

## VILLAGE HALL OF HARRISTOWN

January 25, 2021

The Village of Harristown Board of Trustees held their monthly meeting on January 25, 2021 at 185 N. Kembark, Harristown, IL. Trustees Les Jenkins, Larry Ditty, Kevin Vessels, Teresa Acree, Treasurer Rose, Budget Officer Laskowski, Clerk Allen and Mayor Deverell were present. Attorney Weatherford was via phone. Trustee Becky Nave was absent. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

### *Visitors*

No visitors wished to address the board

### *Consent agenda/minutes*

Motion by Trustee Acree to adopt the consent agenda. Trustee Ditty 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved 4-0.

### *Approve December 21 meeting minutes*

Add "Mark" to Teritocha. Add "Trustee" in front of names when they 2<sup>nd</sup> a motion.

Page-3- water plant URWC started. On page 3, Trustee Endrizzi last meeting, add because of work issues. Page 3, add, and paid for any missed holidays. Motion by Trustee Ditty to approve minutes with above corrections. Trustee Jenkins 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved 4-0.

Mayor would like to appoint Kourt Mooney to fill the vacant trustee position. Motion by Trustee Jenkins to appoint Mr. Mooney to this position. Trustee Acree 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved 4-0. Clerk Allen swore in Kourt Mooney as village trustee

### *Mayor Updates*

*Sewer Rate study* –will be discussed

*Map-URWC* most easements signed. The road to Latham has not all been signed. If Board knows anyone along that road, see if you can get them to sign.

*Partridge Trace*-tabled

*Community Center*-is back open

*Plan Special events*-asking for volunteers in newsletter to get committees together

### *Treasurers Report-Authorize Paying of Bills.*

Duncan Fincher has until March 9 to get a sewer license.

Motion by Trustee Vessels to approve the financial report. Trustee Ditty 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved 4-0.

One bill for Chastain, construction management on IEPA loan, \$9,184.05. Motion by Trustee Ditty to approve the above Chastain bill for \$9,184.05. Trustee Acree 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Approved 4-0.

Video gaming money is always 2 months behind.

### *Budget Officers Report*

BO Laskowski discussed. Budget sessions previously were mid March but can do earlier if decided to. Mayor said the loan for the building; we were anticipating using the gaming fund to pay for it. The \$6400 we are putting back monthly is for the IEPA loan.

Motion by Trustee Vessels to approve the budget officers report. Trustee Jenkins 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Approved 4-0. Budget study session will be set at next meeting.

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***Engineers Report***

*Project 6899-Water Improvement/tower/IEPA loan*-Ron Legner said they are processing the shop drawing from both contractors. Foundation work complete. The 2nd loan disbursement request has been submitted to IEPA Water tower erection is expected to begin in March; completion at end of November. Change order request needed. This is for additional electrical panel and conduits to be added for power supply to telemetry building – operate the old radios. Keep power running to the little building, 200 amp electrical panel and power feed to keep operational until URWC comes along, increase of \$7634.60, will be added to the IEPA loan. Motion by Trustee Jenkins for Mayor Deverell to sign this change order. Trustee Ditty 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved 4-0.

*Loop Water Main and existing tower rehab*-efforts to finalize an agreement for last easement needed continues. Legal agreement has been forwarded to the property owners for review. A loan application should be submitted to IEPA by 3/31 to increase the chance of receiving grant money for construction of new water main and/or water tower rehab before July 2022. Can apply but not committed until you sign. Ron Legner thinks it will be ok to postpone.

*Drainage improvements*-Chastain created a new drainage contour map using Lidar data and satellite photos for discussions/planning for improving storm drainage in problem areas of village.

*Coop Water main/existing water tower rehab*- All 4 trustees, Vessels, Acree, Ditty and Jenkins wants to wait on this; currently no money to do this.

*Gouge Road*-village has no use. Mayor has asked the Trustees to look at this road to see if they want to give it up.

*Interconnect Pump Station*-backflow preventor is required. We installed pump station. Will repair 3 phase power supply per Ameren \$9144.88 to install (power pole and transformer) \$2557.90 up front, balance on agreement, over 7 year period. More details are needed. Legner will request more info. Tabled

*3<sup>rd</sup> Easement for water main loop*-Ron Legner forwarded to property owners-nothing back yet. Offered \$4820. Motion by Trustee Acree for Mayor Deverell to sign the Brown Anderson for easement thru the property. Trustee Vessels 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved 4-0.

***Public Works-***

Report received from our public works employees. A report was also received from LJ Water-no major concerns.

*Electrical at new pole barn* – ok to pay when the bill is received

*Electric door openers for public works building*- 2 quotes received. \$3335 Door Specialities; \$3000 Illini Overhead Doors. Does this include key pad on exterior wall, is there a warranty, what is brand and horsepower? Mayor Deverell till find out these details

***Zoning***

Nothing to report

**Old Business**

*Site lease with A.C.T.S for water tower antenna-* Trustee Acree stated she spoke with someone from another village and that when you collect money, it makes it a taxable business. Attorney Weatherford suggested we speak with our accounting firm. Mayor will talk to them about this. Tabled.

*Ordinance 20-3-* this ordinance is revised. Zoning needs changed. Tabled until next meeting.

*2021 MFT-*will have report at next meeting

*Vaccinations for Employees for COVID 19-*IML said municipalities have authority to require or mandate vaccination of employees. Mayor Deverell does not think employees will be willing. Poll of Trustees on whether they would want to require the vaccination; Trustee Acree no; Trustee Vessels, yes; Trustee Mooney no; Trustee Jenkins no . Tabled. EJ Water could help in case of emergency.

*2021 Water Rate Increase-*did not raise last year until September. Ordinance says raise annually in May. Trustee Acree questioned why raising rates every single year? Mayor said because costs go up every year. This will be discussed in budget session.

**New Business**

*Approve Corporate map for publication-*publish in newspaper – Board gave ok to do this.

*Spring Clean up grant-*Board is ok with this

*Well#2 lease-*we have 2 wells, #2 and #3. Well #2 lease is due this year.

*Mom and Pops Place* –Closed 127 days this year. Does Board want to consider helping them out? Motion by Trustee Acree to waive the gaming and liquor fees for Mom and Pops for 2021. Trustee Mooney 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved 4-0.

*Personnel Committee-*Mayor Deverell requested they hold a meeting

*Streets and Alleys-*Nothing to report

*Finance Committee* Nothing to report

*Ordinance Committee-* Nothing to report

*Water and Sewer-*Nothing to report

*Economic Development-* nothing to report

*Attorney* –nothing to report

Motion by Trustee Vessels to enter closed session to discuss closed session minutes and 153 Western ordinance violations. Trustee. Jenkins 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved 4-0.

Enter closed session at 8:47 pm

Back to regular session at 9:05 pm

Motion by Trustee Vessels to pass as ordinance 21-01, provision Attorney will remove 3 meeting minutes not to be released 12-18-2017 / 04-24-2019 /07-29-2019, release these 3-27-2017 / 10-23-2017 / 3-26-2018 /7/03/2018 / 8-27-2018 / 7-22-2019 / 8-26-2019.

Trustee Acree 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll call: Trustee Vessels, yes; Trustee Acree, yes; Trustee Ditty, yes, Trustee Moody, yes. Approved 4-0

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Motion by Trustee Vessels to adjourn. Trustee Jenkins 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

  
Penny J. Allen, Clerk