

# Village of McLean Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 07 July 2025 7:00pm @ Park District

1. The meeting of the Village of McLean Board was called to order at 7:02pm on 07 July 2025, at the Park District. Danny Biehl presided over the meeting.
2. Roll Call was taken. Trustees present were Lonnie Kirby, Colton Gordon, Pam Page, Henry Dawdy. Also present was Clerk Teresa Isringhausen, Treasurer Marcy Seeman. John Wille was on zoom.
3. Village Attorney Mark McGrath on speaker phone
4. A Motion to Approve meeting minutes on 06 June 2025 with the adjustments that was stated by Pam Page. First was Pam Page. Seconded by Lonnie Kirby. Approved 5-0
5. Approval of Special Meeting Minutes and Committee Meeting minutes approve a police vehicle and employee compensation. First by Colton Gordon, and seconded by Henry Dawdy. Approved 5-0

## Approval of Monthly Bills

The monthly bills Disposition-Motion. Colton Gordon 1<sup>st</sup> (yes) Pam Page 2<sup>nd</sup> (yes) Lonnie Kirby (yes). John Wille (yes) Henry Dawdy (yes). Approved 5-0  
No more copies of checks through email to Mark McGrath.

## Opportunity for public input

- Sandy Sheldon—glad we still have Gary Ummel with is at this meeting—semi cut a little to close with accident, no other person around to help and no cones or signs out to get traffic to slow down.
- Sheri Hester brought up getting the Agenda posted 48 hours to the website. Danny Biehl will be getting Teresa Isringhausen (clerk) access to the website to be able to post to the website. Only needs to be posted at the Village Hall and on the website.

Attending 07 July 2025 meeting from the public is: Sandra Sheldon, Don Doty, Helen Doty, Howard Ahlstrom, Stephanie Neumann, Debbie Geisel, Amy Ummel, Jeff Hake, Sharon Leopold, Jamie Cook, Katie Funk, Danielle Ackerman, Sheri Hester, Tim Ackerman.

Employees in attendance: Dylan Miller, Greg Rutherford, Austin Curry, Wyatt Powell, Marcy Seeman, Greg Ummel, Courtney Nelson

## Committee Reports

1. Finance – nothing to report no meetings were set up
2. Human Resources: had meeting to discuss updating the employee handbook which will go on the agenda for 04 August 2025. Had meeting on 01 July 2025 for updating the employee handbook.  
Emailed the updated version to McGrath's office per Pam Page.
3. Public works: Nothing to report.
4. Public Safety: Purchasing a 2025 police vehicle proposing 2025 F150 truck
  - a. Selling for Ford Explorer and Dodge Durango
    - i. Mark if you have an older vehicle sell it yourself declare surplus property and Ford explorer, year, vend number.
    - ii. It does not matter if we have the vehicle on consignment, we still must declare it surplus and must have an ordinance for it as well before selling
  - b. Mark McGrath -have to be declared surplus property. Have to have ordinance and has to be signed by Danny Biehl (president) and Teresa Isringhausen (clerk). Once declared surplus Mark believes it is immediate selling of the vehicles.

- c. Actual ordinance has to be signed by Danny Biehl (president) and Teresa Isringhausen (clerk).

Motion to approve the purchase of a 2025 new F150 Ford Pick-up for \$49,698.00 with up-fitting of \$10,706.98. First was Lonnie Kirby, seconded by Henry Dawdy.

Roll Call: John Wille, Colton Gordon, Pam Page, Lonnie Kirby, Henry Dawdy. Motion Carried approved 5-0

Motion to adopt an Ordinance Document to sell and declare as surplus vehicles to put the monies to new vehicle. First by Henry Dawdy and seconded by Lonnie Kirby

Roll Call: Pam Page, Colton Gordon, John Wille, Henry Dawdy, Lonnie Kirby. Motion Carried approved 5-0

Department Reports:

1. Police:

- Chief Dylan Miller presented a report of the monthly activity of July 2025.
- Misdemeanor 1, felony arrest 1, traffic stops 59, traffic citations 37, ordinance violations 6, ordinance tickets/warnings 2, business checks 183, calls for service 72, reports taken 1, investigations conducted 7, special events 8.
- Special events Pro Phoenix- new cad deployment, training, rms—new report system training, axon training, meeting with Sally Turner's team, ILEA grant completion, Oly scenario training.
- Intergovernmental agreement—range, mutual aid agreement—rural McLean County
- Lexipol Policy Contract—informational document—public would have access to ordinances online and Lexipol Policy contract would help with keeping them updated and posted online.
- Public safety meeting will be held to go over the contract. Nothing was set up tonight. Add to next months meeting agenda.
- John Wille suggested using an intern from ISU to help type of the ordinances, everyone thought that would be a great idea. He is looking into this.
- Emergency Medical Response Training: Brought in house to McLean with the assistance of the McLean Fire Department. Training will be available in July 2025 with state requirements.

