

VILLAGE OF HARRISTOWN

June 26, 2023

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The Board of Trustees of the Village of Harristown held a closed session meeting on June 26, 2023, 8:58 PM at 185 N. Kembark St., Harristown, IL. Trustees Teresa Acree, Kevin Vessels, April Bogan, Jeff Eller, Jay Trusner, Les Jenkins, Mayor Evelyn Deverell, Budget Officer Rick Laskowski, and Attorney Andrew Weatherford were in attendance. Clerk Penny Allen was absent.

Ordinance Violations

- 8140 W 2nd. Village inspector reports that home repairs have not been made, building code violations continue. Rose Ross has reported that the property was sold to Mr. Blankenship. She has requested a name change on the water and sewer accounts. Some yard cleanup has been done, but foundations are still covered. Major repairs for future inhabitance are needed. Condemning the structure was discussed. Injuries on the property would be the liability of the homeowner. A registered letter from the village was sent and received by the owner communicating the violation. If a demolition order is given, then a Lien would be placed on the property. Attorney Weatherford will check property records to see if there has been a deed change. Mayor Deverell will ask Rose Ross for proof of sale. A sign will be posted if the structure is condemned and targeted for demolition.

- Neighbor dispute between residents Shepherd & Albright. A complaint was made about go-carts creating dust & noise. Go-carts are no longer on the property, but the dispute continues. Privacy fence construction is being considered. The Board determined that the village will not get involved in the matter.

Trustee Acree leaves meeting at 9:23 PM prior to discussion of hiring an Office Clerical Assistant.

Hiring of Office Clerical Assistant

- The recent resignation of Treasurer Julie Rose has resulted in the need to hire an office clerical assistant. Trustee Teresa Acree has expressed interest in performing some of the treasurer's duties. Due to her current work schedule, she would be available for training weekdays after 3 PM. Julie Rose has offered training guidance, but only during daytime hours. The Board needs to consider hiring Trustee Acree or recruiting outside the current village staff for another candidate. The rate of pay and work hours were discussed. Trustee Acree has requested \$25.00 per hour. The current office clerk, Misty Peters, is paid \$22.00/hour. Misty will be absorbing extra duties. The Board is considering equalizing the pay rate for both positions at \$23.50 per hour. Other resumes were received and should be considered for clerical assistant. Stephanie McGlade will be contacted by Mayor Deverell to discuss qualifications. Mayor Deverell will also contact local accounting firms to ask for help. The board recommends offering Trustee Acree

the office clerical assistant position at a pay rate of \$23.50/hr. of up to 32 hrs. per week. If accepted, Trustee Acree will need to resign as Trustee immediately.

Motion by Trustee Vessels to leave closed session. Trustee Jenkins 2nd, Approved 6-0
Out of closed session at 9:52 PM.

Rick Laskowski 6/27/2023

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Budget Officer