't matter if it's in the middle of the night or early morning it doesn't matter, but I'm out there and you know what I got zero for doing all of that and I'm not bitching Mike. Trustee Walter: I was looking at that thing and it said the President was on salary, so I thought it was salary. President Shepit: Of all the people that should be complaining it should be me but I'm not because this is basically volunteer, yeah I get \$120.00 a month when we're doing two (2) meetings a month I got paid nothing for all those months we didn't have meetings but you're complaining. Not one other person got paid except for Lori, Jeremy and Sherri but no Trustee gets a cent if there's no meeting and I don't care as long as the business of this Village is taken care of and the residents of this Village are taken care of that's my concern. We are looking out for their health and safety. Trustee Walter: Everything else is starting to open up and I was just wondering why we're not. Trustee Vick: In due time, in due time. President Shepit: And if we let somebody in here and they get sick, who do they go after? They go after this Village. You want to foot that bill? Trustee Walter: They could do that now Marilyn, we're open now. President Shepit: If we had all the residents come in and out of this building and one of them got sick, who would be responsible? Trustee Vick: What happens if Lori gets sick, are we paying her? If we open up the Village and Lori and Justin both get sick and then who's taking care of all the bills? President Shepit: It's for the safety of our employees, the Police department, Lori, Justin and Sherri is the reason that we haven't opened it yet and I want to open the Village when it's

safe to do so. Deputy Clerk Prehn: Renting the Village Hall out is on weekends and it's not staffed here on the weekend. We can do half the capacity but who's going to see if they have seventy-five (75) people or two hundred (200)? There's no one here to see who's coming to the party. We have a ton of people calling and we wish we could open up but we would have to pay someone to sit here to make sure they're under a hundred (100). Trustee Bogacz: We already had one (1) party here where they said adults were going to be here and they weren't. So no, we can't do it just yet. Wish we could, but we can't.

President Shepit: Anyone else have anything?

Trustee Fritz: The Easter Egg Hunt is cancelled because we don't have a hall. Trustee Fritz I have one more thing but everybody is pissing and moaning about salaries! I want to talk about the Cullom Knoll, my wife and I have been approached by the Cullom Knoll because we did a BBQ cookout last year. We might do three (3) this year. The first one will be Saturday, May 29<sup>th</sup> Memorial day weekend and the next one is Labor day weekend but we haven't gotten that far yet. Bags tournaments during the day, bar outside. Trustee Vick: So in between that there is the golf cart Poker run. Trustee Fritz: Yes, but no date yet. Trustee Vick: No but it will between those two dates.

Trustee Matthesius made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 P.M.; seconded by Trustee Walter. Voice vote: Bogacz, Fritz, Matthesius, Mazurek, Vick, Walter=ayes. All in favor, motion carried.

The next Village board meeting will be April 27, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.

Marilyn Shepit  
Village President

Sherri L. Messina  
Village Clerk