

**MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES,
THE VILLAGE OF McCULLOM LAKE,
4811 W. ORCHARD DRIVE
McCULLOM LAKE, IL 60050
August 26, 2025**

All Village Board meetings will be tape recorded.

President Counley called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: By Village Clerk Messina

Present: President Counley, Trustees Bogacz, Fritz, Vick, Walter, Zakrocky

Absent: Trustee Thompson, Attorney Shaw

Minutes: Trustee Walter made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting; seconded by Trustee Fritz. Voice vote: Bogacz, Fritz, Vick, Walter, Zakrocky=ayes. All in favor, motion carried.

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

Attorney: Clerk Messina received an email from Attorney Shaw about the Hen Ordinance that Trustee Bogacz inquired about. His response was The Ordinance stands on its own now. It was written so that it could be repealed if the Pilot program failed, but it was meant to stay in place once the Pilot program was up.

Finance: N/A

Building & Zoning: N/A

Parks: President Counley: The landscape timers are in. President Counley is going to bring a tiller down to even everything out. He's looking to see if we can just replace a cushion on one of the benches. The bad seat was taken out and caution tape put around the bench until it can be replaced. If the cushion can't be replaced then a new bench will be put in. The benches at Zender Park were repainted. Deputy Clerk Prehn inquired about the left over money for parks and if it could be used to seal coat the basketball court and the answer was yes. Deputy Clerk Prehn stated there is enough money to get a couple of outdoor grills. The previous ones were taken out and not replaced. Trustee Zakrocky has a suggestion about getting a sign for Zender Park? Shirley had started looking into getting a sign for Zender Park and did the board still want her to pursue it. The reply from the Board was, yes. Shirley will bring something down at the next Board meeting. Trustee Zakrocky will also look into some sign pricing too.

Roads: Trustee Vick: Lori has all the info because he was not able to attend the meeting. Deputy Clerk Prehn: They meet with Schroeder Asphalt Contracting and HR Green for the pre-construction meeting. Trustee Vick: J.U.L.I.E. should be out this week to mark everything and they will start with a little curb work and some drainage work, and then they will mill and then pave. Work should start next week. They will be bringing their machines in and they will put up signs so the school buses can see them. They will be doing a temporary patch on Spring. Deputy Clerk Prehn: She is still waiting to hear from IDOT grant for the whole Village it was postponed so we might not hear about it until September.

Blight: Trustee Walter: He has a list of trees and bushes. President Counley: Greg has also started a list and he is going to ride around with Greg tomorrow or the next day. They will be looking for whose trees are in the easement and which trees are resident trees. If it is a resident's tree they will be getting a notice on what they have to do. He's going to make something stick out bigger in the newsletter about trees branches needing to be 15 feet above the road. We are already getting complaints from the school buses.

Police: Trustee Zakrocky read off the Monthly Police Report from 7-21 to 8-25. He also was able to have the tent taken down the day after last month's Board meeting.

President Counley: We found out that the squad computers are not compatible with Windows 11. New ones cost \$4,500.00 a piece and they will get pricing by next month's meeting on refurbished ones. The IT guy was here yesterday to start ordering.

President Counley put out a message to the Police Chief a couple weeks ago that he wants somebody on every day, not all day long. He also wants an Officer on

duty on Friday nights and Saturday nights until the bar closes. Deputy Clerk Prehn: Chief Beatty put out a recruitment ad on what's called The Blue Line and so far we have seven (7) applications that we received and Chief Beatty will be doing the interviews. Also the State came in today and they are 87% done with training for the year. President Counley: With the Police getting raises they've got to expect to pick up an extra shift or two (2). Officer Svejcar had surgery so he's almost ready to be coming back.

Communications: President Counley: Our Building Inspector Trent's last day was last Friday however he is staying on for a little bit to get the new guy trained that he asked to be Building Inspector which is Marc Spatol. Trent will work with him for a little while. Trustee Bogacz: Does he have qualifications? President Counley: Marc has everything except for certification in electrical. Marc can learn electrical online. Between now and then we can have someone else do the electrical inspections. He can do the Rental Inspections right now. Trustee Bogacz: So he will be getting paid less than what Trent was at because he doesn't have all of the qualifications, correct? President Counley: He will be getting paid for whatever the permits are. Trustee Bogacz: O.k. Trustee Zakrocky: Is he also inspecting plumbing? Deputy Clerk Prehn: No, John Bertram is our Plumbing Inspector, Marc cannot be both. Trustee Vick: Chad is a certified electrician. Trustee Bogacz: I'm just asking because it was kind of a shock to hear that Trent had quit and we have someone new so I just want to make sure that they can do what they are supposed to do, so that's why I'm asking questions. Trustee Zakrocky: So what is Marc's background? President Counley: He's a carpenter. Clerk Messina: With Chad that could be a conflict of interest and I will check with our Attorney. Trustee Vick: But wouldn't it be a conflict of interest with Marc because he is also on the Zoning Board? Clerk Messina: No, because he doesn't run for office it's an appointed position where Chad was elected to his position.

Audience: Glen Gates had power out again because his neighbor's tree came down again and took out power to the same four (4) houses. A letter was supposed to go out about the trees that were supposed to be taken down and it must have got misplaced so the letters never went out. He did confront the neighbor and told him he needed to take the tree down and pay for it this time because he was upset. He's got another branch that is probably going to come and take out more power. President Counley: Well the keyword you said was his backyard. There isn't much the Village can do about that, we can't force him to take the tree down. There's supposed to be a ten (10) foot utility easement back there. Deputy Clerk Prehn: Brian brought a hand written letter down, what we needed is an Arborists letter that the tree is dead. That's how we can get in his backyard. President Counley: He will have a conversation with Com-Ed.

Shirley: Ladies of the Garden Club will take the plants that they planted and took care of at Zender Park. It's just too much for her to keep up with.

Deputy Clerk Prehn: She is hoping to get the Audit from the auditors to be presented at the September meeting.

The owner that owns the property at the corner of Flanders Road concerning annexation wants to know if he should contact our Attorney. President Counley: Yes, because he doesn't have anything new to give him at the moment and Jeremy would be the guy to talk to. If he could bring in a conceptual drawing and Lori could make copies so the board members can look at them and maybe break ground on it at the September meeting.

Old Business: N/A

New Business: N/A

Discussion: President Counley: Our Parking Ordinance is a mess. The Police can't write tickets or enforce anything because the Ordinance contradicts itself. There are eight (8) pages on this Ordinance. President Counley, Chief Beatty and Sergeant Beatty are planning on going over the Ordinance line by line and draw something up and then give it to Jeremy. It probably will not be ready for the September meeting.

Trustee Fritz: Neighbors Helping Neighbors Fund Raiser will be October 11, 2025 here at the Village Hall with a bonfire afterwards. Trustee Fritz has tickets and President Counley has tickets.

Trustee Zakrocky: Police Department Car Show on the Beach will be Saturday, September 20, 2025. Last year the cars were parked on the grass. President Counley: Hopefully we will have the basketball court sealed by then.

Trustee Fritz: The next Neighbors Helping Neighbors meeting is September 9, 2025 at the Cullom Knoll at 6:30 in the back room.

Trustee Bogacz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 P.M.; seconded by Trustee Vick. Voice vote: Bogacz, Fritz, Vick, Walter, Zakrocky=ayes. All in favor, motion carried.

The next Village board meeting will be September 23, 2025 at 7:00 P.M.

Terry Counley
Village President

Sherri Messina
Village Clerk