

VILLAGE OF HARRISTOWN

OCTOBER 28,2019

The Village of Harristown Board of Trustees held their monthly meeting on October 28, 2019 at the Harristown Township Hall, 195 N. Meridian. Trustees Nave, Endrizzi, Vessels, Acree, Ditty, Jenkins, Treasurer Rose, Budget Officer Laskowski and Attorney Weatherford was in attendance. Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm followed by Pledge of Allegiance.

Adopt meeting agenda- Motion by Trustee Vessels to adopt. Endrizzi 2nd. Approved 6-0.

Approve meeting minutes 9-23-19 and special meeting minutes 10-7-19-motion by Trustee Endrizzi to table. Vessel 2nd. Approved 6-0.

Visitors-no visitors wished to address the Board

Audit Report-Kevin Huffman from the auditing firm discussed

Business District-On 7/22/19 the Board approved a Business district for Harristown; this would be an additional 1% tax. Keith from Moran discussed. This is sales tax based not property tax. There is a lot of potential on the east end of town. Business district fund can be used for many things, not as restrictive as TIF-can build buildings, demolish buildings etc with the business district implementation. If we decide to do this, we must publish notice of public hearing. Need to have the public hearing and then adopt; this will all have to be done by March 31, 2020. Expect \$15,000-\$20,000 year with the current businesses. No impact on residential districts. Motion by Trustee Endrizzi to approve as ordinance 19-11. Vessels 2nd. Roll call: Nave, yes; Endrizzi, yes; Vessels, yes; Acree, yes; Ditty, yes; Jenkins, yes. Approved 6-0. The public hearing date will be November 25, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. A separate fund will need to be set up for the business district.

Mayor Updates-*Ameren Street lights*-5 people have sponsored so far *TIF District*-partial payment to Depot roof. After receive receipts, will issue \$15,000 check. *Open House*-Macon County Emergency management agency will have an open house on November 19 at 1030 am

Treasurers Report

Residents on Wood / Joynt Road area have reached out to Mayor about the roads in their area-very dusty and a washboard effect. Mayor will meet with Dunn regarding this issue and let the residents know.

Motion by Trustee Endrizzi to pay Foremost, IML Risk, Dunn and the Stahl well lease. Vessel 2nd. Approved 6-0. Motion by Trustee Vessel to pay the two Chastian bills. Endrizzi 2nd. Approved 5-1 (abstained)

Budget Officers Report-Motion by Trustee Endrizzi to accept report. Jenkins 2nd. Accepted 6-0.

Engineers Report-

IEPA Loan-Matt Foster discussed the IEPA loan-he is looking into issues. A corrossion test will be needed. May have potential issues switching water sources. The City of Decatur interconnect is tied into this IEPA loan.

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2019 MFT -work is complete but believes they brought out too much rock; more than they are entitled to be paid for. The dust problem and washboard problem at Wood and Joynt road was discussed. This is crushed limestone and this is what is generally used.

2nd Street-bid letting was this morning. Burdick \$82,380; Tyce Mahannal \$ 84,552, Entler Excavating \$98,336; Kinney Contractor \$ 128,490. Motion by Trustee Vessels to table awarding the bid until after the closed session. Nave 2nd. Approved 6-0.

Building on Wyckles and Main-sanitary district sees no issue tying into their system. There are a few things to figure out but should be no issues. Would like to have 3 water meters; could cause an issue. The developer needs to submit a site plan.

Superintendent Report

We are receiving a violation from EPA due to being late on the THMS and HAAS yearly samples. They said someone at the village signed for it but no one knows who; Mike is trying to find out who did. Softeners-media is good for only a certain time. The media in the softener is not any good. Trustee Vessels is familiar with this process and he will get with Mike and look at the media. Need to get more prices on new media. Bob Byers discussed what was done in 2011-2012, Petersburg Plumbing did all filters.

Zoning Committee

Hearing for pollinator-Meridian @ Old Harristown. No conclusion. Property owner and US Department of Agriculture should have checked with Village rules before doing this. Can't rezone to A1 because cattle would then be allowed. It was the recommendation of the zoning committee to deny. The property owner can appeal and request a variance special use permit for pollinator habitat parcel 06-11-10-302-013. Motion by Trustee Jenkins to deny a special use permit at Meridian Road @ Old Harristown, parcel number mentioned above. Endrizzi 2nd. Approved 6-0. Owner will be informed this area needs to be mowed down.

Old Business

Building Schedule-Attorney stated a design build is not possible for municipalities. Chastian alternative would be to request bids RFQ option. Mayor would like to have a meeting in a couple of weeks. Mayor will schedule a planning meeting regarding the building for Tuesday November 12, 2019 at 6:30 pm at the township hall, 195 N. Meridian.

New Business

Old 36 and Lincoln Trail-request for annexation/voluntary annexation. There is no legal description and platt; we need this. Is there fire protection or library services? Need to send copy of proposed annexation to Niantic fire district and library district. Tabled until 11/12/19 meeting.

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Cannibis dispensary ordinance-a yes vote does not mean we will get one. Decatur area will only get one license. Trustee Vessels said property values will go up with a dispensary and does not feel there will be an increase in crime. Could bring \$400,000/year to Harristown. Mayor stated she has received calls from people who want to apply for a license. There are a lot of rules and regulations that have to be followed. Motion by Trustee Vessel to opt in on a cannabis dispensary in Harristown. Acree 2nd. Roll call: Vessels, yes; Acree, yes; Ditty no; Jenkins, yes; Endrizzi, yes; Nave, yes. Approved 5-1. This does not guarantee we will get one. Village board will have final say on where it will be at and other items relating to it.

Personnel Committee-nothing to report

Streets and Alleys Committee-nothing to report

Finance Committee--Investment policy tabled

Ordinance Committee-recommended to change the following building permit fees

Demolition permit \$45 was \$35

Electrical permit \$90 was \$75

Plumbing permit \$90 was \$75

Mechanical permit \$90 was \$75

Re-inspection fee (same) \$50

Signs/billboards (same) \$75

Motion by Trustee Jenkins to increase the fees as shown above. Endrizzi 2nd. Approved 6-0.

Rick Watts, building inspector, will be informed to turn in his inspections monthly. Raise his fee to \$45 per inspection with the above stipulation. Zoning hearing raise to \$150 (currently \$85). Zoning hearing cost will be tabled.

Cattle in village-committee recommended not to change and not allow – leave as is

Water and Sewer Committee-nothing to report

Economic Committee-nothing to report

Attorney

2nd Street Easement-will be discussed in closed session

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Aramark-letter received from them stating breach of contract-we owe them over \$4,000. Attorney will look into this.

Motion by Trustee Endrizzi to enter closed session to discuss 2nd street. Nave 2nd, Approved 6-0.

Entered closed session at 9:25 pm

Back to regular session at 9:57 pm

Motion by Trustee Jenkins for Mayor to offer Brad Centola amount discussed in closed session. Vessels 2nd. Approved 6-0.

Motion by Trustee Nave to adjourn. Vessels 2nd Approved 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm

Penny J. Allen

Clerk