

**MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES,  
THE VILLAGE OF McCULLOM LAKE,  
4811 W. ORCHARD DRIVE  
McCULLOM LAKE, IL 60050  
March 24, 2026  
All Village Board meetings will be tape recorded.**

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

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

**Attorney:** N/A

**Finance:** N/A

**Building & Zoning:** N/A

**Parks:** President Counley talked to Trustee Thompson – The blue slide on the playground has a hole in it so it is going to be taped off so no children get hurt.

President Counley has spoken with Deputy Clerk Prehn about seeing if there are any grants out there for playground equipment.

**Roads:** Trustee Vick: Potholes have been getting filled in and they will add some stuff to the patching list. Also, some of the sod got tore up during the last storm so they will be out fixing that in the next couple of weeks.

**Blight:** Trustee Walter: There was a tree that fell down on the bike path between Orchard and Maple Hill and it took out a big chunk of the asphalt. Also, there are some corners in the Village that could use some gravel. President Counley asked that Trustee Walter please make a list and give it to him.

**Police:** Trustee Zakrocky: Let the board members know that we have a new Police Officer starting Officer Doug Beres, Trustee Zakrocky will ask him to attend the next Village Board meeting. Trustee Zakrocky then read off the Police Report from last month.

**Communications:** President Counley: Ben Valletta was scheduled for tonight but some new developments have popped up for Forest Glen and Mr. Valletta is in contact with Attorney Shaw and the residents that have property next to Forest Glen. He will be here for the April meeting along with Attorney Shaw. President Counley would rather have Mr. Valletta explain to the board what's going on so that's why this has been put off until next month.

**Audience:** Resident addressed Village Ordinances concerning a lot of debris in people's yards which makes the Village look really unbecoming. Trustee Zakrocky stated that, that would fall under Blight. President Counley: It is always addressed. You can kind of have to look at it this way, winter is just getting over and we're going to have a Spring cleanup soon. We also have a very aggressive Ordinance Police Officer who gives out warnings first and then sometimes people end up in our court. If you have any specifics leave it with the office. Trustee Zakrocky: That's why the Spring cleanup was initiated and let everyone know hey there's a dumpster here which is at no cost to the residents. Deputy Clerk Prehn: The only recourse we have is the Ordinance violations in hopes that they clean it up, but we can't make them. The resident is concerned that the debris in residents front yards looks bad in our community and it brings down our property values. Kathy asked about yard waste pickup. Deputy Clerk Prehn replied that it will be April 1st, 2026. E-Waste will be April 20th, 2026 which is one (1) TV, one (1) monitor and five (5) small items. Spring Leaf pickup will be May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Trustee Zakrocky asked if we had say so on Fall Leaf pickup. Deputy Clerk Prehn stated the latest she could get is November 30th. Glenn was concerned about the last windstorm and the neighbors tree falling down again on the power lines, but thankfully it did not come down. President Counley stated that unfortunately there is nothing the Village can do to have him

take it down. Resident stated that there are too many carp in the Lake that are killing other fish. He has called the DNR and they would be willing to come out and zap the fish but they do not take the fish out so we would need about six (6) people to get the fish out. Three (3) in a boat and three (3) people on land. but hasn't run into anybody that will take the fish. Maybe if somebody here knows of anybody that has a farm or a large piece of property to take the fish. He's tried calling the City of McHenry but has not received a returned call. Trustee Zakrocky mentioned the Village of Wonder Lake and that they maybe have a carp-a-thon? Trustee Fritz – Wonder Lake has the Sportsman Club. Maybe find out who's the head of that and see what they do with the carp. Bill Cross said he could check around.

**Old Business: N/A**

**New Business:** Approve Liquor License's for MCNL Poker, All Sports Bar & Grill/D.B.A. Cullom Knoll and Sunrise Food & Liquor – Trustee Fritz made a motion to approve all of the above Liquor License's; seconded by Trustee Walter. Voice vote: Bogacz, Fritz, Vick, Walter, Zakrocky=ayes. All in favor, motion carried.

**Discussion:**

Trustee Fritz: Neighbors Helping Neighbors will be filling Easter Eggs tomorrow night here at the Village Hall at 6:00 P.M. if anyone would like to help out.

The next Neighbors Helping Neighbors meeting will be April 14, 2026, 6:30 PM in the back room at The Knoll where they will be discussing Spring cleanup.

March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026 Will be the Easter Egg hunt starting at 12:00 noon.

Trustee Zakrocky - May 30, 2026 will be the annual Gold Kart Poker run. Trustee Vick – it will benefiting McHenry School District 156 Foundation Inc. they do a lot of stuff with the kids at the High School that they can't do through the school system. Scholarships, shoes, clothing etc. Kathy – They are also involved in packaging up food so kids don't go hungry. It's called Food for Thought.

Trustee Bogacz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 PM; seconded by Trustee Vick. Voice vote: Bogacz, Fritz, Vick, Walter, Zakrocky=ayes. All in favor, motion carried.

The next Village board meeting will be April 28, 2026 at 7:00 PM.

Terry Counley  
Village President

Sherri Messina  
Village Clerk