

**MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES,  
THE VILLAGE OF McCULLOM LAKE,  
4811 W. ORCHARD DRIVE  
McCULLOM LAKE, IL 60050  
November 25, 2025**

**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, Walter, Zakrocky

**Absent:** Trustees Thompson, Trustee Vick, Attorney Shaw

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

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

**Attorney:** N/A

**Finance:** N/A

**Building & Zoning:** N/A

**Parks:** N/A

**Roads:** Deputy Clerk Prehn let the board members know that patching has been done. We have already been reimbursed for the grant. Jeff at HR Green will be again submitting for another CDBG grant for 2026 on Monday for all of Spring Road and he will be submitting for the whole Village when the time comes.

**Blight:** N/A

**Police:** Trustee Zakrocky: Admin Court will be here at 11:00 AM. for all Ordinance violations on December 15, 2025. State Court call for Traffic will be at 9:00 AM on December 18, 2025 at the McHenry County Court House along with All traffic arrests Class A and Class B will also be at 9:00 AM on December 18, 2025. Trustee Zakrocky read off the Police Report from last month. We have hired a new Officer Vanessa Garcia. Deputy Clerk Prehn swore her in on November 24, 2025.

**Communications:** N/A

**Audience:** Deputy Clerk Prehn let the board members know that Shirley has ordered the sign for Zender Park.

**Old Business:** N/A

**New Business:** Approve December Meeting to be held on December 16, 2025. Trustee Fritz made a motion for the December meeting to be held on December 16, 2025; seconded by Trustee Walter. Voice vote: Bogacz, Fritz, Walter, Zakrocky=ayes. All in favor, motion carried.

Approve Ordinance for Abating Taxes for Series 2021 General Obligation Bonds - Trustee Bogacz made a motion to approve Ordinance #573 Abating Taxes for Series 2021 General Obligation Bond; seconded by Trustee Walter. Voice Vote: Bogacz, Fritz, Walter, Zakrocky=ayes. All in favor, motion carried.

Approve Annual Tax Levy – Trustee Fritz made a motion to approve Ordinance #574 Annual Tax Levy; seconded by Trustee Bogacz. Voice vote: Bogacz, Fritz, Walter, Zakrocky=ayes. All in favor, motion carried.

Review Maintenance Contract Information – Deputy Clerk Prehn let the board know that we need to have an IT Maintenance contract and if we do not have one then we will be last on the list to have someone come out for any service calls so we really need to have a maintenance contract. It will be a three (3) year contract that he would like to have signed by December 1, 2025. Deputy

Clerk Prehn will have Attorney Shaw review the contract. Trustee Bogacz made a motion to approve the contract after Attorney Shaw reviews it; seconded by Trustee Walter. Voice vote: Bogacz, Fritz, Walter, Zakrocky=ayes. All in favor, motion carried. This will be ratified at the December board meeting.

Approve Memorial to be put up – Deputy Clerk Prehn stated that he will get the board a plan on what he would like to be put up. He does plan to move forward with the memorial but does not have a time frame. Trustee Bogacz made a motion to take this off the agenda until further notice; seconded by Trustee Zakrocky. Voice vote: Bogacz, Fritz, Walter, Zakrocky=ayes. All in favor, motion carried.

**Discussion:** Increase of Hall Rental Rates for Non-Residents. President Counley had a suggestion since there are four (4) categories and these would be just for the Non-Resident's he would like to have Column one (1) Day – No Alcohol raised to \$15.00 so the hourly rate would be \$75.00, Column two (2) Day Alcohol will be raised to \$100.00 an hour and Column three (3) Evening – No Alcohol will be raised to \$125.00 an hour. Trustee Zakrocky made a motion to approve Ordinance #575 an Ordinance Amending Ordinance #544 – Section 6.5-32; seconded by Trustee Fritz. Voice Vote: Bogacz, Fritz, Walter, Zakrocky=ayes. All in favor, motion carried. This Ordinance will be ratified at the December board meeting.

The McHenry Chamber of Commerce had rented out the hall and had nothing but wonderful things to say about the Hall and even wrote up a very nice article on Facebook and they will also be promoting the Village Hall by taking pictures and posting them on their website on any events that we might have going on which will be eight (8) mentions throughout the next year.

President Counley brought up to the board that Cenergy Power would like to partner up with the Village to co-develop 10-40 acre community solar project by Mrs. Vick's empty property. Trustee Zakrocky asked what is the long term life expectancy for these panels, he's guessing maybe twenty-five (25) years but what happens after failure, do they just sit there and rot. President Counley: They don't have any place to get rid of them right now, so I'm not sure. Deputy Clerk Prehn: They have some out in Huntley and they can't be mowed underneath. So they are put in but not maintained. There are also other communities that shot down the idea of having solar panels. President Counley: If the solar farm goes in between A-Yard that stops us from developing anything over there. So this was just a heads up for the board. Deputy Clerk Prehn: I'm supposed to get back to him so do I tell him that the board is not for it? Trustee Bogacz: From seeing all the oppositions, I can't see something like that going forward in our Village. Trustee Walter: We only have that little spot on Mrs. Vick's property and the other two (2) we don't have any control over. Trustee

Bogacz: I would say not at this time unless we have more information on the life cycle, maintenance, health, property values etc.

President Counley: This months MCCOG meeting is at DC Cobbs in Huntley which is basically their Holiday dinner and will be held on December 10, 2025 starting at 5:00 PM for cocktails and dinner at 6:00 PM. President Counley plans on going along with Deputy Clerk Prehn and Andrea so, if you want to go let Deputy Clerk Prehn know by December 5, 2025.

Trustee Fritz: The Annual Children's Christmas Party is on December 7, 2025 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM and Santa will also be here. Trustee Walter: Is there going to be caroling this year. Trustee Fritz: Unfortunately we no longer have use of the Trolley. We can maybe look to next year.

Trustee Zakrocky: There is going to be a Fundraiser for resident Dawn Adams on February 1, 2026 at The Knoll from 1:00 to 5:00 PM. There will be raffles, 50/50's and a silent auction. The Thompson Duo will be playing there as well for this event. Trustee Zakrocky will get Deputy Clerk Prehn a flyer to put on the website and also hang one in the Village Hall.

Trustee Fritz: The regular Neighbors Helping Neighbors meeting will be December 9, 2025 at the Knoll at 6:30 PM. in the back room.

Trustee Bogacz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 PM.; seconded by Trustee Zakrocky. Voice vote: Bogacz, Fritz, Walter, Zakrocky=ayes. All in favor, motion carried.

The next Village board meeting will be December 16, 2025 at 7:00 PM.

Terry Counley  
Village President

Sherri Messina  
Village Clerk