

Minutes of the
Makanda Township Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 12, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

1. Supervisor Lipe called the meeting to order at 7?
2. Roll Call. Present were Supervisor Lipe, Trustees Michael Holub, Clay Kolar, Debbie Stanley, and Fred York.
3. Clerk comments. Regina distributed the Statements of Economic Interest to those who have not filled one out for this year.
4. Trustee comments. None.
5. The agenda was approved.
6. Public comments on Agenda items. Laura Lipe said she thought the board blew it last month when they did not approve a motion to transfer of \$20,00 from the Town fund to the Fire Department Capital Fund. She said doing that took away the public's right to vote on it at the annual meeting.
7. Approval of the minutes for the March meeting was postponed until the May meeting.
8. Fund Balances and Revenue. (See Attachment 1.)
9. Approval of bills by fund: Fred moved to pay all the bills and Fred seconded it. **Motion carried unanimously.**
10. Reports:
 - A. Fire Department: No report.
 - B. Road Commissioner: No report.
 - C. CWPP: No report.
 - D. Supervisor: Sara had one emergency assistance application and the applicant is providing more information. She also sent one general assistance application out. She closed out the fiscal 2023 books, completed the 2023 Supervisor's Statement of Financial Affairs, prepared the fiscal 2024 budgets for the Town fund, General Assistance, and the 517 Memorial Fund, and drafted the Connect Humanity budget. She sent the township officers and trustees information about the National Incident Management Systems training. She said we've been very lucky but that she thinks it would be good for us to take some sessions of the training. It's online and it's free. Clay asked if we could put that on our website so that other people might be able to access it. Sara said to just look up NIMS (National Incident Management Systems) and see units 100 and 700, Sara reported that she and Fred had offered the technology assistant position to one of the two candidates and he politely turned them down because he had found a better offer. They then offered the job to the second good prospect and he accepted. He is an SIU student and will begin work after finals. Because he has asked to be paid on a W2 and the township will have to pay his social security and Medicare taxes, his salary will be \$25 an hour. She instructed the fire department to create a foreign tax board, received a FOIA request from Marissa McKee and responded with information she had about the town meeting.
 - E. Assessor's Report: John Dickson said he is currently conducting a series of neighborhood sales ratio studies to try to get a better handle on the recent jump in home sales prices. He said he was focusing on the high priced areas.
 - F. General Assistance: No report.
 - G. Broadband: No report.
 - H. Building, Usage & Planning: The committee is back to looking at the Davis property.

11. I. Grants: No high-priced Business:

- A. Clay moved and Mike seconded to approve both the revised budget for Road & Bridge 2022-23 and the budgets for the 2023-24 Road & Bridge and New Bridge funds. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- B. We discussed the formation of a Board/Citizen committee to meet requirements of the “Decennial Committee on Local Government Efficiency Act” but took no action since we don’t have three citizen volunteers yet.
- C. Mileage compensation options for volunteer fire fighters-update. No report from Jimmy.
- D. Regina has suggested rescheduling the Town Meeting for April 18, 2023 at firehouse #2. Sign in at 6:30 and meeting begins at 7. Clay made a motion to do so and Debbie seconded it. **Motion carried unanimously.**

12. New Business:

- A. Jimmy Bilderback has decided to step away from his positions effective June 13. Mike will provide refreshments at that meeting as a retirement farewell.
- B. Clay moved to approve the tentative FY24 budgets for the Town, General Assistance, Brian R. Pierce Jr. 517 Memorial Fund, and Connect Humanity funds. Mike seconded it. **Motion carried unanimously**

13. Public comments .A lengthy general discussion was held about the way of paying for the new fire truck, the choice of a moderator at the Annual Town Meeting, and the reason for capital funds.

14. A motion to adjourn was passed at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Regina Einig

Makanda Township Fund Balances as of 3/14/23	Receipts since 2/14	Remaining Budget
Building Capital Fund	100,148.10	
Brian R Pierce Jr 517 Memorial Fu	2842.13	1,155.00
Connect Humanity Grant Fund	19,047.04	18,943.17
Fire Protection	107,935.59	68,796.70
Fire Protection Capital Fund	62,017.73	5,301.30
General Assistance	15,210.78	15,189.00
New Bridge	76,327.03	26,723.28
Road & Bridge	143,685.99	74,608.61
Town	176,509.25	66,704.37
	<u>703,723.64</u>	
	<u>48,692.60</u>	

Additional Expenses

Fire Protection		2,381.30
Egyptian Electric	Station #2	156.39
Ameren Illinois	Station #1	17.11
Ameren Illinois	Station #2	445.51
South Highway Water District	Station #1	22.25
South Highway Water District	Station #2	22.25
Mediacom	Station #1 internet & phone	216.80
Mediacom	Station #2 internet	75.99
IL Public Risk Fund	workers comp audit result	1,425.00

Town		808.96
Payroll		
Country Life Assurance	Jimmy's IRA	200.00
Verizon	Assessor monthly service	25.02
Statewide Publishing	legal notice from May 2022	33.94
Jackson & Gray Inc	bond for Debbie Stanley	550.00

R&B

Payroll		
IL Public Risk Fund	workers comp audit	877.00
Southern Illinoisan	legal ad re R&B budget	33.48

Assessor Expenses 2023

Verizon	Assessor monthly service	50.04
		50.04

Makanda Township Highway
Road and Bridge Bills
4/12/2023

<u>Company</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Budget Item</u>
Road & Bridge Bills:			
Jim Crane .5 hr@\$20/hr	\$ 10.00	Labor	Labor
David Totzell 2.75hr@\$16/hr	\$ 44.00	Labor	Labor
Gilbert, Huffman, etc	\$ 379.25	Legal Fees	Legal Fees
Anna Quarries	\$ 238.92	Patch material	Gravel, rip rap, patch
SSA Wildwood MHP	\$ 600.00	Equipment Storage Rent	Storage Rental

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