

VILLAGE OF HARRISTOWN

December 21, 2020

The Village of Harristown Board of Trustees held their monthly meeting on December 21, 2020 at the Village Hall, 185 N. Kembark, Harristown, Illinois. Trustees Nave, Vessels, Acree, Ditty, Jenkins, Endrizzi and Treasurer Rose was present. Budget Officer Laskowski and Attorney Weatherford was in attendance via zoom. Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm followed by Pledge of Allegiance.

Lighting Contest

Winners were announced and awards given

1st place 4505 West Main

2nd place 202 S. Joynt

3rd place 357 Glasgow

Seven residents entered. The other 4 residents will receive a small thank you gift also.

Mayor mentioned the people who filed petitions for the upcoming election

Adopt meeting Agenda

Motion by Trustee Ditty to adopt the meeting agenda. Acree 2nd. Approved 6-0

Minutes from 11/23/20

Spelling correction- Ron Legner/ Kourt Mooney/Tertocho. Page 2 add the address of Aubie Endrizzi 7270 W. Macon Street. Motion by Trustee Jenkins to approve the minutes with above corrections. Ditty 2nd. Approved 6-0.

Mayor Updates-

Santa parade was a success

Christmas bonuses normally given to employees last week of month.

Next month will discuss the pond at Partridge Trace

Treasurers Report

Motion by Trustee Vessel to approve the treasurers report. Nave 2nd. Approved 6-0.

Motion by Trustee Acree to pay two bills Chastain \$ 6181.80 for IEPA and Gunther Salt \$ 3655.87, Ditty 2nd Approved 6-0.

Treasurer Rose would like approval, in writing, for her to make excess payments. Motion by Trustee Jenkins to approve Treasurer Rose to pay existing payment as normal and pay additional money out of video gaming, if amount available, not to exceed double payment, to apply towards principal. Ditty 2nd. Approved 6-0. Trustee Acree suggests implementing once Pops Place opens back up.

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Budget Officers Report

Motion by Trustee Vessels to accept report. Acree 2nd. Accepted 6-0.

Engineers Report

IEPA Loan-Project 6899-water improvements-Ron Legner not in attendance. Chastain is continuing to process shop drawings from both contractors. Foundation work is complete. 2nd Loan disbursement request has been submitted to IEPA to cover invoiced costs thru October. Water tower erection is expected to begin in March; final completion end of November.

Suburban jurisdiction – still in process.

IEPA Check – will be receiving \$309,000; \$291,000 of it will be paid to Caldwell tank; balance to water reserve account.

Parks Project – TIF -believe it is finished.

Public Works

Water plant new building- working on electrical

Next month we will be receiving a monthly report

Zoning Committee-nothing new to report

Old Business

ACTS-new contract received today. Mayor will send to Attorney to look at—Tabled. Trustee Endrizzi questioned if this would be considered a business district. Mayor replied no, it has to be added so this would not count. Parks project will be added as soon as possible to the business district

New Business

List of candidates distributed

Personnel Committee-holiday days for probationary employees will be discussed in closed session. COVID 19 vaccination requirements- the Illinois Municipal League are saying each municipality needs to decide if employees will be required to get vaccinated.

Streets and Alleys Committee-nothing to report

Finance Committee-nothing to report

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Ordinance Committee- ordinance 20-3 – zoning for cannabis-when submitted to general code, they had issues with wording. Attorney revised it. Board members requested to look at this; they received copy of old ordinance and new ordinance

Water and Sewer Committee-

Trustees Ditty, Nave and Jenkins attended the ground breaking for water plant

New Water Tower-new logo distributed.

Water Plant started. Believe we have all easements completed for us. Start construction next fall

This is Trustee Cody Endrizzi's last meeting. Thank you so much Cody for all you have done

Attorney – holiday pay for probationary employees should be discussed in closed session. Covid can be discussed in open session

Covid 19 vaccination requirements. Mayor said we do have authority to require this. Trustee Acree said she would not want to require someone to do something that she wouldn't do. Trustee Vessels believes we should require it because it could come down not to have someone available to operate the water plant. Mayor questioned what would we do if someone refused, if we did require it? Tabled

Motion by Trustee Vessels to enter closed session to discuss holiday pay for employees on probation, 153 Western ordinance violations. Nave 2nd Approved 6-0. Trustee Vessels amended his motion to add, to discuss filling vacant trustee position. Nave 2nd. Approved 6-0.

Entered closed session at 7:42 pm

Back to regular session at 8:18 pm

Our current personnel policy does not exclude holiday pay for probationary employees. Board wants to pay holiday pay to them Mayor will make sure the policy is followed and have Treasurer check to make sure probationary employees get paid for their holidays.

Board would like Attorney Weatherford to pursue 153 Western Drive litigation – 6 counts against Mrs. Jackson. Motion by Trustee Vessels to authorize Attorney's firm to pursue litigation. Nave 2nd. Approved 6-0.

Mayor Deverell will ask person running for trustee position to fill Cody Endrizzi's vacancy.

Motion by Trustee Acree to adjourn. Jenkins 2nd. Approved 6-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm

Penny J. Allen

Village Clerk