

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES,
THE VILLAGE OF McCULLOM LAKE,
4811 W. ORCHARD DRIVE
McCULLOM LAKE, IL 60050
February 22, 2022
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 Fritz, Mazurek, Matthesius, Vick, Walter

Absent: Trustee Bogacz, Attorney Shaw

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

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

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

Parks: Trustee Matthesius – Once Brian Gates starts back up in the spring he will get to cleaning up the weeping willow tree that's on the beach.

Blight: Trustee Walter – Flags/Banners by the Knoll are blocking the view of drivers trying to pull out on to McCullom Lake Road. There are also potholes on Spring Road in The Gardens.

Audience: Laurie Geske is in the audience she's here for the item that is under new business.

Old Business: An Ordinance Amending Section 6.5-32 Hall Rentals – Deputy Clerk Prehn went over the suggestions that Trustee Bogacz left for her. These are for hourly Fees - Day – No alcohol before 5:00 PM (Residents) - \$37.50 – Trustees changed it to \$47.50 – Non-Resident \$50.00 – Trustees changed it to \$60.00
Evening – No alcohol after 5:00 PM (Residents) – \$75.00 – Trustees changed it to \$85.00 – Non-Resident \$100.00 – Trustees changed to \$110.00
Evening with alcohol after 5:00 PM (Residents) – \$100.00 – Trustees changed to \$110.00 – Non-Resident \$150.00 – Trustees changed to \$160.00
Cleaning Fee for Resident and Non-Resident \$50.00
Deposit for Resident and Non-Resident \$500.00 – Deposit refundable after the Hall has been inspected.

Trustee Mazurek made a motion to approve Ordinance #544 An Ordinance Amending Section 6.5-32 Hall Rentals with the new fees as discussed; seconded by Trustee Fritz. Voice vote: Fritz, Matthesius, Mazurek, Vick, Walter=ayes. All in favor, motion carried.

New Business: Consideration and Approval of Payouts for McCullom Lake Road. President Shepit – There is supposed to be a meeting this week questioning some of the items on the list for payment on certain bills that came in according to Frank Cuda our engineer. Laurie Geske is here representing Geske & Sons Inc. she states that she has already met with our engineer. President Shepit – There are multiple items that need to be addressed before payment is going to be made such as a charge for Clover Hill that was in the bid package and we were billed a second time so we were double billed. There's a question about the \$15,000 for signage. Two thirds of McCullom Lake Road for stabilization instead of a 100% doing stabilization so there's a price difference there. Lake Shore Drive and Parkview the edge of the road is totally screwed up along with the ditch line on both of them where the staging was, so that's not done yet. There is still a portion of the shoulder on McCullom Lake Road that we are concerned about. President Shepit questioned the pipes going across the road she was told they were all included but they weren't. There were no change orders ever done even though our engineer said yes there was and our attorney is questioning why the change orders were never done. So there are a lot of questions we have before we pay this out and the project is not completely done yet and the Village would like answers to these items. We are working with our attorney and Geske has also been contacting our attorney with a bunch of questions instead of going through our engineer, they aren't paying for our attorney, we are. We want to know exactly what we are being charged for and

we don't want to be taken. So we are looking to hold off on this for right now and hopefully by the end of the week we will have some answers and our engineer is supposed to be the one with the answers to these questions. That is his responsibility and he's being paid a heck of a lot of money to be the Village engineer to take care of these problems and to answer these questions. So that is why we are going to table this. Trustee Mazurek made a motion to table the Consideration and Approval of Payouts; seconded by Trustee Walter: Voice vote: Fritz, Matthesius, Mazurek, Vick, Walter=ayes. All in favor, motion carried. President Shepit – So we are looking for these answers from our engineer this week and then we will get back to you. Ms. Geske stated to the President that we have a road that so far is free that was put down four (4) months ago. President Shepit wanted her to explain to the board how the Village almost lost the \$500,000 for this project after the road was done because the paperwork for the minority owned business was not done until after the project was done. The paperwork should have been done before the project even started not after. Everyone was well aware that this was a minority project it was in the bid package. Ms. Geske stated that it was not in the contract though President Shepit and Deputy Clerk Prehn stated there was an ad in the paper that it was a minority project. There was a lot of back and forth heated conversation on this road project and President Shepit stated our engineer had all of this information and that she should talk to him. Ms. Geske replied she has been in contact with our engineer and believes that our engineer fought really hard for us to have the waiver done. Deputy Clerk Prehn angrily disagrees about what our engineer has done about all of this and even told the contractors to go to the Village about payment which they did and then harassed her. President Shepit – So at this point in time she will contact our Village attorney and our engineer and contact the board members and do a voice vote on the approval for payment and get back to her.

Discussion: Trustee Fritz: There were 131 participants for the Ice Fishing Derby and with the kids it made 138. They made \$2931.00 to benefit Neighbors Helping Neighbors.

Trustee Mazurek made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 P.M.; seconded by Trustee Vick. Voice vote: Fritz, Matthesius, Mazurek, Vick, Walter=ayes. All in favor, motion carried.

The next Village board meeting will be March 22, 2022 at 7:00 P.M.

Marilyn Shepit
Village President

Sherri L. Messina
Village Clerk