

**MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES,
THE VILLAGE OF McCULLOM LAKE,
4811 W. ORCHARD DRIVE
McCULLOM LAKE, IL 60050
October 22, 2024
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 Village Clerk Messina

Present: President Shepit, Trustees Bogacz, Fritz, Thompson, Vick, Walter, Zakrocky

Absent: Attorney Shaw

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

Treasurers Report: Trustee Bogacz made a motion to approve the Treasurers Report of August 31, 2024; seconded by Trustee Walter. Voice Vote: Bogacz, Fritz, Thompson, Vick, Walter, Zakrocky=ayes. All in favor, motion carried.

Trustee Fritz made a motion to approve the Treasurers Report of September 30, 2024; seconded by Trustee Vick. Voice vote: Bogacz, Fritz, Thompson, Vick, Walter, Zakrocky=ayes. All in favor, motion carried.

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

Finance: N/A

Building & Zoning: N/A

Parks: Trustee Thompson asked about the trees on the beach. Deputy Clerk Prehn stated that the quote was signed and sent. They are working on a time to get it done.

Roads: Trustee Vick: Talked over the patching with the company that is going to be doing it. They are looking to do a couple big chunks on Maple Hill and a couple others. It's around under \$18,000.00 for the patching. Trustee Walter: There are a couple spots on West End. Trustee Vick: I have some extra marks on West End just in case there was extra money available. They looked at the catch basin out in front here by the Village Hall and there is enough money to do that out of MFT. The CDBG money he was told could not be switched from Orchard to Spring. The opening for the 2025 CDBG started and we should be able to apply for that and we can apply for Spring from McCullom Lake Road all the way to Flanders Road. If we get a quarter of that grant we can get Spring from Orchard to Flanders paved

Blight: Trustee Walter: Nothing really but he sees that residents are starting to pile leaves up, is there a pickup? Deputy Clerk Prehn replied there are two (2) pickups November 6, 2024 and November 20, 2024.

Police: Trustee Zakrocky read off the monthly Police Report from September 23, 2024 through October 21, 2024.

Communications: N/A

Audience: Resident inquiring about the Village lawn mower and if it was going up for auction. President Shepit replied that we were just starting to discuss it. He would like to be kept informed.

Deputy Clerk Prehn: She would like to know what date the board was thinking about having for the December meeting. Trustee Vick suggested the second week in December which would be December 10th. This will be added to the next meeting's agenda. Deputy Clerk Prehn was asked by Sergeant Beatty that the tickets for long grass and weeds that the minimum is \$150.00 and he thinks that it's a bit much. Trustee Vick: He does send them warnings, how many does he send? Deputy Clerk Prehn: He sends one warning and then the ticket. Trustee Bogacz: He gives more than one warning or I mean it gets let go for quite awhile on some of the properties. Trustee Thompson: Can I ask how long it's been at \$150.00? Deputy Clerk Prehn: Forever. Trustee Thompson: Then why not just leave it alone. Trustee Vick: If you can afford \$150.00 a ticket you can afford to pay this kid \$30.00 dollars to mow your grass. Trustee Zakrocky: Maybe a card for mowing services can be sent along with the warning ticket? Doesn't a Neighbors Helping Neighbors card normally get sent out with the

warning tickets? Trustee Bogacz: We have asked him to do that, but I don't think he does.

Deputy Clerk Prehn: I didn't get the annual invoice in time for the Firewall which is \$593.61 but it needs to be paid. The board has approved for that bill to be paid and it will be added to the next meeting's agenda for re-approval.

Deputy Clerk Prehn asked if Neighbors Helping Neighbors were still planning on doing the holiday meals. Trustee Fritz: Yes. They will be for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Old Business: N/A

New Business: Amend Ordinance #511 Section 7-24 Use of Golf Carts and UTV's within Village Limits. Trustee Vick made a motion to approve Ordinance #564 Use of Golf Carts and UTV's within Village Limits; seconded by Trustee Fritz. Voice vote: Bogacz, Fritz, Thompson, Vick, Walter, Zakrocky=ayes. All in favor, motion carried.

