

## VILLAGE OF HARRISTOWN

**MAY 30, 2023**

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Harristown held a Special Meeting on May 30, 2023 at 185 N Kembark Street, Decatur, Il. Trustees Teresa Acree, April Bogan, Jeff Eller, Les Jenkins, Jay Trusner and Kevin Vessels were present. Also present were Mayor Evelyn Deverell and Attorney Andrew Weatherford. Clerk Penny Allen was absent.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Deverell, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no visitors who wished to address the Board.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

A potential development of a solar farm was discussed. The two parcels for discussion are 06-11-14-278-009 and 06-11-13-102-007. Uneva Solar is interested in placing a commercial solar farm on these parcels. The Board has many questions concerning licensing, zoning, benefits to the Village and maintenance of a solar farm. After discussion on this proposal, the Board agreed that a Public Meeting should be held to get resident's input and opinions. A meeting will be scheduled by Mayor.

Ordinances to rezone two properties in the Village were approved. Ordinance 23-13 rezones 473 Lincoln Memorial Parkway (Parcel #06-11-17-200-002) from RE-1 Residential to M-1 Limited Industrial District. The Ordinance was passed by a roll call vote of 6 to 0.

Ordinance 23-14 rezones a parcel of vacant land (parcel # 06-11-15-226-001) from R-3 Residential to A-1 Agricultural. The Ordinance was passed by a roll call vote of 6 to 0.

A letter of resignation was read by Mayor Deverell. Julie Rose, the Village Treasurer, is resigning effective June 23, 2023. Options for filling the position are limited due to the fact that it is an elected position. Trustee Vessels suggested that the first step should be to make the position appointed. Attorney

Weatherford was asked to research this option. Possibly have Misty Peters perform some of the Treasurer's duties was offered as a possible short-term solution. Mayor Deverell listed three options: One would be to use an Accounting firm to handle month-end, taxes and reconciling accounts. Two would be to Advertise and use word-of-mouth to find someone interested in the position. Three would be to hire Misty Peters as Treasurer and find another office person.

There are two problems with any of these options. One is the pay the Treasurer receives and the other is finding an Accounting firm or another person.

An ad will be placed for the position. Attorney Weatherford will do further research on possible options for pay.

Trustee Vessels moved, Trustee Jenkins seconded, to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 PM.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Evelyn Deverell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "E".

Evelyn Deverell

Mayor