

Minutes of  
Makanda Township Board  
January 10, 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, Clay Kolar and Fred York, clerk Regina Einig. Trustee Debbie Stanley 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: There was an omission on the minutes of the December meeting so those minutes will be presented for approval at the February meeting.
8. Fund Balances and Revenue. See Attachment One.
9. Approval of bills by fund: Clay Kolar moved to pay all the bills and Michael Holub seconded it. Motion carried unanimously.
10. Guest report via Zoom – Jeff Christensen, “Connect Humanity Grant” representative. Michael Holub said that he had released the final draft of the digital plan to the Connect Humanity Grant and introduced Jeff Christensen, CEO of Entry Point, one of the organizations that participated in the grant, who gave us a summation of what exactly they have done and what exactly the digital plan is so we can discuss how we might utilize the information. An extensive discussion followed with questions from the public.
11. Reports:
  - A. Fire Department Report: Jimmy reported that they had seven EMS calls. We have 20 or 21 firefighters. Discussion about reimbursement to firefighters for travel is in progress. Jimmy got a phone call from Dinges saying that they are ready to cut metal. That means the chassis is not too far away. Jimmy will be meeting with Dinges Thursday night and may have a better idea of a potential delivery date after that meeting. Fred York asked Jimmy about the IMF monies. Jimmy said that there will be a six-member board made up of firefighters with the chief as chair of the committee. That board has complete discretion as to spending.
  - B. Road Commissioner’s Report: See Attachment Two. Ed also stated that he has been approached by Frontier for approval to work on various roads. Ed has no choice but to approve those requests but he has to be notified about exact dates for the beginning of construction. He was told that this is a big show from Frontier because of their attempt to control the grant money. He will keep us informed about contacts about specific roads. He also asked the public to inform him if they see any evidence of companies working on roads.
  - C. CWPP Report: no report.
  - D. Supervisor’s Report: W2’s and 1099’s are mailed. End of year payroll forms have been completed and filed. The insurance payroll audit should be finished tomorrow. Sara has been in communication with Dennis Poshard regarding the Foreign Fire Insurance Act which we will discuss later. TOI has scholarships for high school students planning to attend universities in Illinois. They are \$2,000 and are very

competitive. Go to the TOI website for further information. The application deadline is March 1. The man accused of killing Brian Pierce has been convicted and his sentencing hearing is January 23.

- E. Assessor's Report: no report.
  - F. General Assistance Committee Report: no report.
  - G. Broadband committee report: previously completed.
  - H. Building, Usage & Planning Committee report: no report.
  - I. Grant Committee: Clay had no report but said that in the light of what Jeff Christensen said about grants, we should join efforts of the grant committee, the broadband committee, and anyone else with an interest, to work for the grants we will need to finish the internet project.
12. Old Business:
- A. Compensation options for volunteer fire fighters-update. Jimmy is still working on this.
13. New Business:
- A. Adopt Foreign Fire Insurance Resolution. There will be no added burden to the township but monies already collected by the insurance companies will be distributed to the fire department in about September. Sara moved that we adopt the Foreign Fire Insurance resolution and have the Illinois Municipal League collect the two percent for us. Clay seconded it. In the discussion that followed Sara expressed concern that there are a lot of unanswered questions about how the money is accounted for. For example, the fire department will have complete control over the money but the township board is being asked to vote on adopting the resolution. Which budget does the money go into? The motion passed unanimously.
14. Public Comments: Dan Chester asked about the status of the IT Technical Consultant position. There was a short discussion about difficulties placing the ad. Efforts continue. Robert Henderson joined by Zoom and said he would share information about developments with the Jackson County broadband committee at the next meeting. Things are progressing very well but he is not at liberty to divulge specifics now. He did say he could confidently tell us we would have broadband within three years.
15. Adjournment. Clay moved to adjourn and Mike seconded. Adjourned at 8:01.

