

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES,
THE VILLAGE OF McCULLOM LAKE,
4811 W. ORCHARD DRIVE
McCULLOM LAKE, IL 60050
May 25, 2021**

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, Attorney Shaw, Trustees Bogacz, Fritz, Matthesius, Mazurek, Vick, Walter

Absent: Attorney Shaw

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

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

Communications: Surveying has begun on McCullom Lake Road which gets us another step closer to having our road repaired.

For two weeks in a row there has been a group of young men hanging out up at West End where they should not be. There were some trucks parked out there. They had cut a path into the woods, they had firewood piled up and there was a fire that was started out there. A sign was ripped out so County was called out and we will have our Police Department patrolling that area. There is also dumping going on back there as well that should not be.

Trustee Bogacz mentioned that there are still Fireworks being shot off in the Village and if Deputy Clerk Prehn could please do an e-blast on how this affects our veterans and pets etc. and they are illegal to have in our community.

Audience:

Cindy's youth group was busy at the community garden putting in compost there. They also got their Butterfly Garden started and Cindy brought up the letter that President Shepit gave her at the last meeting from Environmental Defenders. A couple of ladies came out and talked to them about Butterfly's and Bees and Cindy is thinking of maybe having them do a presentation on what they do. They also asked Cindy to ask President Shepit if she could go on the website at Illinoismonarchproject.org and take the pledge to Save the Monarch Butterfly. President Shepit said she would.

Gary Brand rotor tilled and brought mulch to the community garden and he will be bringing water as well. A neighbor has also offered to help bring in water.

Village resident Glenn brought up that some of our street lights are really dim and you can't see around corners. There is also a white Traverse that he has seen more than once speeding down the road and got really close to hitting him. There are also people not stopping at the stop signs. President Shepit asked Glenn to let her know which street lights were dim.

Deputy Clerk Prehn – They will be opening the Village Hall after the Memorial Day Holiday and they will start taking hall rentals after June 11th. They would still like to encourage residents to pay online or use the drop box. Deputy Clerk Prehn also let the board members know that Chief Beatty was able to secure a grant to pay for the 2020 Motorola invoices for the Police Department that totaled \$1242.00.

President Shepit would like to move Com-Ed from New Business to audience. Suzanna Strangmeier and Steve Doylen representatives for Com-Ed were here to discuss their annual performance report with the Village board and talked about the two main outages we had last year where our power was out for twenty (20) hours and the second outage lasted about thirty (30) hours. The upgrades that they will be implementing in the Village in case we have more outages would help with a quicker response time on locating where the outage is and getting the power back on. This will include putting up spacer cable switches on every other block. Future plans will be Fiber Installation which will allow the devices to talk to each other in ten milliseconds; ten times faster than the average blink of an eye. This is in the planning phase right now and they plan to start in the third quarter of this year.

Old Business: Discuss Purchasing Village Truck – Trustee Mazurek made a motion to cap the amount at \$50,000 on purchasing a new Village truck; seconded by Trustee Vick. Voice vote: Bogacz, Fritz, Matthesius, Mazurek, Vick, Walter=ayes. All in favor, motion carried.

New Business: Swearing in of new Village board members. Village Clerk Messina swore in Marilyn Shepit as Village President. Denise Bogacz, Michael Fritz and Adam Vick as Village Trustees.

Brian Zabel & Associates Engagement Letter – Trustee Bogacz made a motion to accept the Engagement Letter; seconded by Trustee Fritz. Voice vote: Bogacz, Fritz, Matthesius, Mazurek, Vick, Walter=ayes. All in favor, motion carried.

Discussion:

Trustee Fritz reminded everyone about the Smoke Out at the Knoll on Saturday May 29th, 2021. The Knoll opens at 11:00, there is a band starting at 2:00 P.M. and food will be served 3:00 P.M.

Trustee Bogacz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 P.M.; seconded by Trustee Mazurek. Voice vote: Bogacz, Fritz, Matthesius, Mazurek, Vick, Walter=ayes. All in favor, motion carried.

The next Village board meeting will be June 22, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.

Marilyn Shepit
Village President

Sherri L. Messina
Village Clerk