

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES,
THE VILLAGE OF McCULLOM LAKE,
4811 W. ORCHARD DRIVE
McCULLOM LAKE, IL 60050
November 23, 2021
All Village Board meetings will be tape recorded.**

President Shepit called the meeting to order at 7:06 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

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

Absent: Attorney Shaw, Trustee Vick

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

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

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

Attorney: President Shepit stated that Attorney Shaw wanted her to read this tonight which concerns the Tax Levy – If we go with a 4.99% increase, which would be below the maximum levy under the tax cap act, the total levied amount would be \$63,507.12. That breaks down into \$42,161.47 for Corporate and \$20,939.51 for Police Protection. The 003a GO Bond will be abated.

Parks: Trustee Matthesius gave Deputy Clerk Prehn some information on possible grant money for Parks & Beach. Deputy Clerk Prehn stated that the minimum for the grant is \$250,000. President Shepit asked what percentage would the Village have to contribute. Deputy Clerk Prehn replied it's a 50% match but for local government they would waive it. It's being called the Downtown Main Street Rejuvenation. Trustee Bogacz stated it's worth looking into it. President Shepit suggested a Pavilion and maybe we could look into getting a digital sign to put at Gate One.

Roads: President Shepit has heard mostly good things about McCullom Lake Road. It's pretty much completed the shoulders of the side of the road still need to be compacted.

Trustee Walter – Light out at Hickory and Parkview. President Shepit asked if he got the number off the pole. He did not. President Shepit can look and Deputy Clerk Prehn stated she could have Paul look for the number. At 5307 Parkview there is a big hole in front of their driveway. Not sure if the resident is responsible or if we are.

New Business: Trustee Matthesius made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session for Personnel reasons at 7:19 PM; seconded by Trustee Mazurek. Voice vote: Bogacz, Fritz, Matthesius, Mazurek, Walter=ayes. All in favor, motion carried.

Adjourn back to Regular Session at 7:48 P.M. Roll call: President Shepit, Trustee Bogacz, Fritz, Matthesius, Mazurek, Walter.

Abating 2020 Taxes for Series 2021 General Obligation Bond – Trustee Matthesius made a motion to approve Ordinance #540 An Ordinance Abating 2020 Taxes for Series 2021 General Obligation Bond; seconded by Trustee Bogacz. Voice vote: Bogacz, Fritz, Matthesius, Mazurek, Walter=ayes. All in favor, motion carried.

Reallocate Sewer Charges: Deputy Clerk Prehn stated that in January the Debt Reduction will be taken off the sewer bills because we are making our final payment on that loan. The City of McHenry raised their rates .20 cents per 1000 gallons which means we have to increase our rates. Deputy Clerk Prehn is going to figure out what the increase is going to be and we also have to keep in mind that postage rates have increased for mailing out the sewer bills so that should be factored into the reallocation also. We have a little bit of time to come up with that increase but not much. Trustee Bogacz feels we should put something in the newsletter about the sewer increase which will affect February's bills.

Approve Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association bill for \$31149.93 to be paid in two (2) installments on December 17th, 2021 and May 20th, 2022. Trustee Bogacz made a motion to approve paying the bill in two (2) installments; seconded by Trustee Matthesius. Voice vote: Bogacz, Fritz, Matthesius, Mazurek, Walter=ayes. All in favor, motion carried.

Approve Raises – Trustee Matthesius made a motion to approve raises as per discussed in Executive Session; seconded by Trustee Fritz. Voice vote: Bogacz, Fritz, Matthesius, Mazurek, Walter=ayes. All in favor, motion carried.

Discussion: Ideas on how to Collect More Revenue – Deputy Clerk Prehn suggests Increasing the Hall Rental fees – This will be added to the next meeting’s agenda – Online Payments the Village is being charged a \$1.60 for every transaction whether it’s for sewer payments, Village Stickers, or Tickets and we should not be eating that fee. The fee should be passed on to the customer.

Deputy Clerk Prehn would also like to look into getting a Village Credit Card that we get cash back on. She believes we should also look into having interest bearing bank accounts. We have one but we have to have over \$300,000 in it to collect any interest.

Sewer Bills – Why are we billing the tenants? The bills should go to the Landlord and they can collect it from the tenant such as including it in their rent.

Motorcycle Tags are a big loser because we only charge \$8.00 a tag and the cost to order them is much more than what we are taking in for them.

Ordinance 484 – Parking on Grass Clarification – We have a resident who is consistently contacting the Village Office wanting to know why residents aren’t being ticketed for Parking on the Grass. The Board was given multiple pictures of homes in violation of this. Clerk Messina mentioned that the Ordinance was partly put into place so that residents were not parking in their front lawns. President Shepit: Attorney Shaw will be contacted about this for clarification but in the mean time any residence who is clearly in violation of this Ordinance Trustee Mazurek feels they should at least for now receive a warning ticket.

The leaf pickup time has already passed anyone who did not get their leaves out in time need to clear them off of the roadway before the snow comes because it will be a problem for the snow plows. The Village has no control over leaves not falling off of the trees.

Trustee Fritz – On December 18th, 2021 at 5:00 P.M. the caroling trolley with Santa will be out and going through the neighborhood. February 5th, 2022 will be Froggie’s Annual Fishing Derby.

Trustee Bogacz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 P.M.; seconded by Trustee Walter. Voice vote: Bogacz, Fritz, Matthesius, Mazurek, Walter=ayes. All in favor, motion carried.

The next Village board meeting will be December 14, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.

Marilyn Shepit
Village President

Sherri L. Messina
Village Clerk