

VILLAGE OF HARRISTOWN
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
MAY 24, 2021

The Board of Trustees regular meeting was called to order at 6:31 P.M. by Mayor Evelyn Deverell.

Present: Trustees Larry Ditty, Les Jenkins, Kourt Mooney, Jay Trusner and Kevin Vessels. Trustee Teresa Acree absent due to a death in her family.

Also Present: Andrew Weatherford, Attorney; Rick Laskowski, Budget Officer and Ron Legner, Chastain and Associates; Stephanie Netterville, Deputy Clerk. Clerk Penny Allen and Treasurer Julie Rose absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Deverell.

VISITORS

William Lyons, 140 S Birks Street, addressed the Board. Mr. Lyons expressed his concerns about drainage on S Birks near his home. In times of heavy rain, the street floods and water backs up almost to his garage. He states that he has addressed past Boards about this matter. Trustee Trusner assured Mr. Lyons this will be addressed later in the meeting.

The Agenda for the meeting was presented. Trustee Vessels moved, Trustee Ditty seconded to approve the Agenda. The vote was 5-0, motion passed.

MINUTES

The minutes of the regular Board meeting held on April 26, 2021 were reviewed. Corrections to those minutes were listed: **Page 1**—Trustee Jay Trusner not listed as being present when in fact he was. **Page 1- 2nd paragraph**, Replace wording in the section “John Russell” of “They are non-union so they could not get help from the local union hall” to “They do not have a reciprocal agreement with local unions. **Page 3** Add ‘Foster, Chastain Engineering’ after “a meeting with Matt” in the last paragraph of the Engineer Report. **Page 4** Change “sub stuff in for restrooms” to “stub-in for restrooms”.

No other corrections were added. Trustee Vessels moved, Trustee Ditty seconded to approve the April 26, 2021 Board meeting Minutes. The vote was 5-0, motion passed.

Minutes of the May 6, 2021 Special Board meeting were reviewed. There were no corrections. Trustee Vessels moved, Trustee Trusner seconded, to approve. The vote was 5-0, motion passed.

Minutes of the May 17, 2021 Special Board meeting were reviewed. There were no corrections. Trustee Ditty moved, Trustee Vessels seconded, to approve. The vote was 5-0, motion passed.

Deputy Clerk Netterville swore in Mayor Deverell as Mayor. She then swore in Trustees Larry Ditty, Kourt Mooney, Jay Trusner and Kevin Vessels to their terms as Trustee.

Mayor Deverell asked to approve Andrew Weatherford as Village Attorney, Rick Laskowski as Budget Officer and Chastain Engineering as the Village Engineer for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. No objections were made. The Mayor appointed these individuals.

MAYOR UPDATES

All Trustees and Village Officers are required to take Open Meetings Act and Freedom of Information Act training yearly. Mayor Deverell asked all Trustees to complete the training and turn their Certificate in to the office to be kept in Personnel files. The Illinois Municipal League handout tells how to access these courses. Trustees were asked to review the handout on the American Recovery Plan in order to be familiar with the kinds of projects these funds can be used for.

TREASURER REPORT

The Treasurer's report was presented by Mayor Deverell. The Trustees reviewed the report. Trustee Jenkins moved, Trustee Mooney seconded, to approve this report. After a vote of 5-0, the Treasurer's report was approved.

BUDGET OFFICER

Budget Officer Laskowski presented the Budget Report. Trustee Jenkins moved, Trustee Vessels seconded to approve the report. After a vote of 5-0 the report was approved.

The Ordinance to approve the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget was presented. The vote to approve this Ordinance was 5-0 in favor. Ordinance number 21-03 was assigned and the Ordinance will be submitted to General Code.

Budget Officer Laskowski presented a report of Accounts over Budget for the Fiscal year 2020-2021. He explained that this is required by our Ordinances and what some of the Accounts involved were. After questions from the Trustees and Mayor, Trustee Ditty moved to approve these Accounts over Budget. Trustee Jenkins seconded and the vote to approve was 5-0. Motion passed.

Budget Officer Laskowski presented a pricing quote from Calpine, the Village's electricity supplier. He explained the history of electricity suppliers for the Village and the benefits of approving this quote. Trustee Mooney asked if the price quoted is guaranteed for the period of the Agreement. Mr. Laskowski stated that it is guaranteed. After discussion and questions, Trustee Trusner moved to sign a three year Agreement with Calpine. The vote was 5-0 in favor and the motion passed.

