

VILLAGE HALL OF HARRISTOWN

July 26, 2021

The Village of Harristown Board of Trustees held their monthly meeting on July 26, 2021 at 185 N. Kembark, Harristown, IL. Trustees Les Jenkins, Kourt Mooney, Jay Trusner, Budget Officer Rick Laskowski, Treasurer Julie Rose, Attorney Andrew Weatherford, Clerk Allen and Mayor Deverell were present. Trustees Kevin Vessels, Teresa Acree and Larry Ditty was absent. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adopt Meeting Agenda

Motion by Trustee Jay Trusner to adopt the meeting agenda. Trustee Mooney 2nd. Approved 3-0

Changes on Minutes from 5/24/21

Pg-4- Old Business Cannabis ordinance should be 21-02, not 20-02. Sewer rate ordinance should be 21-04, not 20-04. Motion by Trustee Les Jenkins to approve these changes to the minutes. Trustee Trusner 2nd. Approved 3-0

Minutes from 6/28/2021

Pg 1 – add to the letter was sent to Howard G Buffett foundation -for veterans memorial fund

Pg 2 – add “to cover the low GF balance” to the statement moved \$50,000 from Illinois Fund to Scott State bank.

Audit add the normal audit and a more detailed one for the water and sewer funds to satisfy IEPA load requirements

Pg 4 – the new lap top was purchased for the public works supervisor from Best Buy

Incorrect info last month – pay for Samantha West will be \$12/hr

Pg 5 - pipe “rack” study not rock

Motion by Trustee Jay Trusner to approve the 6/28/2021 minutes with the above additions/corrections. Mooney 2nd. Approved 3-0

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Visitors

No visitors present wished to address the board

Mayor Update

Sewer back up again-large wedding party over the weekend and the sewer backed up again. Kelly Septic came out. Jonathon Closs camered the system. He says he believes there is plenty of fall in the sewer lines. He thinks the toilets do not flush enough water as these are water conserving toliets. He suggested to adjust them to higher flow if possible. The next event is set for August 7 and this issue needs resolved before then. Mayor Deverell called 4 MC today.

Well Leases-a letter was sent to Carolyn Floyd requesting a meeting with her to discuss the well leases

4th of July Summer Celebration-rescheduled for September 4, 2021 and renamed End of Summer Celebration

Cathcart Auction-auction will be held on August 21. They asked if anyone wanted to do concessions there. (On Williams Street) Janice Endrizzi, Aubie Endrizzi and Evelyn Deverell will have a stand and all proceeds will go to the Veterans Memorial Fund. Most everything has been donated for this.

Open Meetings Act-not everyone has completed this yet. Needs to get completed

Cannabis licenses-an additional 185 dispensary licenses will be issued. Not sure our chances are very good.

Blood Drive-thank you note was received about the blood drive held at Community center.

Lincoln Trail Homestead-Village gave a donation to them and a thank you note was received.

Decisions-Mayor Deverell discussed the importance of making decisions on a timely matter. Example is the money the village was given money for a park (two different times for a total of \$123,000) and both times the money was forfeited because decisions were not made in time.

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Treasurers Report

WF—Chastain \$2136.45 IEPA Water System phase 4 construction observation

WF—Chastain \$3584.48 IEPA Water System phase 5 construction management

WF – Gunther \$ 3691.80 Salt

WF – Aqua Service \$ 1750.66 softener unit #2

SF – IEPA annual NPDES Fee July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 \$ 2500

Total WF \$11163.39 Total SF \$2500 Grand total \$ 13663.39

Motion by Trustee Les Jenkins to pay the above bills \$2500 SF and \$11163.39 WF. Trustee Mooney 2nd. Approved 3-0.

Trustee Teresa Acree arrived at 7:05 pm

Treasurer Rose would like the Board to think about the paying back from the TIF fund to the GF (owes \$ 39649) If pay this back, we will still have \$50,000 in the TIF fund.

Trustee Acree stated she has talked to Todd (from Krekels) and he said he would not mind opening up a store in Harristown but he has been really busy.

Mayor Deverell questioned the board on how they would like to pay the TIF money back to the GF.

Motion by Trustee Jay Trusner to pay the entire amount back immediately that TIF owes to GF \$39649. Trustee Mooney 2nd. Approved 4-0.

Motion by Trustee Les Jenkins to accept the financial report. Trustee Acree 2nd. Approved 4-0

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Budget Officers Report

BO Rick Laskowski discussed. Trustee Larry Ditty arrived at 7:18 pm. Motion by Jay Trusner to approve the Budget officers report. Trustee Mooney 2nd. Approved 5-0

Engineer Report

Project 6899-Water improvement/tower/IEPA loan-water tower erection is complete. Painters are scheduled to start anytime. Decatur interconnect pump station drawing have been reviewed and station is in production. Burdick is planning to set chemical feed vault at new water tower. The water tower work is expected to be complete by end of November.

MFT/ Drainage-IDOT has approved the design contract and the plans have been started. Hope to have at the next meeting – does not require board action.

Suburban Street Jurisdictional Transfer-the Village ordinance accepting responsibility for the roadway has been sent for IDOT review. When IDOT approves the language, the Village can move forward with the final roadway acceptance.

