

VILLAGE HALL OF HARRISTOWN

April 26, 2021

The Village of Harristown Board of Trustees held their monthly meeting on March 26, 2021 at 185 N. Kembark, Harristown, IL. Trustees Kevin Vessels, Teresa Acree, Kourt Mooney, Treasurer Rose, Budget Officer Laskowski, Attorney Weatherford (via zoom), Clerk Allen and Mayor Deverell were present. Trustees Les Jenkins and Larry Ditty was absent. The meeting was called to order at 6:36 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Visitors

Mrs. Helen Kaiser-7340 W Williams St-she stated that last summer she had asked for her ditch (on west side) to be cleaned; it still has not been done.

John Russell-Caldwell Tanks-present via zoom. He was available to answer any questions regarding the advertisement for workers. Question was asked why only advertised in one publication? He said they always use only one, indeed.com. They are not union so they could not get help from the local union hall. He requested the village provide a letter stating they reviewed Caldwell's documents and are requesting a waiver. He indicated it should be an easy process. Special welding skills are needed; high altitude welding; requires safety rigging. Additional training to operate certain equipment also needed. Trustee Mooney questioned if this is common to happen on other jobs within the state? Mr. Russell stated this is the first job that had to do it; first time it has come up since the act was passed. They are allowed up to 3 non IL residents. This will be a 5 person crew, 1 person is a Illinois resident; requesting a waiver for 1 person

Consent agenda/minutes

Motion by Trustee Kevin Vessels to adopt the consent agenda. Trustee Teresa Acree 2nd. Approved 4-0.

Approve 3-22-2021 meeting minutes

Under Budget officer; add March 26 as the date of the budget study session. Engineer report, should read unemployment above 5 %. Public works "losing". Motion by Trustee Kevin Vessels to approve minutes with above corrections. Trustee Jay Trusner 2nd. Approved 4-0.

Approve 3-26-2021 special meeting minutes

Motion by Trustee Teresa Acree to approve. Trustee Kevin Vessels 2nd. Approved 4-0.

Mayor Updates

New committee assignments-emailed to trustees

Sewer Back up-4MC had a company come out and so far, no more problems. 4MC has been billed for all the extra charges. They said it did not collapse. They had a sewer issue when the buildings' sewer was constructed and they flushed it out.

Youth League-have not heard anything

Clean Up Date-May 8-for electronics; currently looking for someone to pickup tires. Will be at the village hall.

Garbage Licenses-requests have been sent out, but none returned. The Mayor would like to talk to Advanced Disposal/Waste Management to make sure they will abide by our

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current ordinance which states they must pick up large items. Attorney Weatherford stated Niantic had someone from Waste Management at their monthly meeting. Mayor Deverell will contact Niantic Mayor Bob Embrey to get a name.

Treasurers Report-Authorize Paying of Bills.

Additional bills to be approved:

Chastain IEPA Water system EPA Loan \$3756.56 WF

Suburban Drainage Improvement \$ 1368.56 GF

EVOQUA – annual link 2 site service \$ 2610.00 SF

(STP pump station virtual real time/west pump station/3 lift station

IEPA Annual Supply Testing \$ 2612.78 WF

July 2021 to June 2022

Illini Overhead Door- Installed doors/remotes \$ 1500 GF / \$ 900 WF/ \$ 600 SF

Motion by Trustee Jay Trusner to approve above bills totalling \$ 13347.90. Trustee Mooney 2nd. Approved 4-0.

TIF owes GF \$39649 – tabled- pay back 2021-2022

Business district owes Sewer Fund \$20,000 for start up funding. Board approved to let this ride until business district has sufficient funding to support payback; pay back 2021-2022

Motion by Trustee Vessels to accept the finance report for March. Trustee Trusner 2nd. Approved 4-0.

Under GF, \$25,000 moved from investments to Scott State Bank-this was okayed by Mayor Deverell due to the low balance.

Increase on health insurance; not sure if increase on dental. Increase up to \$32.61 per person per month (effective July 1, 2021)

Budget Officers Report

BO Rick Laskowski discussed. Motion by Trustee Acree to approve the budget report. Trustee Vessels 2nd. Approved 4-0.

Trustee Larry Ditty arrived 7:17 pm

Need to publish about the budget report available for inspection before final passage

Engineer Report

Project 6899 water improvements/tower/IEPA Loan-Water tower contractor is requesting the village support their request for a waiver from Illinois Hiring Preference; requirement to employ 90% of Illinois residents for the tower erection. All other work is being performed by Illinois residents. Motion by Trustee Acree for Mayor Deverell to sign the waiver letter. Trustee Vessels 2nd. Approved 5-0.

A pay request for \$265,950 has been received for tower materials delivered to the site. Construction to date: foundation is completed. Nearly all of the steel has been delivered to the site. Shop drawings for the Decatur interconnect pump station have been reviewed and station is in production. The water tower erection is expected to begin in May-final completion end of November.

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Loop Water Main/Existing Water Tower Rehab-A community project funding grant application has been submitted to Congressman Davis' office to try to get funding assistance for the project. We are still waiting for the property owners to sign off on proposed easement agreement for the last parcel needed to construct the water main. We believe we have provided everything they have asked for in exchange for granting easement.

Suburban Street Jurisdictional Transfer- state agreed to pay \$ 107,800 in return for the village assuming ownership and maintenance of Suburban Street. A village ordinance accepting responsibility of the roadway has been drafted for IDOT review. When IDOT approves the language, Village can move forward with final roadway acceptance.

