

**MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES,
THE VILLAGE OF McCULLOM LAKE,
4811 W. ORCHARD DRIVE
McCULLOM LAKE, IL 60050
January 28, 2025
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 Village Clerk Messina

Present: President Shepit, Trustees Bogacz, Fritz, Thompson, Vick, Walter, Zakrocky

Absent: Attorney Shaw

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

Treasurers Report: Trustee Vick made a motion to accept the Treasurers Report for November 2024 and December 2024; seconded by Trustee Walter. Voice vote: Bogacz, Fritz, Vick, Thompson, Walter, Zakrocky=ayes. All in favor, motion carried.

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

Finance: N/A

Building & Zoning: N/A

Parks: Deputy Clerk Prehn let the board know that she got an extension on the Grant for the park until 2025 of which we have \$3000.00 left to use. Trustee Thompson mentioned the timbers needed but we will wait until spring for that.

Roads: Deputy Clerk Prehn let the board know that we received the CDBG Grant and Executed Agreement for Drainage and Roadway Improvements for the sum of \$128,963.00. The project should start in the spring. The project specifics are for drainage and roadway improvements in and around Orchard Drive, Fountain Lane, Spring Road and Lake Shore Drive. However, all Federal Funds have been put on hold. The application was also submitted for Spring Road for next year in two (2) phases. Phase 1 will be from Flanders to Orchard and then Phase II will be from Orchard to McCullom Lake Road. This will be for resurfacing of the roads.

Blight: Trustee Walter mentioned a car parked by the Knoll has been sitting there and has an oil slick. President Shepit stated that the Police have been working on that and have addressed it and we have signs that will be coming out but he has been warned. The signs will be two (2) hour signs we have one (1) to put on the fence and JULIE will be coming out to mark the rest of the way down to East Lane. Dumpsters outside of houses with no permits in windows. Deputy Clerk Prehn asked him to please call her with addresses. Trustee Walter stated the house up on Beach View, Deputy Clerk Prehn stated they do have a permit.

Police: Chief Beatty read off the Police Report for December 2024. He informed the board that he met with the State and we've passed the audit with being 95% compliant. The department is working on closing out cases for 2024. He mentioned that most likely in 2027 that we will need to start looking to purchase a new squad car.

Communications: Wonderwave – The software used to make our Village website has expired and they will need to rebuild our website using a more modern and up to date software. The old source files are obsolete and hack able. Clerk Messina emailed them asking them for pricing on either reproducing a copy of what we have now or a price on a redesign for the site. They did not get back to us with pricing but had more questions on what we were looking to do. We would like to keep the same format. The board trusts Deputy Clerk Prehn's judgment on what she thinks is best for the village. She would like to keep the same format but we will not know what the price is until they get in there. President Shepit said for Lori to just email the board what price they've come up with.

President Shepit received an invitation to the Home of the Sparrow's Community Leadership Open House on February 13, 2025 from 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. at 1991 Duncan Place, Woodstock, IL 60098

Audience: Joe Zakrocky – some things to keep in mind for budgetary items in the future for the roof and the furnace here at the Village hall.

Old Business: N/A

New Business:

Just an FYI – Minimum Wage as of January 1, 2025 has gone up to \$15.00.

Amend Golf Cart Ordinance – Trustee Bogacz made a motion to approve Ordinance #568 Ordinance Amending Ordinance #411, Section 7-24; seconded by Trustee Fritz. Voice vote: Bogacz, Fritz, Thompson, Vick, Walter, Zakrocky=ayes. All in favor, motion carried.

Discussion: Trustee Fritz: They had a wonderful day on the lake for the ice fishing derby. 164 people were registered for the derby, biggest derby he's ever had. Trustee Vick asked how things get divide up. Trustee Fritz donates to Neighbors Helping Neighbors that's were all the funds go. He charges \$20 for the entry fee and half of that goes towards the food and the other half goes into the kitty for the prize money. Trustee Zakrocky stated that it changes each year depending on participation. There was someone who complained about the carp in the lake. Resident has gotten nowhere. Trustee Zakrocky tried contacting the DNR and have also gotten nowhere. They ruined the lake when they killed off the weeds in the lake. President Shepit said maybe we could all start calling the county to see if we can get anywhere. Trustee Thompson stated thirty (30) years ago our lake was one of the top lakes in Illinois to fish at. Trustee Fritz: There are not a lot of people who fish here anymore in the summer time because it's garbage fishing.

On March 8, 2025 there will be a fundraiser to benefit the family of resident Kent Butler here at the Village Hall from 4:00 to 9:00 P.M. The Knoll will be down here to serve drinks and it will be a cash bar and there will be an all you can eat spaghetti dinner for \$15.00 a person.

February 11, 2025 will be the next Neighbors Helping Neighbors meeting.

Trustee Vick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 P.M.; seconded by Trustee Bogacz. Voice vote: Bogacz, Fritz, Vick, Thompson, Walter, Zakrocky=ayes. All in favor, motion carried.

The next Village board meeting will be February 25, 2025 at 7:00 P.M.

Marilyn Shepit
Village President

Sherri Messina
Village Clerk