

**VILLAGE OF HARRISTOWN**  
**May 22, 2023**

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Harristown held a closed session meeting on May 22, 2023, 8:55 PM at 185 N. Kembark St., Harristown, IL. Trustees Teresa Acree, Kevin Vessels, Jeff Eller, Jay Trusner, Les Jenkins, Mayor Evelyn Deverell, Budget Officer Rick Laskowski, and Attorney Andrew Weatherford were in attendance. Clerk Penny Allen and Trustee April Bogan were absent.

***Pay Rate for Jacob Trusner (Summer Maintenance Helper)***

The current pay rate is \$15.60 per hour. He was hired to mow grass but is helping in other areas. Trustee Vessels suggest a pay rate of \$17.00 per hour. Approval will be made in open session.

***Ordinance Violations***

- Mr. Dunn across the street from Village Hall. The trailer has been moved. Other licensed vehicles continue to be on the property and are not safely stored.
- 7895 W. William. Mowing needed. Resident has deserted house. House is in foreclosure with the bank.
- 27 Westway. Ditch needs to be mowed.
- 5212 W. Main. The resident is responsible for mowing. Unclaimed letters being sent. Letters will be sent via regular mail and certified.
- 8140 W 2<sup>nd</sup> (Rose Ross). Email from village inspector Rick Watts distributed and reviewed. It is felt that problems with the property are being covered up instead of being fixed. Does the Board want to give more time? There have been many historical problems with the property. Should property be condemned? Should the village offer to purchase the property (it is not a valuable property)? Attorney Weatherford mentions 3 options: (1) go to court, (2) offer more time or (3) condemn the property. Trustee Trusner mentions 2 options (1) offer 30 days to meet code after passing building inspection, (2) condemn the property. It was the opinion of the Board to send a letter by regular and certified mail informing the owner that the property needs to meet code requirements in 30 days. Demolition should be considered if improvements are not made.

No actions taken, only a review.

Motion by Trustee Acree to leave closed session. Trustee Jenkins 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved 5-0  
Out of closed session at 9:34 PM.

*Rick Laskowski* 5/25/2023

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Budget Officer