

VILLAGE HALL OF HARRISTOWN

April 22, 2019

The Village of Harristown Board of Trustees held their monthly meeting April 22, 2019. Trustees Becky Nave, Alan Ferriell, Cody Endrizzi, Don Estep, Aaron Netterville, Brad Centola, Treasurer Lana Drake, Budget officer Rick Laskowski and Attorney Drew Weatherford were in attendance. Mayor Evelyn Deverell called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Trustee Netterville to adopt the meeting agenda. Nave 2nd. Approved 6-0.

Minutes of last meeting 3/25 and Budget Study session 3/18

Motion by Trustee Endrizzi to approve the above minutes. Estep 2nd. Approved 6-0.

Finance Report

Last month the check for \$2205.01 was for Chastain not Rexx Battery. Motion by Trustee Estep to approve the finance report. Endrizzi 2nd. Approved 6-0.

Visitors

No visitors wished to address the board..

Mayor Updates

Will Hood-for his Eagle Scout project, he will improve the looks in front of village hall and add a box for used flags.

Mayor would like to personally thank Durlinger for his patience. And thanks to Ted Williams for using townships backhoe to move dirt

SV raffle tickets-ticket are available at the office

Signs-purchased 2 autistic child signs to put up over by Union School; cost approx. \$25.

Billboard-requested to have our sign up asap.

Elections-will install new trustees and treasurer at the May meeting.

Old Harristown Drainage-letter will be sent to old Harristown residents regarding work/drainage issue in their area

Upcoming Events- May 13-post office dedication at 1 pm. Mayor will be meeting with Mike and men. May 11-First responders day. Asking board members to sign up to help.

May 18-recycling day, also asking members to sign up to help.

IDOT-Harristown Blvd-west of stop light-every lane will be closed starting June 3, up to 50 days. They will leave one lane open for emergency use only. They will be replacing a culvert.

Treasurers Report-Authorize Paying of Bills

General Fund \$30,020.49

Sewer \$ 621.81

Water \$12,400.01

TIF \$ 979.12

Motion by Trustee Centola to approve March 29 bills. Nave 2nd. Approved 6-0. Motion by Trustee Netterville to approve April 1 -19 bills. Centola 2nd. Approved 6-0.

Budget Officers Report

Motion by Trustee Estep to approved as ordinance 19-04, 2019-2020 Budget-starting May 1. Netterville 2nd. Roll call: Nave, yes; Netterville, yes; Estep, yes; Centola, yes; Ferriell, yes; Endrizzi, yes. Approved 6-0.

Engineers Report

Water improvements project 6899-plans should be completed end of May to turn into them in June.

Mueller distributing –extra property- Mueller said we can use this for interconnection. Plan/profile sheets are 85% done.

Mike discussed old Harristown's major storm water drainage problem. 2 manholes plugged up (2nd St) and overloading the sewer plant. 2nd street always shows the most usage. A camera was put in there and found issues. Running water constantly. Lines found in bad shape going west. Mayor told Attorney, if we find out water coming out of field, by Lana's house, we will need Drew's help. Need to find out where water is coming from before we can determine where to go with the water (where to run storm drainage). Is there a village easement by the rr tracks and west from there? Could we put a retention pond on private property-need legal opinion on this. Mary stated the land east of town is documented as wetlands. Sometimes pipes have to be installed to de-wet the wetland; if it goes on other property and causes issues. Wetlands are protected. Trustee Estep believes this was determined a wetland deliberately to stop the village; no consideration to other residents. Mary said IDNR determines wetlands; this may be an ideal place to build a retention pond-better to grab the water before it gets into town. If no recourse, Village will have to find out what to do with the water. Trustee Netterville questioned why can't we do a temporary fix for now. Mary said we need to find out where it is coming from. Mayor Deverell suggested the village pay for the repair of 2nd street then get an IEPA loan for the rest of the storm drainage issues. She said we have 4 choices- 1) do nothing; 2) village assume spending \$150,000-\$200,000 for new pipes; 3) start process for storm drainage for rest of village; 4) wait on whole thing. Trustee Endrizzi suggested to just stop the bleeding for now. Mayor questioned if we can't do a temporary solution, then what? Trustee Centola said if can't find temporary solution we still have to fix tiles. Trustee Ferriell suggested we get 3 bids then vote on it. Motion by Trustee Ferriell to get 3 bids to do the drainage improvement on 2nd street and thru Centola's property and go forward once received. Netterville 2nd. Trustee Ferriell withdrew his motion; Netterville withdrew his 2nd. Mike said Culver is scheduled to come in tomorrow and work. Trustee Estep questioned if the Mayor declared this an emergency? She said she has not authorized any money amounts. Trustee Estep stated he has an issue with not going thru the Board and promising someone the job. Trustee Nave said on bids we can still say we will supply material and bid would be for construction only. Trustee Endrizzi questioned if this could be declared an emergency? Mayor Deverell said no, she won't declare it an emergency because the decision was made to wait until after the postal dedication. Trustee Ferriell said if this is an emergency, then get it started. Can't say it is an emergency and then hold off on it. Have to go thru proper

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procedure of bidding. Trustee Centola questioned if this should be broke up in two bids; one the tile on 2nd street and the other the tile on Centola's property. Mike thinks it would be best to split it up. Mary Caave said she is more concerned about the collapsed pipe. She believes this should be started now. Could then stop during dedication and then start back up. Could declare emergency. Mayor Deverell stated based on what Mary Cave, Mike Holman and Carver said, she is declaring this an emergency Motion by Trustee Endrizzi to support Mayor's decision to declare 2nd Street an emergency. Nave 2nd. Roll call: Estep, no; Ferriell, no; Netterville, yes; Nave, yes; Endrizzi, yes; Centola, abstain. Motion failed 3-2-1. Mayor Deverell stated to proceed right away-do not wait until after postal dedication.

Old Business

Emergency Response plan-tabled.

New Business

Siren Inspection quote-Houck St siren not working. Griffin Towers do not inspect/service towers anymore. Received a bid from Braniff for maintenance service for the tornado sirens for \$ 1980 / year. (Griffin was \$1500/year). Motion by Trustee Endrizzi to accept the bid from Braniff for the maintenance of the tornado sirens. Centola 2nd. Approved 6-0.

Resignation letter-letter received from Les Jenkins resigning from the Planning/Zoning committee. Motion by Trustee Endrizzi to accept. Centola 2nd. Accepted 6-0.

Personnel

Hiring a new public works employee to start May 1 at \$15/hr-90 day probation period. Trustee Netterville questioned how is this fair? Attorney said any personnel issues will need to be discussed in closed session.

Streets and Alleys

Waiting on Ameren- then the culvert on Houck St will be repaired.

Finance Committee

Nothing new to report

Ordinance Committee

Nothing new to report

Water/Sewer Committee

See engineers

Economic Development

Nothing

Attorney

Shed Usage Affidavit-tabled

Investment policy-tabled

Aramark Contract-Board requested Mayor to see what the cst would be to cancel the contract.

Motion by Trustee Netterville to enter closed session to discuss personnel issues. Endrizzi 2nd. Approved 6-0.

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Entered closed session at 8:55 p.m.

Back to regular session at 9:28 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Netterville to hire Mark Tertocha as full time maintenance employee for \$13.50/hr. Nave 2nd. Approved 6-0.

Motion by Trustee Endrizzi to adjourn. Ferriell 2nd. Approved 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:29 p.m. pm


Penny J. Allen
Village Clerk