ENGINEER REPORT

Ron Legner, Chastain & Associates presented the Engineering Report. Mayor Deverell asked for an update on Caldwell Tanks and the water tower. Mr. Legner advised that a letter has been sent by Chastain regarding the Illinois Department of Labor concerns on the labor force for the work crew and that Caldwell Tanks knows they are proceeding at their own risk. Caldwell Tanks has not satisfied the requirements and have more paperwork to forward to the Department of Labor. Attorney Weatherford suggested monitoring this situation carefully and the Mayor was asked to send a more direct letter to Caldwell asking for a reply on the status.

The MS4 Permit was discussed. Chastain Engineering, at the Mayor's request, is assisting with the necessary paperwork.

There was no update on the last easement needed for the water main project.

The MFT program for this Fiscal Year was discussed. Maps and the “Local Public Agency Engineering Services Agreement” were distributed to the Board. The Mayor and Trustees had questions regarding this contract. The meeting moved forward to give Attorney Weatherford time to review the Agreement.

Public Works: No Report

Zoning: No Report

Old Business

Attorney Weatherford has talked to General Code regarding the needed changes to the Cannabis Zoning Ordinance #21-03. He will have the suggested changes and completed revised Ordinance for the June Board Meeting.

The Ordinance for the Sewer rate increase was distributed to the Board. This increase was discussed at the April 26, 2021 meeting and will increase the base sewer rate from \$9.75 to \$11.75 effective July 1, 2021. Trustee Vessels moved, Trustee Ditty seconded, the approve the Sewer Rate increase as listed in the Ordinance. Ordinance# 20-04 was approved by a vote of 5 in favor, no opposed. Ordinance will be forwarded to General Code.

New Business

The Village has received a new Agreement from the Illinois Department of Transportation for the Route 36 Traffic Signals. This is a 10 year Agreement. Attorney Weatherford has reviewed the document and finds no changes from the previous agreement. The Village is reimbursed by IDOT for power bills and repairs for these traffic signals just as in the previous agreement. Trustee Trusner moved, Trustee Mooney seconded, to sign and approve this Agreement. The vote was 5-0 in favor and the motion passed. Attorney Weatherford asked that the Treasurer and Deputy Clerk be sure to send any requests for payment before July 1, 2021 to comply with the State of Illinois Fiscal Year deadlines.

Personnel:

Raises for personnel will be considered in Closed Session. Payroll allocations for Public Works personnel was decided at a previous Board meeting. No adjustments or changes needed for office clerical payroll allocation.

Streets and Alleys:

The Streets and Alleys Committee met with Matt Foster from Chastain Engineering to discuss the 2021 MFT project.

Mr. Lyons, 140 S Birks, concerns for South Birks Street were discussed. New Public Works personnel will inspect and advise as soon as possible.

Finance: NO report

Ordinance: NO report

Water and Sewer:

Mayor Deverell gave an update on the United Regional Water Cooperative to include status of new water plant and timeframe for water mains for the project.

ENGINEER REPORT CONTINUED

The Board returned to the MFT project for 2021 after Attorney Weatherford reviewed the "Local Public Engineering Services" Agreement. Attorney Weatherford (and Matt Foster of Chastain Engineering by phone) verified that the Agreement is for a 'not to exceed' amount of \$36,700.00. Trustee Vessels, Trustee Jenkins seconded, to approve signing this Agreement. After a vote of 5-0 in favor, the motion passed and Mayor Deverell will sign the documents.

Economic Development

Mayor Deverell, Trustee Acree and Trustee Jenkins met with Nicole Bateman of Decatur Macon County Economic Development. Ms. Bateman suggested some ideas for the Village to pursue. Improving the website, updated traffic maps of the Main and Wyckles area and hiring an Economic Development person were possibilities. The Committee will continue to work on these items.

Upcoming events include the Golf Cart Rally on June 12, the 4th of July Celebration on June 26 and an ImpactLife Blood Drive on June 30th.

Volunteers are needed for all of these events.

Attorney:

210 N Kembark property will be discussed in closed session.

At 8:27 P.M. Trustee Ditty moved to enter Closed Session to discuss raises for personnel and the 210 N Kembark property. Trustee Vessels seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

The Board returned to Open Session at 8: 45 P.M.

The following raises were suggested: Water/Sewer Clerk to \$15.00 per hour. Public Works part-time personnel to \$12.00 per hour. Trustee Trusner moved, Trustee Jenkins seconded, to approve these raises. After a vote of 5-0 in favor, the motion passed.

No action taken on the property at 210 N Kembark.

Trustee Vessels moved, Trustee Mooney seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

Mayor Deverell adjourned the Board meeting at 8:55 P.M.

Mayor Evelyn Deverell

