

Minutes of the  
Makanda Township Board Meeting  
Unity Point School  
Tuesday, October 10, 2023

1. Supervisor Lipe called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.
2. Present were Supervisor Lipe, Trustees Holub, Kolar, Stanley, and York. Absent Clerk Regina Einig. Sara thanked Brenda Brackett for filling in for Regina.
3. Clerk comments. Brenda asked the public to use the microphone and identify themselves because she didn't know everyone.
4. Trustee comments. None.
5. The agenda was approved as presented.
6. Public comments on Agenda items. None.
7. The minutes of the September 12, 2023, Board meeting were approved as posted.
8. Fund Balances and Revenue. See Attachment 1.
9. Mike moved to pay the bills. Debbie seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.  
Township Bills, Fire Department Bills, Fire Protection Capital Fund Bills, Road and Bridge Bills, New Bridge Bills, General Assistance Bills, Connect Humanity Bills.
10. Reports:
  - A. Fire Department Report: Josh reported that they had the following calls: 1 fire, 9 medical, 3 traffic, 3 service, and one search. There were 123 calls for the year. There are 17 firefighters at the present. Debbie asked about the use of the firefighter app. A lengthy discussion followed. Sara asked if Josh and Debbie could continue the discussion outside of the meeting. They agreed. Clay requested from Josh at the next meeting an accounting of the longevity of the firefighters.
  - B. Road Commissioner's Report: See Attachment 2.
  - C. CWWP Report: See Attachment 3.
  - D. Supervisor's Report: See Attachment 3.
  - E. Assessor's Report: John Dickson reported that the Jackson County Assessment office has moved into a semi-permanent home in Murphysboro. And that the Board reviews are open to anyone in the county until October 30<sup>th</sup> and that is a hard deadline.
  - F. General Assistance Committee Report (Debbie Stanley): None,
  - G. Broadband committee report: None.
  - H. Building, Usage & Planning Committee report: None.
  - I. Grant Committee: Clay reported that they are planning to apply for a \$26,000 grant for small equipment for the fire department. The deadline is Decdember 15<sup>th</sup> for application filing. They will be in contact with Josh. He also asked the community for ideas for other grants that could be applied for. Just throwing out ideas, he mentioned charging station and solar installations for the fire stations.
11. Old Business:

Discuss hiring of Fire Department Manager. Mike reported that he and Gary were back to square one. There was discussion about changing the title of the position. Consensus was "Full-time firefighter/Clerk." Regina needs to run ads again and Karen Renzaglia had suggestions for Josh to spread the word to other fire departments.
12. New Business:
  - A. Surplus property declaration. No action.

13. Public comments. None.

14. Adjournment: Debbie moved to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.  
Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Brackett, acting clerk.

### Attachment One

<b>Makanda Township Fund Balances as of 10/10/23</b>	<b>Receipts since 9/12/2:</b>	<b>Remaining Budget</b>
Brian R Pierce Jr 517 Memorial Fu	2,714.27	0.14
Building Capital Fund	120,776.74	227.89
Connect Humanity Grant Fund	18,962.92	3.71
Fire Protection	105,904.40	57,928.40
Fire Protection Capital Fund	82,899.16	0.24
General Assistance	14,338.01	2.28
New Bridge	103,302.80	29,742.73
Road & Bridge	183,753.11	68,398.87
Town	206,351.56	76,830.72
	<u>836,288.70</u>	<u>233,134.98</u>
		<u>508,955.27</u>

<b>Town</b>		141.56
Payroll		
Verizon	Assessor monthly service	25.02
IL Dept of Employment Security	unemployment tax	16.55
Banterra	Arthur Agency-monthly websi	99.99

<b>R&amp;B</b>		
Payroll		
IL Dept of Employment Security	unemployment tax	70.36
<b>Assessor Expenses 2023</b>		2,564.86
Verizon	Assessor monthly service	225.18
John Dickson	mileage, training, lodging, me	2,339.68

<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Cost</b>
South Highway Water	Water Station 1	22.25
South Highway Water	Water Station 2	22.25
City of Carbondale	Fuel	321.82
Ameren	Station 1 Electric and Gas-deduct 12/11/23	190.47
Ameren	Station 1 Electric and Gas-deduct 1/8/24	157.27
Ameren	Station 2 Natural Gas	161.3
Egyptian Electric	Station 2	200.73
Mediacom-October	Station 1	218.17
Mediacom-November	Station 1	281.18
Mediacom	Station 2	84.99
Frontier	Station 1	46.75
Rural King	Supplies	60.4
Cardio Partners	AED Batteries and pads	1044
Sentinel	Pump Testing	485
Sheltons	Recovery	150
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3446.58</b>

## **Attachment Two**

### **Makanda Township Highway Commissioner Report October 10, 2023 Meeting**

Except for potholes, patching is done for the season.

Midland Hills Road 6'x50' culvert has been replaced. Gravel will remain over the top until next year when the road will be oil & chipped.

Township equipment has been moved into the leased building at 494 Hartline Road. Leased mowing tractor will be swapped out for the new one sometime this month.

Centerline striping on Springer Ridge and Boskydell East was not completed last month. It will be completed this month.

New tires for the dump truck have been installed as well as new front brakes.

Makanda Township Highway  
Road and Bridge Bills  
10/10/2023

<u>Company</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Budget Item</u>
<b>Road &amp; Bridge Bills:</b>			
Jim Crane 31.25hrs @\$22/hr	\$ 687.50	Labor	Labor
David Totzell 72.25hrs@\$20/hr	\$ 1,445.00	Labor	Labor
Buncombe Water District	\$ 200.00	Security Deposit for Water	Proposed Building
NHJ Properties	\$ 3,000.00	Lease Payment (Oct & Nov)	Proposed Building
<b>Road &amp; Bridge Credit Card total \$2,486.39</b>			
EZ Rental	\$ 214.00	Rent roller	Equipment & Tool Rent
Murdale Ace Hardware	\$ 38.37	Hardware	Repairs & Maintenance
Sydenstricker Nobbe	\$ 48.09	Light & screw	Repairs & Maintenance
Rural King	\$ 10.97	Hitch pins & clips	Repairs & Maintenance
Rural King	\$ 35.96	DEF	Fuel
Shell	\$ 10.33	Non-ethanol gas	Fuel
Stiles	\$ 22.77	Printable door hangers	Office Supplies
Diedrich Implements	\$ 130.14	Mower blades	Repairs & Maintenance
Plaza Tire	\$ 1,850.76	Set of tires for dump truck	Repairs & Maintenance
Plaza Tire	\$ 125.00	Change tire on tractor	Repairs & Maintenance
<b>New Bridge Bills:</b>			
Energy Culverts	\$10,744.68	Culvert for Midland Hills Rd	Road Expenditures
Wheatley Construction	\$ 2,175.00	Trackhoe work on Midland Hills Road Expenditures	Road Expenditures
Midwest Materials	\$ 1,510.85	Patch materials	Road Expenditures
<b>New Bridge Credit Card total \$84.28</b>			
Amazon (credit card)	\$ 84.28	Spray cans of paint for roads	Road Expenditures

**Total Credit Card for both Road & Bridge & New Bridge \$2,570.67**

## **Attachment Three**

### **Supervisor's Report**

1. No GA/EA inquiries
2. Audit completed. Thanks to Dann Chester, Cheryl Mayer, and Karen Renzaglia
3. Debbie and I attended the EA workshop in Effingham.
4. Foreign Fire Tax check of \$579.58 received.
5. One FOIA request received.

### **CWPP Report**

Greater Egypt will submit grant application later this week to write County-wide CWPP.