

**MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES,  
THE VILLAGE OF McCULLOM LAKE,  
4811 W. ORCHARD DRIVE  
McCULLOM LAKE, IL 60050  
July 22, 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, Thompson, Vick, Walter, Zakrocky

**Absent:** Attorney Shaw

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

**Executive Session Minutes:** Trustee Fritz made a motion to approve the Executive Session minutes of June 24, 2025; seconded by Trustee Vick. Voice vote: Bogacz, Fritz, Thompson, Vick, Walter, Zakrocky=ayes. All in favor, motion carried.

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

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

**Finance:** Trustee Bogacz would like to request a monthly Payroll Report showing employees and hours worked for each meeting. We used to get them

years ago and she would like the Board to start receiving them again. Deputy Clerk Prehn can provide the board with those reports.

**Building & Zoning:** N/A

**Parks:** Trustee Thompson working on the park. President Counley stated that the timbers are here and once the heat wave resides he'll get them put in where they are needed. Trustee Thompson is also requesting that if there are any complaints about the Park if the office can please get him any information pertaining to what the issue is or copies of the complaints. He's heard that there is a complaint that there is a crack in the slide. He will take a look at it and see if we can take care of it. President Counley: We are not going to put timber back in around the swing area, just where it needs it. Trustee Thompson: He is planning on blending everything in with the landscape so that there is no maintenance needed in the future.

**Roads:** Trustee Vick: We opened bids for Orchard Drive and Schroeder Asphalt Services, Inc. came in as low bidder at \$117,611.59. HR Green is recommending that we award the bid to them. We are working on a preconstruction date for that which is yet to be determined and hopefully we will find that out in the next week or so and go from there. President Counley: We just received that letter today and the bid did come in under budget. There is a completion date on it which is September 30, 2025. Trustee Zakrocky: Do we utilize Source Well? Source Well is a purchasing body. Trustee Vick: We did use them for the Public Works truck.

**Blight:** Trustee Walter: There's a lot of trees over grown and hanging over the road. Clerk Messina: Are you going to give Lori a list to give to Greg so he can look at it? Trustee Walter: He could make up a list but it's pretty much throughout the Village. Trustee Bogacz: Are they our trees or residents? Trustee Walter: I think we have to go after the residents to take care of it. Deputy Clerk Prehn: Yes, if you could get us a list because there have been warning tickets sent out for grass and weeds. Trustee Zakrocky: He had rode around with Sergeant Beatty last year and he had mentioned in the past that the residents need to deal with the trees that are over hung in the road and I believe he said it needs to be fifteen (15) feet off the ground is what they were expected to be trimmed up to. I don't know if that's true but that is what Sergeant Beatty told him. One of the complaints was buses hitting the trees. President Counley: Right, buses and snow plows. Fire trucks, Amazon trucks etc. So, if anyone is driving around and you see something and give a list to the office.

**Police:** Trustee Zakrocky read off the Monthly Police Report from June 24<sup>th</sup> thru July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025. The recent Police Officer that was sworn in on June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025 has already resigned.

**Communications:** Greg Hayes was introduced as our new maintenance man. Trustee Bogacz: Just a reminder to have Clerk Messina follow up with Attorney Shaw about our Hen Ordinance. Also we have an Ordinance on file about camping or sleeping in tents about a year or two (2) years ago. There is a tent down on the corner of Spring that has been up for over a month. If we could have our Police Department ask them to either take it down or have fines imposed on her. President Counley: He'll give a copy of it to our Police Department. Trustee Zakrocky: I will make a call. Trustee Bogacz: The only other thing she has that she didn't see in the minutes was that we were going to have Ben Valletta come to this meeting about Forest Glen, what happened with that? President Counley: We met with him yesterday Lori, Jeremy, Trent and I. He's actually been on vacation for two (2) weeks but he will be at the meeting in September to present what he has to the board.

**Audience:** Garden Club ladies are going to take a step back from the Village but if we need any advice or have any questions about maintaining anything like Zender Park or anything else they will be available. If we decide to remove any of the gardens if we could let them know in advance if there are any plants they might want to dig up because they donated a lot of those themselves. The board thanked them for what they've done throughout the Village we've always had a lot of compliments on it. President Counley thanked them for doing such a great job.

Linda: I have a concern about Spring Road and does the board have any plans to repair it? President Counley: Don't take this wrong but there's nothing right now we can tell you about it but there is something in the works, we just can't bring it up tonight. We had put in for a grant and it was going to be in sections and he did ask the engineer to put in for a grant for the whole Village which he did and if we get it which we just learned it's supposed to be in September but we just learned the other day and we might be hearing about it soon. If we get it, it would be next Spring that it would go up for bids and all the roads would get done.

