

Minutes of
Makanda Township Board
February 14, 2023, 7:00 p.m.
Unity Point School

1. CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Lipe called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. ROLL CALL: Present in person were Supervisor Lipe, Trustees Michael Holub, Debbie Stanley and Fred York, clerk Regina Einig. Trustee Clay Kolar was present via Zoom.
3. Clerk comments: none.
4. Trustee Comments: none.
5. The agenda was approved.
6. Public comments on agenda items: none.
7. Approval of Minutes: The minutes for December and January were approved as corrected.
8. Fund Balances and Revenue. See Attachment One.
9. Approval of bills by fund: Michael Holub moved to pay all the bills except the legal bill for Road and Bridge. Debbie Stanley seconded it. Motion carried unanimously. Supervisor Lipe then moved to pay the legal bill for Road and Bridge. Fred York seconded it. Trustees Holub, Stanley, and York and Supervisor Lipe voted yes. Trustee Kolar abstained. Motion passed.
10. Reports:
 - A. Fire Department Report: Jimmy reported that they had seven EMS calls, one cancelled en route, one traffic crash for a total of nine runs. We have roughly 19 firefighters. There is no change on the new truck, Supervisor Lipe asked about the travel reimbursement policy. Jimmy said he's working on it. Fred York asked if we have a date for the truck and Jimmy said August, maybe later. Sara then asked Jimmy about the citations issued by the Illinois Department of Labor last month. Jimmy said they have taken care of some of them but others are still in process. Josh Lipe added that we will not make the March 6 deadline for compliance but will ask for an extension. He says the Department of Labor will not be upset as long as we are showing progress toward getting in compliance.
 - B. Road Commissioner's Report: See Attachment Two. Ed also added that the budget proposed tonight for approval is not final. It will be posted for public inspection and if there are no objections it will be eligible to be finalized at the April meeting. Supervisor Lipe then moved that we revise the fiscal 23 Road and Bridge budget as presented. Fred seconded it. Mike clarified that it was the 22-23 budget. Motion carried unanimously. Mike then moved to accept the fiscal 2023-2024 Road and Bridge and New Bridge budgets. Fred seconded it. Motion carried unanimously.
 - C. CWPP Report: no report.
 - D. Supervisor's Report: There were no General Assistance or Emergency Assistance inquiries. Sara sent a third letter to Sentinel Emergency Services about their continued billing, completed the insurance audit, foreign tax resolution was signed and mailed, Halliday Drive deed is signed and that deal is final now, received technology consultant resumes and will begin interviewing candidates, and communicated with Supervisor Poshard about whether the Illinois legislature really wanted the fire department to create a separate board for the foreign tax funds. The department does have to create a board with the chief as chair. The department will

then choose up to six more members. The township will establish the fund and write the checks but the fire department board will have complete control of the funds. The fire department board will have to do OMA and FOIA training. Finally, the man convicted of killing Brian Pierce was sentenced to life in prison. The Assistant States Attorney commented on the amount of victim impact statements received in this case. Sara thanked everyone who had written.

- E. Assessor's Report: The Supervisor of Assessor's office in Murphysboro is still closed and property sales have increased in November and December. Both the volume of sales and the dollar figure have gone up.
- F. General Assistance Committee Report: no report.
- G. Broadband committee report: Nothing new on the Makanda front. Robert Henderson then reported on the larger picture. The county committee is now identifying providers. Makanda Township is scheduled to receive about three million dollars when the BEAD (broadband equity and access deployment) grant money is released. Some of the money will be released this June and that is only for planning. The construction money will be released later. We're probably two years away from everybody having high-speed internet but we are positioned very favorably. Sara asked if the township is getting three million dollars. Robert clarified that the federal government will give the money to the states; the states will give it to the counties; the counties will give it to the various entities.
- H. Building, Usage & Planning Committee report: The committee has not met but they plan to have one soon and have a report for next month.
- I. Grant Committee: no report.
- 11. Old Business: already taken care of.
- 12. New Business:
- 13. Public Comments:
Laura Lipe informed us that Josh Lipe, our assistant fire chief and her nephew, has been promoted to field staff in the Illinois Fire Institute. That institution rates second only to the National Fire Institute so it's a very significant honor.
- 14. Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

Regina Einig, Clerk

Attachment One
Makanda Township Fund Balances

Makanda Township Fund Balances as of 2/14/23		Receipts since 1/9/2	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	4.09	18,943.17
Fire Protection	105,399.46	367.49	78,368.75
Fire Protection Capital Fund	62,017.61	446.30	5,301.30
General Assistance	15,208.45	2.67	15,189.00
New Bridge	70,173.12	173.41	26,723.28
Road & Bridge	132,992.01	17,848.94	78,211.81
Town	175,124.89	969.37	81,447.32
	<u>682,952.81</u>	<u>19,812.27</u>	
Additional Expenses			
Fire Protection		1,278.39	
Egyptian Electric	Station #2	154.26	
Ameren Illinois	Station #1	450.74	
Ameren Illinois	Station #2	336.10	
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	
Town		2,483.54	
Payroll			
Country Life Assurance		200.00	
Verizon		25.02	
Regina Einig		52.52	
Oliver Insurance		2,206.00	
Additional Fire Protection expenses			
City of Carbondale	fuel	94.90	
City of Carbondale	repair on 582	6,626.22	
Frontier	Station 2	47.73	
Coleman Lawn	service on lawn mower	431.75	
Gurley and Son	furnace repair station 1	704.05	
EMP	4 defibrillation pads	279.76	
Sentinel	flow testing SCBA	<u>1,285.00</u>	
Total		9,469.61	
Assessor Expenses 2023			25.02
Verizon	Assessor monthly service	25.02	

MAKANDA TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

BUDGET 2023

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Personnel Part time Intern 50 hours @13.50	675
Vehicle Expenses	
Travel 1880 miles at \$0.65.5 per mile	1232
Meetings & Training	2350
Commodities	
Postage & Office Supplies	125
Capital Outlays	
Equipment	150
Contractual Services	
Phone Data	920
	Total 5,452

**Attachment Two
Highway Commissioner's Report**

Presented revised budget to conform with Sara's budget. Budgets posted at firehouses and on the township website.

Road and Bridge Bills

2/14/2023

<u>Company</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Budget Item</u>
Road & Bridge Bills:			
Matt Harper 28 hr@\$18/hr	\$ 504.00	Labor	Labor
Jim Crane 12hrs @ \$20/hr	\$ 240 .00	Labor	Labor
City of Carbondale	\$ 278.47	Fuel	Fuel
Jackson County Hwy Dept	\$1,838.25	Salt/Chip Mix	Gravel, rip rap patch & other aggregate
Gilbert, Huffman, Prosser Hewson & Barke	\$ 450.00	Legal Fees	Legal Fees
Credit Card Bills:			
Sidenstricker & Nobbe	\$ 12.80	Tractor Keys	Repairs & Maintenance
Circle K	\$ 6.02	Windshield fluid	Repairs & Maintenance
NAPA	\$ 22.78	Windshield washer nozzles	Repairs & Maintenance

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