2. Public works: Arsenic tested 7.49 limit is 10

- Greg Rutherford has quotes for tires for the dump truck.
- Human Resources Committee had 36 resumes to go through
- Old 66—move 2 hydrants, Ameren relocated to a different spot and 5 telephone poles had to be relocated the utilities have to move their lines as well. This is all for the new constitution trail coming into town.
- Had to purchase a new hydrant
- Mr. Robbin's house had to be a new service to his home.
- CORE hydrant is in
- Cost so-far on the bike trail is approximately \$7000.00 to \$8000.00
- Dixie Road—started new water lines
- New Employees started:
  - Wyatt Powell, he is from Texas moved up here for his family, lives outside of Heyworth
  - His uncle was a fire chief in Heyworth
  - Austin Curry is from Lincoln Illinois
  - Went to Wyoming to get his diesel mechanics license moved back to Lincoln, IL.
  - Both Wyatt and Austin are learning and doing very well according to Greg Rutherford.
  - Both are willing to get their licenses for the city in water and sewer.
  - They both have a 90 probationary period.
- Greg Ummel is going to be retiring in a couple of years

3. Treasurer: Marcy Seeman had everything for the packets to hand to the board meeting

- All the names have been transferred for the bank accounts

- Cancelling the IAA credit cards
- Chase credit card now

#### 4. Office:

Trainings before the 8<sup>th</sup> of August 2025 for sexual harassment course this needs to be done annually for all employees, Board Members, Police Department, and President and Clerk.

#### Quotes for the Office

Mark if it is over \$25,000 then you must have 2/3rds majority vote from the trustees

Sharon Leopold and Sheri Hester brought up the front door with it letting in too much cold air in the wintertime along with frosting up. Danny will have Illinois Valley Construction look at it when they are fixing the other problems in the office building.

Motion to approve all repairs at the Village of McLean Office for Illinois Valley Construction to do the work which would be windows, flooring, doors, for the amount of \$40,972.00 was first by Colton Gordon, and seconded by Pam Page, approved 5-0 John Wille passed first then said (yes) at the end of everyone else. Mattson was not present.

#### Old Business: extra quotes for the Village of McLean Office

The other quotes were before we were elected to office.

#### New Business:

Danny Biehl proposed buying the (MERT-3) Multiple Event Response Trailer, it would not be an asset for TIF monies to be used on it. John Wille and Greg Rutherford would like to go 50-50 with the Fire Department. Grants for public Safety was another point brought up. Multiple groups need to use and need to help pay for it. Greg Rutherford thinks we need to replace what we have because the Village's barricades and cones etc. are getting worn out.

The problem some of the board members are having is if this one wants it then what happens if you have someone else needing it at the same time.

This is not a TIF asset more public safety and not infrastructure per Mark McGrath

John Wille if multiple groups are using this then it need to be divided in cost so that everyone that is using it is paying a 1/3 or 1/4 to make it even across the board. Colton and Pam agreed to the divide cost.

Fire department bought their own equipment, and we are borrowing theirs. Dylan says that our stuff is not all the reflective. Greg at some point we are going to have to replace what we have, and it will not get any cheaper as time goes by, suggesting build your own.

Dylan and Greg find something to work for both sides that will be able to be used for safety and public use.

This will be added to the next month meeting

John Wille—stated needed to have a committee meeting later this month to discuss this further

Mt Hope Funks Grove Park District requested \$6000.00 for the help with fireworks. No-one was there for the proposal when they are not here.

Motion to give Mt. Hope Funks Grove Park District \$6000.00 for fireworks to come from the Hotel/Motel because of (tourism) that was brought into the community first by Lonnie Kirby and seconded by Colton Gordon. Approved 5-0

