

VILLAGE OF HARRISTOWN**September 27, 2021**

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Harristown held their monthly meeting on September 27, 2021 at 185 N. Kembark St., Harristown, IL. Trustees Larry Ditty, Teresa Acree, Kevin Vessels, Jay Trusner, Kourt Mooney, Les Jenkins, Mayor Evelyn Deverell, Treasurer Julie Rose, Budget Officer Rick Laskowski, and Attorney Andrew Weatherford were in attendance. Clerk Penny Allen was absent. Mayor Deverell called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

Adopt Meeting Agenda: Minutes of the 9/13/21 Special Board Meeting not available. Changes made to 8/23/21: pg 3 - spelling correction replaced "IEPA load" with "IEPA loan". Pg 4 – replace sentences "They currently have one in Sesser; the only one in the State of Illinois. Our ordinance does not mention a lounge." with "Currently has a smoking lounge, the only one in Central Illinois.". Motion by Trustee Acree to approve, Trustee Trusner 2nd. Motion passed 6-0

Visitors

No visitors present.

Mayor Updates

Ameren tree trimming in Harristown.

Railcar in Old Harristown has not moved yet.

Record retention cleanup has been completed.

IML News magazine was distributed – suggest reading article on Employee Theft and Fraud.

Treasurers Report

- a) Financial, Bank Account Balances, Certificates of Deposit, and IL Funds summary reports were presented. Motion by Trustee Vessels to approve, Trustee Trusner 2nd, approved 6-0.
- b) Authorize paying the bills. Cash requirement report distributed to Board members. Total amount = \$18,644.77. Motion to approve payment made by Trustee Acree. Trustee Jenkins 2nd. Motion passed 6-0.

Reports also distributed were Breakdown of IL Funds accounts, Monthly rate history of IL Funds, Monthly state Revenue summary, 2020-21 Chastain Agreement spending vs approved amounts on projects.

Budget Officers Report

- a) Monthly budget report for August 2021 reviewed. Included was a list of accounts in the current fiscal year which were over budget. Some of the overbudget items were offset by increased revenue. No changes will be made to budgeted amounts at this time. Attorney Weatherford will check legal implications of over budget items. Changing budget will require a new ordinance. Motion by Trustee Vessels to accept the Budget report. Trustee Ditty 2nd. Motion passed 6-0.

Engineering Report

Engineer Ron Legner distributed the monthly Engineer's report.

Project 6899 – Water Improvements/Tower/IEPA Loan

Water tower partial refill with high chlorine levels; dump on ground and refill. Super chlorinated water gets diluted on refill.

Change order for elimination of radio system results in estimated 15-20K savings; old system was obsolete. Lightning damage to radio system.

Suburban Street Jurisdictional Transfer

Waiting on IDOT approval.

MFT/Drainage

No work will be done this year, possibly in the spring 2022.

IEPA reserve funds for 2022 – potential funding to include: Water tower, Decatur interconnect, rehab water tower (inspection needed to determine cost estimate). Funding nomination form will need to be completed and submitted.

IEPA Loan Disbursements – Form to be completed and submitted; estimated labor hours needed. Holding loan funds, waiting on form. Can't pay Caldwell, certified payroll has been uploaded but no response from Department of Labor. Ron will contact DOL to get updated status.

Public Works

Report from Jonathon Closs (not present) was distributed listing activities during the month.

EJ Water report – no issues.

Sewer testing will be in November

\$3100 insurance claim for water tower damage

Zoning Committee

- a) No report

Old Business

- a) Quotes for fence behind Community Center. 2 quotes received General Fence \$4,436 and HPL Construction \$5,261. Motion by Trustee Acree to accept the bid from General Fence. Trustee Jenkins 2nd. Motion passed 6-0.
- b) Need for cameras at Community Center – Yes, need to look into it.
- c) Ordinance for electronic attendance at meetings – suggested by IML. Draft prepared and distributed by Attorney Weatherford. Add government declarations (emergency) and notify village office. No actions taken; item is tabled.
- d) Ordinance to delete ordinances 21-3-17 & 27-2-25 – No actions taken.
- e) End of Summer Celebration & Fireworks – report distributed. Profit from event was \$427. Motion by Trustee Jenkins to move \$427 to the Veterans Memorial Fund. Trustee Ditty 2nd. Motion passed 6-0.
- f) Use of ARPA (American Recovery Plan Act) funds - \$87K possibly available through IL funds. Need to send plan to Federal government by 12/31/21. Potential project to include could be rehab water tower, sewer plant upgrade, etc. Need to prepare a list.

New Business

- a) Approve office clerical assistant – move to closed session.

Personnel Committee

- b) No report.

Streets and Alleys Committee

- a) No report

Finance Committee

- a) No report

Ordinance Committee

- a) No report

Water and Sewer Committee

- a) Update on URWC – permit from IEPA needed. Plant being built.
- b) Extension of Utilities
 - potential Cannabis dispensary
 - properties would need water & sewer
 - discussion with TIF experts (K. Moran)
 - site plan needed
 - extending utilities (TIF funds or ARP funds?)
 - cost of water & sewer to new businesses
 - consider vague discussions without funding amounts
 - let new business reps come to the Board; attend Board meetings
 - conduct special meeting open to the public if needed
 - Board members want to know benefit to the village

Economic Development Committee

- a) Upcoming events – Veterans Day dinner; proceeds to Veteran's memorial.
- b) Meeting to setup Veterans / 1st Responder Memorial Committee – soliciting volunteers
- c) Schedule committee meetings – discuss in closed session.
- d) New Business – discuss in closed session.

Attorney

- a) All Agenda items are in closed session

Motion by Trustee Trusner to enter closed session to discuss office clerical assistant, ordinance violations and demolition proceedings. Trustee Vessels 2nd - Motion passed 6-0. Leave regular session at 8:45 PM.

Returned from Closed session at 9:31 PM

Motion by Trustee Vessels to hire Samantha Dean (Lucy) as office clerical assistant at a rate of \$16.00 per hour. Trustee Jenkins 2nd - Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Trustee Ditty to adjourn. Trustee Acree 2nd - Motion passed 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:32 PM



Rick Laskowski
Budget Officer