An email was sent to Caldwell to see if everything has been submitted regarding the Illinois hiring issue; no response yet. Attorney Weatherford requested for Mr. Legner to send all the emails to him also

MS4 permit- for storm drainage – phone calls made to get better answer where Decatur MS4 area ends. No response yet

Gauge Rd Easement-last conversation with the new owners seemed receptive. They are to get back with Mr. Legner in 2 weeks.

America Recovery Plan- anticipating the Village will be getting \$ 175639.92. Forms need to be filled out on line to receive this. Money can be used to replace loss revenue, invest in sewer, premium pay for essential workers and other items.

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Mayor Deverell suggested options

- 1 start working on lagoons aeration system -this would not be enough money, would have to borrow money
- 2 find out where storm water is coming from – flow study
- 3 2nd water line – rehabilitating old water tower

Money must be spent within 2 years. Mayor requested the board members to think about this

Trustee Jay Trusner questioned the purpose of the 2nd water line. Is it really necessary? Mayor Deverell said we only have one now and it would be nice to have two. Trustee Trusner stated if we don't need it, why waste the money. If we are able to isolate and use our existing towers and Decatur water, is this really needed? Board is to think about this issue

Public Works

Jonathon Closs, public works supervisor, discussed the monthly report.

Trustee Kourt Mooney wanted to note that he has received many positive feedback on Mr. Closs' work.

Sale of Equipment- Mr. Closs suggests taking the bucket truck and the wood chipper to Martin Auction center and to place ad in newspaper, accepting sealed bids, for the old air conditioner and furnace from the old village hall. Mayor Deverell formed a new committee composed of Trustees Trusner, Mooney and Jenkins to look at new trucks for the village public works department. Would like to purchase a 4 wheel drive F350-450 or 550 with a snow plow. Could also be used as a service vehicle. Motion by Trustee Teresa Acree to approve/appoint the recommended committee to assist in the purchase of a truck and snowplow. Trustee Ditty 2nd. Approved 5-0. Motion by Trustee Mooney to authorize Jonathon Closs and the committee to spend up to \$40,000 for the purpose of obtaining a 4 wheel drive heavy duty truck and snow plow. Trustee Trusner 2nd. Roll Call: Trustee Trusner, yes; Trustee Mooney, yes; Trustee Jenkins, yes; Trustee Acree, yes; Trustee Ditty, yes. Approved 5-0. Motion by Trustee Jay Trusner to approve as ordinance 21-05, sale of village property at auction, bucket truck and wood chipper and 2001 service truck. Trustee Mooney 2nd. Roll call: Trustee Trusner, yes; Trustee Mooney, yes; Trustee Jenkins, yes; Trustee Acree, yes; Trustee Ditty, yes. Approved 5-0.

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The air conditioner and furnace, from the old village hall, will be advertised and sealed bids taken

Zoning Committee

Hearing was held on 7/22 at 115 Fairway regarding annexing into the village. The building will be changed to a West Main address. There were no objections/issues with the zoning committee. This would be zoning B3 highway commercial. Zoning committee recommended it to be annexed in the village. This area is not in our business or TIF district; we would only receive sales and property tax from it. Mayor will contact Moran (who is our TIF contact) to see what could be done to get this property into the business/TIF district

Old Business

Cannabis Ordinance-Motion by Trustee Teresa Acree to approve as ordinance 21-2 cannabis ordinance. Trustee Jenkins 2nd. Roll call: Trustee Trusner, yes; Trustee Mooney, yes; Trustee Jenkins, yes; Trustee Acree, yes; Trustee Ditty, yes. Approved 5-0.

New Business

115 Fairway- Motion by Trustee Teresa Acree to approve the annexation of 115 Fairway into the village of Harristown. Trustee Jenkins 2nd. Approved 5-0. Motion by Trustee Les Jenkins to annex this property 115 Fairway in as zoned B3 highway commercial. Trustee Ditty 2nd. Approved 5-0.

Mayor Deverell would like the board think about the possibility of installing locks and cameras at the village hall/community center.

Mayor Deverell will make some calls for a plumbing inspector.

Personnel Committee-will discuss in closed session

Streets and Aileys Committee -nothing to report

Finance Committee – nothing to report

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Ordinance Committee-meeting will be scheduled

Water and Sewer Committee-Update on URWC continues.

Water rate increase was discussed for 8/1/2021 – tabled

Economic Development-nothing to report

Attorney

Motion by Trustee Jay Trusner to enter closed session to closed session minutes, property violations and personnel. Trustee Mooney 2nd. Approved 5-0.

Enter closed session at 8:45 pm

Back to regular session at 9:26 pm

One set of closed session minutes approved but not released from June 28, 2021.

Property violations on 4 properties were discussed.

It was discussed that maintenance man Jeremy Embrey is allowed to work when he can.

Motion by Trustee Kourt Mooney to give Jeremy Embrey and Jonathon Closs a sign on bonus of \$1000 each. Trustee Jenkins 2nd. Approved 5-0

The spending limit for the public works supervisor is \$2000 month.

Motion by Trustee Les Jenkins for Attorney Weatherford to pursue demolition case on the property at 210 N. Kembark. Trustee Mooney 2nd. Approved 5-0

Motion by Trustee Teresa Acree to adjourn. Trustee Trusner 2nd. Approved 5-0

Meeting adjourned at 9:29 pm


Penny D. Allen, Village Clerk