

VILLAGE HALL OF HARRISTOWN

February 28, 2022

CLOSED SESSION

The Village of Harristown Board of Trustees entered closed session at 9:30 pm on February 28, 2022 to discuss closed session minutes, ordinance violations, legal services, and personnel. Trustees Teresa Acree, Kourt Mooney, Jay Trusner,, Kevin Vessels, Les Jenkins, Attorney Andrew Weatherford, Clerk Penny Allen and Mayor Evelyn Deverell were present.

No closed session minutes

Ordinance violation updates.

210 N Kembark – property owner Heidi Ashworth is in jail. Have not been able to set up a meeting. Court date is March 30, 2022. Does the Board want to offer her money again? Board would like the Attorney to approach her and offer her money again.

153 Western Ave – This property has sold. New owners have water service. Fines/fees stay with Mrs. Jackson. Ordinance/code violations stay with property. Someone needs to initiate some communication with the new owners. Option 1 – ask nicely or option 2 – file suit and start over

7590 W. Wood St – Goldie Bouillard – court date was February 2 but was closed due to weather. Trying to get a new court date

Legal services – Trustee Mooney has some frustration on response time from Attorney Weatherford. Do we need to start looking for other legal representation if he gets the judge position? He would like the Attorney to call Mayor 3 days prior to a meeting. Trustee Mooney also asked Attorney Weatherford if he could return calls faster; 48 hr turnaround would be good. Attorney Weatherford stated that is a reasonable turnaround. His staff may call back and let them know he is busy but he will call you back.

Personnel

Trustee Mooney suggested to give Jeremy and Jonathon a 3% raise. If they get licenses, have another meeting and perhaps give more money. Trustee Vessels feels like we should give them a little more than just a cost of living raise. Board would like to give Jonathon Closs a 5% raise and Jeremy Embry a 3% raise. Trustee Mooney and Mayor Deverell recommended to give Stephanie Netterville nothing. Mr. Phillips emailed Mayor Deverell and she has not answered him yet. He said he would understand if we didn't have him as a zoning commissioner any longer. Does the Board want Mayor to tell him we don't need him any longer? Mayor said she does have someone interested that lives in the village that is interested, Mr. Mike Sorrentino; she recommends him. Board is good with this. Mayor will tell Mr. Phillips we do not need him any longer. Mayor Deverell will type something up to the Board stating the request to remove Mr. Phillips from zoning.

Motion by Trustee Vessels to exit closed session at 10:25 pm. Trustee Acree second. Approved 5-0

Back to regular session at 9:15 pm

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Village clerk