Linda: One more thing we have Zender Park which is really not a well known park and she is wondering if it could get put in the newsletter for people to utilize it more it's a cute little park and it would nice to bring it to the attention of the Village. Not a lot of people know about it. President Counley: Maybe we could take a picture of it and put it in the newsletter. Trustee Zakrocky: It really almost looks like someone's yard. Linda: Maybe even a sign put up so people know that it's open to them.

**Old Business:** N/A

**New Business:** Re-appointments of Attorney Jeremy Shaw, Village Clerk Sherri Messina, Treasurer Ellen Benson, Chief of Police Zac Beatty and Building Inspector Trent Turner. Trustee Bogacz made a motion to all of the above re-appointments; seconded by Trustee Walter. Voice vote: Bogacz, Fritz, Thompson, Vick, Walter, Zakrocky=ayes. All in favor, motion carried.

Approve Building Permit Fees – Trustee Bogacz made a motion to approve Ordinance #570 An Ordinance Amending Ordinance #522 Section 5-8 (1) of the Code of Ordinances; seconded by Trustee Vick. Voice vote: Bogacz, Fritz, Thompson, Vick, Walter, Zakrocky=ayes. All in favor, motion carried.

Approve Pay Raises as discussed in Executive Session on June 24, 2025. Trustee Fritz made a motion to approve the pay raises; seconded by Trustee Vick. Voice vote: Bogacz, Fritz, Thompson, Vick, Walter, Zakrocky=ayes. All in favor, motion carried.

Approve Grocery Tax – Trustee Vick made a motion to approve Ordinance #571 An Ordinance Implementing a Municipal Grocery Retailers' Occupation Tax and a Municipal Grocery Service Occupation Tax; seconded by Trustee Bogacz. Voice vote: Bogacz, Fritz, Thompson, Vick, Walter, Zakrocky=ayes. All in favor, motion carried.

Approve Ordinance for General Sales Tax – Trustee Bogacz made a motion to approve Ordinance #572 An Ordinance Implementing a Non-Home Municipal Retailers' Occupation Tax and a Non-Home Rule Municipal Service Occupation Tax; seconded by Trustee Walter. Voice vote: Bogacz, Fritz, Thompson, Vick, Walter, Zakrocky=ayes. All in favor, motion carried.

Approve Purchase of New Computers: President Counley: We just received the quote from Partner Tek Inc. we talked about it at the last meeting and it was going to be around the \$10,000 to \$11,000 thousand dollar range and if you look at the last place the total comes out to \$10242.10. Deputy Clerk Prehn: When he was out here he did not check on the Police squad computers which also run on Windows 11 so we are not sure if we are going to have to get new ones for the squads yet. Trustee Zakrocky: Weren't those recently replaced? President Counley: He didn't think to look at the Police computers because they were relatively new but now he's saying it's a possibility they might need them. Deputy Clerk Prehn: He just needs to check them and that they probably are Windows 11 compatible but it's just a heads up for down the road. Trustee Vick: Why don't we make sure that we have them check them on maybe a yearly or bi-yearly basis so that we make sure we are in compliance with everything before we run into a problem like we have now. Trustee Vick made a motion to Approve the Purchase of New Computers; seconded by Trustee Zakrocky. Voice

vote: Bogacz, Fritz, Thompson, Vick, Walter, Zakrocky=ayes. All in favor, motion carried.

Approve Bid for Orchard Drive – Trustee Vick made a motion to Approve the Bid Proposal based on the recommendation from Jeffrey Strzalka of HR Green and award the contract to Schroeder Asphalt Services Inc. in the amount of \$117,611.59; seconded by Trustee Fritz. Voice vote: Bogacz, Fritz, Thompson, Vick, Walter, Zakrocky=ayes. All in favor, motion carried.

**Discussion:** President Counley: The AED's are in and he asked Marc Spatol to build a box with a glass front door and it will be put up in the hallway by the bathroom or close to that area. Trustee Zakrocky: That's fine as long as there is signage there. President Counley: Chief Beatty has one of his Officer's that is a trainer on AED's and maybe we could do a seminar for all of us here to be trained maybe even some residents would like to come to it.

Trustee Fritz: Neighbors Helping Neighbors meeting August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at the Cullom Knoll at 6:30 in the back room.

Trustee Vick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 P.M.; seconded by Trustee Bogacz. Voice vote: Bogacz, Fritz, Thompson, Vick, Walter, Zakrocky=ayes. All in favor, motion carried.

The next Village board meeting will be August 26, 2025 at 7:00 P.M.

Terry Counley  
Village President

Sherri Messina  
Village Clerk