Jamie Cook presented to the Board members a grant request for \$4000.00 for a family fun night with games, blow-ups, and dinner. Teresa Isringhausen (clerk) had the name of the organization wrong on the Agenda for the meeting. It was McLean Crossroads and should have been the Mt. Hope Township Community Hall. Changed to October instead of September. Anything not used for this would transfer to the other events, example would be the Christmas in the Village set-up. Also, the Mt. Hope Community Hall is requesting that street be blocked off in a certain area east Morgan Street in front of the church. Pam talked about the previous meeting minutes about budget of \$1800.00 voted on in March and Jamie was not at that meeting and wants to use that first. Community Hall has an annual budget of \$1800.00 with the township. John Wille spoke up about the park district using their monies and nothing was said about that: wants to know what the difference is about earlier budget. That monies are doing multiple events example: movie nights, and murder mystery dinner. Danny interrupted saying park district had no-one at the board meeting. Mt Hope TWP Community Hall brought in about 100-200 people from other towns to the event. Colton asked about rides going towards this and making it a little bit bigger. John Wille this is the second year they had it so growing it a little at a time each year. Trying to create something in a small town. Pam Page interrupted John Wille saying he was not at the meeting either. Budget with the Township has a specific line item for events for Community Hall in the amount of \$1800. Pam says it is different than Park District. Pam Page said that the employees' overtime of \$4000.00 is coming out of the taxpayers' dollars that is being taken out of general fund. Pam: does not matter what it is for you do not pay into the community, Jamie. Part of taxpayer dollars that is coming out of the General Fund. Mark McGrath says ion should come out of Hotel/Motel Fund, because of tourism.

Can we square off the entire green space in the middles of the square. Colton asked about having a committee meeting first to discuss this in more detail. They have already paid some of the vendors.

Motion for Mt. Hope Township Community Hall is asking for \$4000.00 for putting a Family Fun Night to bring in people from other communities (tourism) and funds should come out of Hotel/Motel Tax first was John Wille and seconded by Henry Dawdy. Lonnie Kirby (present) Colton Gordon (pass), Pam Page (pass) went back to Colton Gordon (abstained, which goes to the majority) Pam Page (abstained which goes with majority).

Lonnie Kirby present.

Motion Carried 4-0 at 8:35p.m.

CORE of McLean: Presented by Katie Funk was asking for \$3095.00 for help with the Get Your 6.6 on Route 66 run/walk. The monies are to help with the costs of tent rental, DJ services, port-a-potties, flyers, Dixie brunch.

Motion for CORE of McLean requesting funds of \$3095.00 to host an event which will bring in people from other communities (tourism) for the Get Your 6.6 Route 66 run/walk funds to be paid out of the Hotel/Motel account first John Wille and seconded by Henry Dawdy. Approved 5-0

Motion Carried 5-0 at 9:00p.m.

TIF Settlement sheets are for what has been deposited in the account from McLean County taxes. Property taxes that have been paid from property owners. It goes into different accounts for the Village of McLean.

Carpenter Cleaning Estimate: Danny Biehl before we vote on this need to see if Greg Rutherford can get his guy to clean the water tower. Greg is going to get the quotes.

McGrath law office—Western McLean County Law Enforcement Consortium: Just paying the bill. Danny wants the village to get out of it and we just pay this bill. McGrath wait and see what the proposal is before completely deciding on what the answer is before totally getting out of the agreement. Danny will go along with that as long as no more monies coming from the Village of McLean for this issue, otherwise, Village of McLean would like to part ways with this idea. Take Dylan Miller would be in charge of Stanford, McLean, Danvers, and he would be there before he would be in town. We will stay in the system as long as the Village of McLean does not have to pay for anything else.

Motion was made to approve McGrath Bill for earlier work with Western McLean County Law Enforcement Consortium for the amount of \$936.17 first by Colton Gordon and seconded by Lonnie Kirby.

Motion Carried 5-0 at 9:10 p.m.

Motion to approve pay increase retroactive as of 01 May 2025 for Greg Rutherford first by Colton Gordon and seconded by Lonnie Kirby.

Motion Carried 5-0 at 9:15p.m.

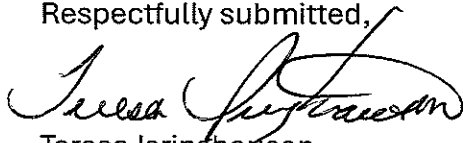
McGrath—looking for auditor need a special meeting to Adopt 2025-26 Annual Appropriations Ordinance for legal sums of money necessary for all expenses and liabilities of the Village of McLean. This meeting is being held Tuesday 15 July 2025 at 7:00pm.

If Village is less than a 1000 people then you do not have to have an auditor, this information is from Sally Turner's Office Danny will be getting more information on this to make sure.

Motion by Lonnie Kirby and seconded by John Wille to adjourn meeting. All ayes.

Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:00p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Teresa Isringhausen

Clerk

Addendums to the meeting minutes of 07 July 2025:

- Gary Ummel should of said Greg Ummel per Pam Page corrections
- 33 resumes for the public works postings
- Reword: No one was here for proposal for Mt. Hope Funks Grove Park District
- Comment was made that the CORE always had monies coming out of a fund that was not Hotel/Motel tax account. And the statement was **not true**.
- Monies given to the CORE of McLean from years past was given out of the Hotel/Motel tax account. Katie Funk presented said documents to the President of McLean Danny Biehl. Per Danny Biehl corrections