

**MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES,
THE VILLAGE OF McCULLOM LAKE,
4811 W. ORCHARD DRIVE
McCULLOM LAKE, IL 60050
March 25, 2025
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 Bogacz made a motion to approve the minutes with a slight correction; seconded by Trustee Walter. Voice vote: Bogacz, Fritz, Thompson, Vick, Walter, Zakrocky=ayes. All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurers Report: Trustee Vick made a motion to accept the Treasurers Report; seconded by Trustee Fritz. Voice vote: Bogacz, Fritz, Walter, Zakrocky=ayes. Trustee Thompson and Trustee Vick; abstained. 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 would like to start moving forward on replacing the timbers for the children's playground.

Roads: N/A

Blight: Trustee Walter brought up the wood chips left on the beach. President Shepit stated they were waiting on putting in the new timbers and Paul would spread them.

Police: Trustee Zakrocky no monthly Police Report.

Communications: N/A

Audience: Deputy Clerk Prehn: We are getting towards the end of the Fiscal year and at the beginning of the year we paid back \$50,000.00 from the General Fund to the Sewer Fund to offset all the money that was owed from the previous administration. Every quarter because the payroll comes out of the General Fund she would still pay the Treasurer and Office staff and then she would transfer from the Sewer Fund to the General Fund to offset the payroll because some of their duties are done for the Sewer. They haven't moved it yet but so far this year we've paid back... President Shepit: The money that was taken out of the Sewer Fund that wasn't replaced? Deputy Clerk Prehn: Yes, last year we repaid back \$210,000.00 and this year so far we've paid back \$82,900.00 and split half the payroll to get it in before the Fiscal year that would total \$92,462.25. Do we also want her to transfer another \$50,000.00 because we do have it in the General Fund before the end of the Fiscal year. We had a \$600,000.00 dollar deficit. President Shepit: How much of the \$600,000.00 that was taken out of the Sewer Fund and not replaced have we replaced? Deputy Clerk Prehn: She doesn't have the exact total but if you take the \$210,000.00 and the \$82,900.00... President Shepit: So almost \$300,000.00 which is close to half of it being paid back. Deputy Clerk Prehn: Taking into consideration when they do the audit there will be more with the credit card and online payments that have been earmarked to go towards that deficit. The board would like her to go forward with putting another \$50,000.00 towards the Sewer Fund.

A question came up with the legal fees, not last month but the month before and what she's been doing to offset some of these costs and I think that the board might not understand but when Jeremy has to place a lien on someone's house for not paying their sewer bill he charges us because it's time he's spent on recording fees at the County. Then that would be paid back by the property owner to the Sewer Fund but we have always paid Jeremy out of the General Fund so the Sewer Fund gets paid back and you are going to see Jeremy getting paid out of both the General Fund and the Sewer Fund because if he's doing work that pertains to the Sewers then he should be getting paid out of there and vice a versa.

Glenn Gates: He read on the internet that the car show that was put on by the Police Department turned out pretty good and raised \$1,600.00 for Police equipment. Which was a pretty good turnout for the first time and hopefully we'll have a better one this year.

Resident Al Kopcke addressed the board about property that he had purchased at the end of McCullom Lake and has been having issues with the EPA the DNR and the Army Core of Engineers. He wants to preserve the lake and wants to do a bird sanctuary in honor of his sister. He's wondering if a committee could be put together on his behalf.

Old Business: N/A

New Business: Approve Liquor Licenses for All Sports Bar & Grill D.B.A. Cullom Knoll, MCNL Poker Inc. D.B.A. Lady Luck Poker, MCNL Lake, Inc. D.B.A. Sunrise Food & Liquor. Trustee Fritz made a motion to approve all of the above Liquor Licenses; seconded by Trustee Zakrocky. Voice vote: Bogacz, Fritz, Thompson, Vick, Walter, Zakrocky=ayes. All in favor, motion carried.

Discussion:

April 7, 2025 is E-Scrap pickup.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors Easter Egg Hunt is Sunday April 13, 2025 at 2:00 P.M. sharp. The Easter Bunny will be in attendance.

They will be stuffing Easter Eggs here at the Village Hall on April 8, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.

April 22, 2025 is Leaf pickup.

May 3, 2025 is Neighbors Helping Neighbors Spring Cleanup from 8:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M. or until full. There will be two (2) Twenty yard dumpsters.

Annual Golf Cart Poker Run Fundraiser is May 31, 2025 proceeds will benefit American Legion 491 helping our Veterans.

The Fundraiser for the Butler Family raised \$5000.00 to help the family out.

Trustee Vick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 P.M.; seconded by Trustee Bogacz. Voice vote: Bogacz, Fritz, Thompson, Vick, Walter, Zakrocky=ayes. All in favor, motion carried.

The next Village board meeting will be April 22, 2025 at 7:00 P.M.

Marilyn Shepit
Village President

Sherri Messina
Village Clerk