

Makanda Township Board Meeting Minutes
Unity Point School Cafeteria
July 12, 2022

1. Supervisor Lipe called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. Present were Supervisor Lipe, Trustees Clay Kolar, Fred York, Mike Holub, Debbie Stanley, Clerk Regina Einig, Fire Chief Jimmy Bilderback.
3. Clerk Comments: Gina suggested that Sara get larger checks for her convenience.
4. Trustee Comments: None
5. Approval of Agenda: The agenda was accepted as presented.
6. Public Comments on Agenda items: None
7. Fund Balances and Revenue: See Attachment One.
8. Approval of Minutes of the May 10 regular Board meeting: The minutes were accepted.
9. Approval of Bills by Fund: Trustee Kolar moved, and Trustee Stanley seconded that all bills by paid. **The motion passed unanimously.**
10. **Reports:**
 - a. Fire Chief Bilderback: 2 fire alarms, 4 EMS calls, 1 gas leak, and a service call for a total of 8 calls. We have 16 or 17 volunteer fire fighters. The timeline for the new truck has not changed.
 - b. Highway Commissioner Ed Hoke's report is attached: See Attachment Two including the Road and Bridge Bills.
 - c. Supervisor Lipe gave the CWPP report and the Supervisor's report: See Attachment Three.
 - d. Assessor John Dickson: No report.
 - e. Trustee Stanley reported that the General Assistance committee has not met since the last board meeting but have not been idle. They have gotten 14 smoke alarms installed in seven homes and can get more. Let her know if you know of any families in need of a smoke detector.
 - f. Broadband Committee: Michael repeated that the Connect Humanity project is a work in progress. There is new information, though. We have been awarded a new extra grant of \$30,000. It should arrive in September, and it is a very broad grant. The only restriction is that we use it for something related to broadband. He introduced Todd Freeman who talked about the specific Makanda effort to get information on users' internet speed and cost for their current internet. There is a link to the survey on this website. www.connectmakandatownship.com. People can do a survey for every email in the house. The survey some of us have done previously is for Jackson county. The new one is very important because it is specific to Makanda Township. Michael concluded his report by saying that this process is not going to be quick, but that it will result in internet with speeds of 1,000 upload and 1,000 download for about \$60-\$65 per month.
 - g. Jim Renshaw reported that the Building Usage and Planning Committee has not met since the last board meeting. They continue to look for appropriate properties, but the blue building is still the best prospect.

11. Old Business: none.

12. New Business: none.

13. Public comments: A citizen expressed his concern about people knowing about something as important as the purchase of property. He wanted to know if we could do a mailing to inform them. Sara said she would look into the cost of a mailing. Kate Renshaw expressed her agreement and thought that a mailing would be a good idea.

14. Adjournment: At 7:31 Clay moved to adjourn and Mike seconded it. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted, Regina Einig, Clerk

Attachment One

Makanda Township Fund Balances

	as of 7/12/22	Receipts since 6/14/22	Remaining Budget
Building Capital Fund	100,000.00.	9.04	
Brian R. Pierce Jr. 517 Mem, Fund	680.11	.04	1,155.00
Fire Protection	76,192.06	119.22	142,545.32
Fire Protection Capital Fund	94,635.49	1.14	38,475.30
General Assistance	15,742.38	1.94	15,739.00
New Bridge	43,869.42	1.80	45,311.24
Road and Bridge	43,042.77	1.86	116,065.19
Town	<u>95,804.61</u>	<u>26.08</u>	121,420.95
Totals	<u>469,966.84</u>	<u>161.12</u>	

Additional Expenses

Fire Protection **7,078.64**

Egyptian Electric	Station 2	109.06
Ameren Illinois	Station 1	261.10
Ameren Illinois	Station 2	230.86
South Highway Water District	Station 1	22.25
South Highway Water District	Station 2	22.25
Mediacom	Station 1 internet & phone	195.08
Mediacom	Station 2 internet	65.99
Frontier	Station 2	46.18
City of Carbondale	Fuel	89.15
Capital One (Walmart)	Supplies	29.79
Walker Communications	1 Radio Battery	104.00
Cintas	Fire Extinguisher Service	433.29
University of Illinois	Fire Training Class	225.00
IAMRESPONDING	Subscription	650.00
Dinges Fire	2 helmets	629.04
FIREPENNY	New pump for 571	3,965.60

