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\$78,000 brought in by impact fees

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MINOOKA – Village President Jason Briscoe had the honor of handing out checks totaling more than \$78,000 to local entities for impact fees the village collected over the past year. The money is disbursed annually.

Minooka collects land impact fees and school site impact fees from developers as homes are constructed to help defray costs associated with building.

Minooka was one of the first municipalities in the state to implement the brick and mortar, or school site, impact fee, Briscoe said.

The fees help to pay for increased services needed as more people move into the community. Instead of raising property taxes across the board, the costs are passed on to developers.

"Every one of these fees is included in the building annexations," said Briscoe.

Minooka Grade School District received the lion's share at \$45,378. Minooka High School District received \$22,698 and Channahon School District received \$6,612. Minooka Fire Protection District got a check for \$2,700 and Three Rivers Library District received \$1,044.

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