Approve Annual Audit: Joe Troyer is joining us from GW & Associates via phone. When they get everything from Lori they make sure that everything reconciles and matches up to what the bank statements say along with accounts payable anything that shows up on the balance sheet. Then they take all Revenues that they can verify with different County and State and verify all the Revenues that come into the Village and compare to what the Village has on record and verify it with a third party. They will pick a sample of Expenditures to look at and make sure they were authorized and been recorded accurately. On Page 1 in the Independent Auditors Report, in the second paragraph's first line it is in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the government. What that means is that us giving our opinion, an unmodified opinion or a clean opinion as to the fact that this report in our opinion represents what the true financials are in a material way. They did not find any issues or anything that had to be reclassified and this is what we present to the public a report with good numbers in it. The cash in the General Fund is up about \$85,000.00 and the due to, due from other funds that we owe to the water/sewer that's been paid off about \$210,000.00 this year. That is really good news! Not only has the cash increased but at the same time you've been able to pay off a good portion of what was borrowed from the water/sewer. A scheduled debit payment was made this year of \$42,000.00 which brings the debt down to about \$313,000.00 so that is getting paid off as well. There was also a transfer from the Debt Service Fund of \$57,000.00 that was just sitting there and that was moved to the General Fund and that was a portion of what we were going to use to pay down the water/sewer debt. So throughout the year we have a net income in the

General Fund of \$225,000.00 and that includes that transfer. The normal operating position for the year we were in the positive of \$167,000.00 in the General Fund. So the Village is not strapped for cash and it gives us a nice balance there to have cash flows to operate and as long as we maintain the operating revenues and expenditures that we did this year going forward then we will then have some decent money to use to pay down that debt we owe. The water/sewer fund shows a million dollars in cash there part of that being the \$210,000.00 that got paid from the General Fund so there is a pretty healthy balance there. There is two million dollars in Capital Assets that is the sewer collection system less the depreciation which is the expense of using those asset's over their life. In our sewer fund it shows we are collecting enough revenues from sales and service charges to pay all of our expenses to operate plus the depreciation and the change in net position income was \$63,000.00 so we are charging enough in our fees to cover all the operating costs and still put some money in the bank as reserve for when fixed assets are needed going in to the future. In their opinion we had all the correct balances they think we should have. He would like to thank Deputy Clerk Prehn for being enjoyable and very easy to work with and thanks the board as well and appreciates being able to work as our auditor. President Shepit: I would just like you to know that the reason we have to pay back the sewer fund is because the previous President used the sewer fund as his cash fund. So all of the money that was taken out of there went to pay payroll and other stuff and we've been paying back what he took out of there for eight (8) years. It was five or six hundred thousand dollars that was taken out of the sewer fund just so you understand what the auditor was saying about that being paid back. That money is supposed to be in there in case there are any problems with infrastructure or any work we have to do and there was very little left in that fund and so we've been putting it back in. Trustee Bogacz: Thanked Deputy Clerk Prehn because a lot of her hard work is the reason that we been able to save all this money and you've done an excellent and wonderful job for us and she greatly appreciates it. The rest of the board all agrees with Trustee Bogacz and her comments about Deputy Clerk Prehn. Clerk Messina: And she doesn't live here and she doesn't have to care about our community, but she does care and it's amazing and that says a lot about her! Trustee Vick made a motion to approve the Annual Audit; seconded by Trustee Zakrocky. Voice vote: Bogacz, Fritz, Thompson, Vick, Walter, Zakrocky=ayes. All in favor, motion carried.

Approve Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association. Trustee Vick made a motion to pay Option 1 which is the full amount of \$29612.40; seconded by Trustee Zakrocky. Voice vote: Bogacz, Fritz, Thompson, Vick, Walter, Zakrocky=ayes. All in favor, motion carried.

Discussion: Trustee Vick: We received a letter from St. Vincent DePaul Society to the Car Club thanking them for the donation of \$1938.00 from the poker run to them.

Trustee Fritz: The bonfire on Saturday there was about fifty (50) people and it was a very good time. Anyone that wants firewood, it is still on the beach can feel free to come and take it, it burns great. The next Neighbors Helping Neighbors meeting is November 12, 2024 at 6:30 P.M. at the Knoll. December 8th, 2024 is the children's Christmas party from 1:00 to 3:00 P.M. Santa will be here.

Froggie's 26th Annual Ice Fishing Derby will be January 25, 2025.

Trustee Vick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 P.M.; seconded by Trustee Walter. Voice vote: Bogacz, Fritz, Thompson, Vick, Walter, Zakrocky=ayes. All in favor, motion carried.

The next Village board meeting will be November 26, 2024 at 7:00 P.M.

Marilyn Shepit
Village President

Sherri L. Messina
Village Clerk