MFT/Drainage-Chastian plans to take topographic survey shots in the ditches of Suburban subdivision to facilitate plans to re-grade the ditches and culverts for better drainage. Matt from Chastain discussed. He indicated the culverts are backwards; water flowing in wrong direction. Also found culverts being set wrong; one culvert higher than the one it is draining into.

3 potential projects

1-rework Suburban, once taken over. Drainage, reset culverts, clean out ditches, south ditch

2-west ditchline on Fieldcrest-most complained about east ditch line of Fieldcrest

3-the remainder of Jeanair, Lindale, that goes over to Glasgow. 2 different culverts. Some culverts backward here also. Ditches need to be cleaned but if culverts not set in right direction will not do any good.

Mayor Deverell indicated we have \$200,000 in MFT plus \$107,000 from state for study but won't go far. She has asked Matt and Ron (from Chastain) to break up into sections. Will be presented at next Board meeting

Chastain is doing an ordinance for Suburban Road jurisdiction to send to IDOT for approval; and then we can approve it.

Trustee Mooney suggested once we get proposal together, could Streets and Alleys have a meeting with Matt. Meeting set for Monday May 17th at 5:30 pm

Public Works

No report.

Currently have only one public works employee.

There was a large leak on West Main; that was where the water was going.

We do let residents know when the system shows they have a leak.

Zoning

7770 W. Macon-a zoning hearing was held at this address, Aubie Endrizzi. He was requesting a height variance, requested a 20', ordinance allows 17 ½'. Zoning committee had no issues. Trustee Jay Trusner said Mr. Endrizzi is building his land higher and higher and water is going to run off and flood the property across the way, going to have serious water flooding issues. Need to look at this. Trustee Trusner said Mr. Geitl, who owns the land where this water will run off to and flood, told him he will sue the village if the water situation gets worse. No motion received to approve the requested variance request to 20' for Aubie Endrizzi garage; board wants more info. Trustee Trusner said he

was told Mr. Endrizzi is going to do it with or without permission. Motion by Trustee Acree to table variance request. Trustee Mooney 2nd. Approved 5-0.

Old Business

Lease with A.C.T.S for water tower antenna- this is not taxable income. They carry their own insurance. Motion by Trustee Acree to accept/sign ACTS LLC lease to put antennas on the water tower for better WIFI signal. Trustee Vessels 2nd. Approved 5-0.

*Cannibis zoning ordinance-*tabled

Generators-D&D Electric can do routine maintenance on the generator at the village hall. The one at the sewer plant requires a lot of work.

New Business

Bids Pole Barn Floor- Received one bid from Hutchins. ½ floor \$23,500 50x50 and ½ of floor \$46,000 50x100. John Morgan indicated he would like to have a floor drain to wash trucks, clean tools, etc. Trustee Trusner stated this could run into EPA issues. Ron Legner said it may require oil-water separator pit. Trustee Mooney said this would require routine clean outs. Attorney Weatherford said it would be best to rebid again if the Board decides they want a drain installed. Board does not want a drain installed. Motion by Trustee Trusner to do ½ of the building floor (concrete) and accept the bid of \$23,500 for the south half of building. Trustee Mooney 2nd. Approved 5-0. If could, sub stuff in for restrooms for a later time. Mayor Deverell will contact Hutchins to let him know.

*Golf Cart Poker Rally-*this will be held on June 12 from 11 am to 10 pm for a fundraiser for the Veterens Memorial. There will be a route and this will be for golf carts and side by sides

*Personnel Committee-*will discuss in closed session. Looking for employee

*Streets and Alleys-*Nothing to report

Finance Committee- furnace and air conditioner is on marketplace.

Ordinance Committee- will have a meeting

Economic Development- nothing to report

*Water and Sewer-*committee met to discuss water/sewer rates. Committee recommended tabling and discuss in August. Motion by Trustee Ditty to table the water increase, that was to happen in May, and discuss at the August meeting. Trustee Vessels 2nd. Approved 5-0. Sewer rate increase was discussed. Committee recommended raising to \$10.75 for 1st 2000 gallon. One way to improve the sewer fund balance would be to reallocate the funds differently. Suggested 50-30-20 or 40-40-20, take less out of sewer fund. Motion by Trustee Vessels to change payroll allocation to 40 GF, 40 WF and 20 SF, effective May 1, 2021. Trustee Acree 2nd. Approved 5-0. Attorney Weatherford suggested to advise on billing statement 1 – 2 months in advance if decide to raise the sewer base rate. Motion by Trustee Acree to raise the base rate for sewer to \$11.75 for 1st 2000 gal and not change the vairble rate. Trustee Ditty 2nd. Approved 5-0. Attorney Weatherford will draw up an ordinance.

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Pop's Place – they are redoing their patio in front of their building. They asked if the Village would want to pay for the rest of the work; approximately \$2,000. This could be a TIF project. Motion by Trustee Vessels to approve from the TIF fund, \$2005.86, to Pop's Place for their outdoor patio. Trustee Trusner 2nd. Approved 5-0.

A liquor license was issued to Cardinal gaming. This will be going into the Parks building on West Main; they needed this so they could start the process of getting gaming license. Mayor Deverell indicated she doesn't know what is going on with Park's building on West Main; she has called, but no answer.

Attorney –153 Western / Well leases / personnel

Motion by Trustee Mooney to enter closed session to discuss 153 Western, well leases and personnel. Trustee Vessels 2nd. Approved 5-0.

Entered closed session at 9:27 pm

Back to regular session at 10:02 pm

153 Western, well leases and personnel was discussed in closed session—no action

Motion by Trustee Ditty to adjourn. Trustee Acree 2nd. Approved 5-0

Meeting adjourned at 10:02 pm


Penny J. Allen, Clerk