Town **762.20**

Payroll		
Country Life Assurance	Jimmy's IRA	200.00
Verizon	Assessor monthly service	25.02
I.D.E.S.	Unemployment tax	46.18
Gilbert, Prosser, Huffman, Prosser, etc.	GA transfer inquiry	185.00
The Southern Illinoisan	legal ad	131.00
TOI	website	175.00

Assessor Expenses 2022 **1,654.50**

Verizon	Assessor monthly service	150.12
John Dickson	Workshop, mileage, meal	1,504.38

Attachment Two Highway Commissioner Report

Mowing continues

Patching continues

Ditching on Wagon Wheel done. Patching is done. Soon the Jackson County will broom off the road, put a material called BAM down on bad places & smooth it down. As soon as all of that is done, Wagon Wheel will be ready to oil & chip

Arizona Road, Bay Road, the back half of Zion Road, Peach Valley and Highlander Roads are all ready for oil & chip except that BAM is still to be spread on Zion.

We were able to negotiate with Energy Culvert to get cost of culverts for School House Road below the \$20K threshold for bidding. Jackson County Highway Engineer Mitch Burdick was able to get this done. Total cost of project is still between \$40-45K. This project will be started as soon as all the pieces are in place. The road will be closed to through traffic for 3-4 days.

Hired new people since last meeting. Matt Harper was hired to do patching and general labor and work on roads. Jim Crane was hired to operate the mower.

I am in the process of setting up an Intergovernmental Agreement with Pomona Township Highway Commissioner Joe Marks to do their roadside mowing for them. This will be some added income for the Highway Department and help a neighbor at the same time. We will be charging somewhere in the area of \$100/hr. which includes tractor, mower, fuel, and labor. We will have plenty of hours on the lease of the tractor to accommodate this work. This will create around \$2,000 additional funds for the Highway Department. In case you are wondering, our attorney will look over and approve any agreement.

Road and Bridge Bills

07/12/2022

<u>Company</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Budget Item</u>
Road & Bridge Bills:			
Scott Chapman	155.00	Labor	Labor
Jackson County Hwy Dept	\$ 714.85	Signs	Signs
Credit Card Bills			
Diedrich Implements	314.76	Mower Blades	Repairs &
Maintenance			
Rural King	24.47	Tools for mower	Equipment &
Tool Purchase			
Rural King	85.97	Trailer hitch for truck	Equipment &
Tool Purchase			
Rural King	19.99	Drill bit	Equipment &
Tool Purchase			
Lowes	\$ 32.16	Bolts for signs	Signs
Lowes	\$ 78.48	Electric Cord-Hvy duty	Equipment &
Tool Purchase			
Lowes	41.88	Paint for JULIE locations	Contingency
NAPA	121.04	Mirror & electrical connect	Repairs &
Maintenance			
Amazon	\$ 34.87	Drill bit for signposts	Equipment &
Tool Purchase			
Rural King	32.98	Fuel funnel & fuel can	Equipment &
Tool Purchase			
Shelton's Towing	150.00	Pull tractor out of ditch	Contingency
Total Credit Card	\$936.60		

Attachment Three
7/12/2022 Supervisor's Report

Sara reported that she had gotten one request for emergency assistance. That person did not qualify but she was able to direct them to other resources.

She said that she had gotten no response from the trustees when she requested input about the proposed new technical person. She asked for a volunteer to work with her on this matter. Clay volunteered.

Fred mentioned that he and Debbie and Jim Renshaw all had spoken with Becky Robinson, a woman they consider to be not only a good grant writer, but also someone with good technical skills. She might be someone to consider for a joint position.

TOI is having a training workshop in Carbondale on September 16 at 6 p.m. The cost is \$25 so she expects bills for it in August.

CWWP: There is a long shot chance for a new grant.