

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES,
THE VILLAGE OF McCULLOM LAKE,
4811 W. ORCHARD DRIVE
McCULLOM LAKE, IL 60050
January 25, 2022
All Village Board meetings will be tape recorded.**

President Shepit called the meeting to order at 7:14 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: By the Village Clerk, Sherri L. Messina

Present: President Shepit, Trustees Bogacz, Fritz, Mazurek, Matthesius, Vick, Walter

Absent: Attorney Shaw

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

Executive Session Minutes of November 23, 2021: Trustee Matthesius made a motion to approve Executive Session minutes with minor corrections; seconded by Trustee Fritz. Voice Vote: Bogacz, Fritz, Matthesius, Mazurek, Vick, Walter=ayes. All in favor, motion carried.

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

Parks: Trustee Matthesius - We did get the proposal from Brian Gates for the tree removal at the cost of \$325.00. Trustee Matthesius talked with Paul Vick about a letter from Senator Wilcox inviting us to request grant funding to improve our Park and Beach area. Trustee Matthesius gave Deputy Clerk Prehn

some items we would like to see improvements for and send back to Senator Wilcox.

Communications: President Shepit had a fact sheet from the Illinois Municipal League about Updates to Video Gaming Laws – The Act allows non-home rule municipalities to impose an annual fee for the operation of each video gaming terminal not to exceed \$250 per year. State statute previously capped this non-home rule video gaming terminal fee at \$25.00 per terminal per year. For home rule communities, state statute does not provide a cap for these fees. For both home rule and non-home rule communities, the payment of this annual fee is required to be shared equally between the terminal operator and the applicable licensed establishment. Attorney Shaw will be contacted about writing up an Ordinance for this.

Audience: Resident Szalacha who lives on Lake Shore Drive addressed the board with an apology and explaining some personal issues that have been going on with her. The board thanked her for coming to the meeting.

Deputy Clerk Prehn: The State of Illinois Comptroller will not offset anyone's fines that file an earned income credit because of Covid. There are copies of prices on cell phones for the Police Department for the board to look over. Both Police cars are now paid off. She did check on the status of the truck which has still not been ordered.

Old Business: An Ordinance Amending Section 6.5-32 Hall Rentals – Trustee Bogacz did review the Ordinance and reviewed different areas and where we would fall into and we most resemble the McHenry Township Hall for size and capacity. Trustee Bogacz feels charging an hourly fee would be a pain. She would like to propose going with a flat fee. For residents she suggests a \$275.00 fee and non-residents a fee of \$400.00. The deposit for a resident would be \$400.00, deposits for non-residents \$600.00. If they want alcohol at the event \$300.00 for both resident and non-resident. They must provide liquor liability insurance at their expense. The not-for profit fees for the weekend for non-residents should be \$50.00. The not-for-profit fee for a resident organization should be free. If they want to decorate the night before they should be charged \$50.00 because we have to have somebody here to open it up and everything else. Reservations – Reservations can only be made by having the deposit and the rental agreement in the office. Trustee Bogacz made a motion to table this until the next board meeting; seconded by Trustee Fritz. Voice vote: Bogacz, Fritz, Matthesius, Mazurek, Vick, Walter=ayes. All in favor, motion carried.

New Business: Swearing in of new Police Officer. Clerk Messina swore in Officer Alex Budnick.

Ordinance Amending Section 14-42 Sewer Rates – Deputy Clerk Prehn would like it in the minutes that we on average pay \$12,000.00 per month to the City of McHenry to treat our sewage. Because some people seem to think that it's free for some reason but over the years it has gone up and every two months our bill is about \$24,000.00 and sometimes even more. We are running about \$500 to \$1000.00 short just paying the City of McHenry for them to treat it and we are running at a deficit. They added everybody that's using their facility and has to pay their debt reduction. So about \$11,000.00 every two months is for their debt reduction. The debt reduction is coming off in February so the \$39.00 dollars is coming off everyone's bill. We've had three (3) years where there was no increase.

So we need to add to our surplus and that's where they came up with the \$5.00 on operations and maintenance for the years it wasn't increased. President Shepit stated that since we didn't have an increase the Village has been paying more than what we've received from our residents. Deputy Clerk Prehn: so the \$39.00 dollars is coming off and they did an average of how much a person uses in sewage, water whatever and it comes out to about \$15.00 per person per day. So we just added a dollar per person for however many people are in the house. There are also expenses too, there's paper, there's time, postage and everything is going up. Trustee Vick: What's the average that a person is going to pay? Deputy Clerk Prehn: Well if it's only one person their bill is going down \$32.00 dollars. Trustee Walter: So its \$5.00 dollars added on to the \$20 and then it's a dollar for each person. Deputy Clerk Prehn: Right. We are also going to raise the fees for businesses and the apartments. President Shepit: When are we going to start sending the bills to just the homeowners or landlords instead of the tenants? Deputy Clerk Prehn: April. Trustee Bogacz made a motion to approve Ordinance #543 and Ordinance Amending Section 14-42 of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of McCullom Lake; seconded by Trustee Mazurek. Voice vote: Bogacz, Fritz, Matthesius, Mazurek, Vick, Walter=ayes. All in favor, motion carried.

Amend Ordinance #284 Parking on Grass – The Ordinance is not being amended. Trustee Matthesius: I still have a question about parking on the lawn. President Shepit: That's what this says. You have to have your vehicle parked in your driveway, paved, gravel whatever exists there. If you're going to park on the shoulder the wheels have to be 18 inches off the pavement but you can't be more than 10 feet off the road. Trustee Vick: You cannot park in the yard. President Shepit: Not more than 10 feet off the road that means you can't park in the yard. No more. It's already in all of our ordinances 263, 284, 351, 391 this makes it easier to understand, you can't park in your yard. If you have visitors come just make sure you notify the office and they'll make sure the Police department knows. They cannot be parked there for more than 7 to 14 consecutive days. Being 18 inches off the pavement could tend to leave wheels

slightly on the grass but there is no parking in the yard. If a guest is staying overnight they can park on the easement on the grass and notify the office. Any special events contact the Village for a special parking permit. Trustee Vick: Officer Beatty obviously you understand, just use your best judgment you know what you're doing and you're the one who's here most of the time. Deputy Clerk Prehn: I just want people to know that the no parking on the grass was an old ordinance and was replaced. Trustee Mazurek made a motion to not amend our Ordinance and it stands as is; seconded by Vick. Voice vote: Bogacz, Fritz, Matthesius, Mazurek, Vick, Walter=ayes. All in favor, motion carried.

Cell for Police Department – Team Mobile \$104.67 – Verizon \$97.00 – Comcast there are two \$50.61 for iPhone 11 or \$64.36 iPhone 13. Trustee Bogacz made a motion for the Comcast iPhone 11; seconded by Trustee Fritz. Bogacz, Fritz, Matthesius, Mazurek, Vick, Walter=ayes. All in favor, motion carried.

Discussion: Trustee Fritz: A week from this Saturday February 5th is the Ice Fishing Derby. Sign up will be at 5:30 AM derby starts at 7:00.

Trustee Matthesius made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 P.M.; seconded by Trustee Bogacz. Voice vote: Bogacz, Fritz, Matthesius, Mazurek, Vick, Walter=ayes. All in favor, motion carried.

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

Marilyn Shepit
Village President

Sherri L. Messina
Village Clerk