**VILLAGE HALL OF HARRISTOWN**

**December 19, 2022**

The Village of Harristown Board of Trustees held their monthly meeting on December 19, 2022 at 185 N. Kembark St, Harristown, IL. Trustees Teresa Acree, Jay Trusner, Les Jenkins, Jeff Eller, Kevin Vessels, Treasurer Julie Rose, Budget Officer Rick Laskowski, Attorney Andrew Weatherford, Clerk Penny Allen, and Mayor Evelyn Deverell were present. Trustee Larry Ditty was absent. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Deverell stated the raw water line on Bruce Road is no longer being used; will discuss under new business

***Adopt Meeting Agenda***

Motion by Trustee Vessels to approve the meeting agenda. Trustee Trusner 2nd. Approved 5-0.

***Approval of Minutes***

11/28/2022-page -2- credit limits. Need to add Mayor Deverell with $3000 limit. Page -3- personnel – holidays. Remove Good Friday - regular work day, day after Thanksgiving should be a paid holiday.

Trustee Larry Ditty arrived at 6:35 pm

Motion by Trustee Eller to approve meeting minutes from 11/28/2022 with above corrections. Trustee Jenkins 2nd. Approved 6-0.

***Visitors***

No visitors wished to address the board.

***Mayor Updates***

Christmas lighting contest – only 4 people entered. 1st – Scott Page; 2nd Nicole Hays; and a tie for 3rd Shannon Deshasier and Austin Hatch.

Letter on community engagement was distributed from Misty. Mayor requested the Board members to look at it and she also discussed Prairie Fire DJ for music bingo.

This is Trustee Larry Ditty’s last meeting. If anyone has any suggestions for a replacement, let her know.

***Treasurers Report***

Treasurer Rose discussed. Motion by Trustee Trusner to approve financial report. Trustee Ditty 2nd. Approved 6-0

Closs Electric Jenner lift station $ 1219.74 SF

Ferguson Waterworks 4 meters (3@$331;1@$1859) $ 2852.00 WF

Moran Economic review Indus project $ 1330.00 TIF

Troy Page 3 loads CA 6 $ 1275.00 GF

Motion by Trustee Vessels to pay the above. Trustee Eller 2nd. Approved 6-0. The new water rate for URWC goes in effect starting January bill.

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Attorney Weatherford will review the Chastain charges.

***Budget Officer Report***

BO Laskowski discussed

Motion by Trustee Vessels to approve Budget officers report. Trustee Acree 2nd. Approved 6-0.

***Engineer Report***

Ron Legner was not present but report was received

*Project 6899-water improvements/tower/IEPA loan-*all work complete. All manuals received. Final payments made to both contractors.

*Loan close out-*most of the close out documentation to IEPA have been sent. Waiting on a response from State regarding the apprenticeship reduction request which was submitted last month.

*Surburban –* no news; still waiting

***Zoning and Planning***

Nothing to report

***Public Works-Superintendents Report***

Jonathon Closs not present; report distributed.

Generator – looking at a Alltofer with 3000 hours. The generator we have now will not run the lift station pumps on West Main; we need a bigger one in case of power failure. This one that Jonathon is looking at is a 2017 for $29,500. This will run anything we have. ARPA funds has $42,000 in it. Trustee Acree questioned if there is a break for governmental purchase? She could use her discount; she will check on this tomorrow. Motion by Trustee Trusner to authorize, up to $30,000 to come from ARPA funds, , for Jonathon Closs to purchase a generator with the assistance of Trustee Acree. Trustee Acree 2nd. Approved 6-0.

***Old Business***

*Indus TIF Agreement -*Indus’ sales tax projection is $300,000. If their property tax is $225,000 and we agree for 80%, village will get $45,000/year property taxes. Indus is requestion 80%. They would also help village with projects; give back to the community. If business is sold, TIF goes away; only for this company (owner). Motion by Trustee Jenkins to approve TIF of 80% and make them exclusive, as long as the TIF agreement is in effect. No second. Motion died due to lack of 2nd. Trustee Trusner would like to see 40% TIF for 15 year. Mayor Deverell questioned what if they decide to go elsewhere? Trustee Vessels stated after year 9, this company will be making millions; he doesn’t see a point of village paying them after 9 years. Mayor Deverell thinks we should do a TIF and hope to stimulate more business. She knows it is a lot to pay out but if they don’t come, we get nothing, it is a lot to pass up. Trustee Eller feels like the village would be missing out $300,000/year. Motion by Trustee Acree to give Indus 365 65% for 15 years. No second. Motion died due to lack of 2nd. Motion by Trustee Trusner to give Indus

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365 65% for 10 years. No second. Motion died due to lack of 2nd. Trustee Eller would like to see 80% for life of TIF. Motion by Trustee Vessels to offer Indus 365 90% property tax for eleven (11) years. Trustee Jenkins 2nd. Roll call: Trustee Trusner, no; Trustee Eller, yes; Trustee Jenkins, yes; Trustee Vessels, yes; Trustee Acree, yes; Trustee Ditty, yes. Approved 5-1.

Mayor Deverell will approach them with this agreement and see what they say. They can either accept, decline or counter offer.

Motion by Trustee Vessels to amend his motion to 90% property tax for eleven (11) years, exclusive dispensary/growery, no cap. Trustee Jenkins 2nd. Roll call: Trustee Trusner, no; Trustee Eller, yes; Trustee Jenkins, yes; Trustee Vessels, yes; Trustee Acree, no; Trustee Ditty, yes. Approved 4-2

*Second Dispensary -* tabled

***New Business***

Raw Water Lines – raw water line along Bruce Road is not being used. Several people along Bruce Road would like to have water. Options could be to sell raw water line to regional coop and they pay for cleaning line or we can rehab line, flush clean and connect to water plant. People would pay for own connection. Mayor would like Board to think about this

***Personnel Committee –*** nothing to report

***Streets and Alleys Committee*** – nothing to report

***Finance Committee***-nothing to report

***Ordinance Committee-***nothing to report

***Water and Sewer Committee -***nothing to report

***Economic Development-***discussed in old business

***Attorney Weatherford***

*Well Leases*-working on this --- tabled

*Waste Management-*8 ton load limit on roads. Letter was sent to corporate headquarters and local office.

Motion by Trustee Ditty to adjourn. Trustee Eller 2nd. Approved 6-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm

Penny J. Allen

Village Clerk