Respectfully submitted,

Regina Einig, Clerk

Attachment One  
Makanda Township Fund Balances

	as of 1/9/2023	Receipts since 12/1/2022	Remaining Budget
Building Capital Fund	100,148.10	126.46	
Brian R. Pierce Jr. 517 Mem, Fund	2,842.13	100.13	1,155.00
Connect Humanity Grant Fund	19,047.04	3.87	18,943.17
Fire Protection	108,992.16	467.02	82,328.94
Fire Protection Capital Fund	61,571.31	.99	5,301.30
General Assistance	15,205.78	2.50	15,189.00
New Bridge	69,999.71	144.11	26,723.28
Road and Bridge	116,806.73	361.36	80,622.65
Town	<u>176,806.26</u>	<u>379.36</u>	84,098.06
<b>Totals</b>	<u><b>671,419.22</b></u>	<u><b>1,585.80</b></u>	

**Additional Expenses**

**Fire Protection** **4,168.72**

Egyptian Electric	Station 2	137.11
Ameren Illinois	Station 1	1,007.57
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South Highway Water District	Station 1	22.25
South Highway Water District	Station 2	22.25
Mediacom	Station 1 internet & phone	216.08
Mediacom	Station 2 internet	65.99
Designer checks	checks	62.44
City of Carbondale	Fuel	576.92
Staples	Supplies	670.48
Zoll Medical	Repair on AED	605.25
Mac's Fire & Safety	3 Helmet fronts	177.00
EMP.	2 pediatric AED pads	269.98
Heiman Fire	1 smoke ejector holder	82.03
Illinois Fire Chiefs	Dues	125.00

**Town** **258.96**

Payroll		
Country Life Assurance	Jimmy's IRA	200.00
Verizon	Assessor monthly service	25.02
Stateside Publishing	Legal ad	33.94

**Road and Bridge** **14.20**

IDES	Unemployment tax	14.20
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**Assessor Expenses 2022** **1,804.62**

Verizon	Assessor monthly service	300.24
John Dickson	Workshop, mileage, meal	1,504.38

Attachment Two  
Highway Commissioner's Report

Received our new tractor for 2022-23. We cut a tire last summer and had to buy a new one. It is still very usable so I had the cut tire put on the tractor in case it got cut again. That way I don't have to buy another one.

We now have temporary salt/chip bins at each firehouse so we have enough for a storm in store and it will be readily available and convenient. I tarped both of them to protect the mix from the rain.

Some repairs were necessary to prepare for the storm on the truck and spreader but we were ready and everything functioned properly.

Matt and I continued to repair some culverts. The intent is to eventually inventory all culverts and log their condition so we can create a schedule for replacement in the budget.

I have hired another part time worker who will only be used when we need an extra hand like in tree removal or traffic control when needed. His name is David Totzell.

Addendum to this report

Frontier Communications, through Dynamic Telco, a company out of California, has requested Utility Permits for Old Davis Farm Road, Autumn Ridge Road, School House Road, Zion Road, Whippoorwill Lane, Cedar Meadows Drive, Church Camp Road, and Raccoon Valley Road. The maps make it clear that they are only interested in the high-density areas of each of these roads.

## Road and Bridge Bills

1/10/2023

Company	Amount	Reason	Budget Item
<b>Road &amp; Bridge Bills:</b>			
Matt Harper 19.5 hr@\$18/hr	\$ 351.00	Labor	Labor
Jim Crane 5hrs @ \$20/hr	\$ 100.00	Labor	Labor
Wildwood Trailer Park	\$ 600.00	Storage Rental	Storage Rental
City of Carbondale	\$ 353.27	Fuel	Fuel
<b>Credit Card Bills</b>			
Murdale Ace Hardware	\$ 4.78	Keys	Repairs & Maintenance
Plaza Tire	\$ 50.97	Oil change, truck	Repairs & Maintenance
Ready Mix Solutions	\$ 300.00	Concrete blocks, large	Equipment & Tool Purchase
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Kasten	\$ 16.80	Concrete blocks, small	Equipment & Tool Purchase
Rural King	\$ 221.96	Tool Battery, fuel additives	Equip. & Tool Pur. \$176.98
		Windshield broom	Fuel \$44.98
Rural King	\$ 1.36	Bolts	Repairs & Maintenance
Rural King	\$ 34.99	Tarp	Equipment & Tool Purchase
Rural King	\$ 4.99	Screws	Repairs & Maintenance
NAPA	\$ 149.92	Hydraulic lines, WD-40	Repairs & Maintenance
NAPA	\$ 24.99	Hydraulic Oil	Repairs & Maintenance
Today's Technology	\$ 265.60	Truck repairs	Repairs & Maintenance
NAPA	\$ 12.69	Truck taillight	Repairs & Maintenance
Rural King	\$ 69.99	Tarp	Equipment & Tool Purchase
Lowe's	\$ 8.73	PVC parts for truck washer	Repairs & Maintenance
NAPA	<u>\$ 75.98</u>	Hydraulic oil	Repairs & Maintenance
Total Credit Card	\$1,343.75		