

VILLAGE HALL OF HARRISTOWN

June 28,2021

The Village of Harristown Board of Trustees held their monthly meeting on June 28,2021 at 185 N. Kembark, Harristown, IL. Trustees Kevin Vessels, Les Jenkins, Kourt Mooney, Teresa Acree, Larry Ditty, Jay Trusner, Budget Officer Rick Laskowski, Treasurer Julie Rose, Attorney Andrew Weatherford, Clerk Allen and Mayor Deverell were present. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Visitors

No visitors present wished to address the board

Mayor Deverell introduced the new public works employees. Jonathon Closs (supervisor) and Jeremy Embrey.

Adopt Meeting Agenda

Motion by Trustee Kevin Vessels to adopt the meeting agenda. Trustee Teresa Acree 2nd.
Approved 6-0

Approve Minutes from 5/24/21

Motion by Trustee Kevin Vessels to approve the minutes. Trustee Les Jenkins 2nd. Approved 6-0

Mayor Update

Golf cart rally-appears to have been a success. \$2500 raised. There were 5 stops, they were too long and the rally started to early. May try this again in the future

Blood Drive-at the Harristown community center June 30,2021 1 pm to 4 pm

July 4 Celebration-was cancelled due to weather. Chief Gambrell is working on a new date

Veterans Memorial Fund-\$4552 in the fund now. Will be another fundraiser

State Farm-AARP-not chosen for grant funds. Letter sent to Buffett

Open meeting Act Training-everyone must take this

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Treasurers Report

Pay back TIF fund in July

Business district owes \$20,000 for start up funding – pending pay back

GF – BLH Computers \$1585.75 clean up day will reimburse by grant money

GF – Chastain \$ 2260.85 4/25 – 5/29 Suburban drainage improvement

WF—Midwest Meter \$ 1386 hydrant repair Camp/ Wood

WF—Chastain \$3134.67 IEPA project construction observation

WF—Chastain \$5073.32 IEPA project construction management

Motion by Trustee Larry Ditty to pay the above bills \$3846.60 GF and \$9593.99 WF. Trustee Kevin Vessels 2nd. Approved 6-0.

Moved \$50,000 from Illinois Fund to Scott State Bank

Received \$1480 since May 1 for rental of community building. 4 MC did pay back lost rental money.

Received \$2306 Veteran Memorial Fund donations 3/1/2021 thru 5/31/2021

Motion by Trustee Kevin Vessels to accept the Financial report. Trustee Kourt Mooney 2nd. Approved 6-0

An audit will be held on 7/19/2021- the normal one and a more detail one for the water fund

Budget Officers Report

BO Rick Laskowski discussed. Motion by Trustee Kevin Vessels to approve. Trustee Jay Trusner 2nd. Approved 6-0

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Engineer Report

Project 6899-Water improvement/tower/IEPA loan-water tower erection is complete. Painters are scheduled to begin 2nd full week in July. Caldwell invoice for \$57026.70, 20 % value of steel erection, will be submitted to IEPA with load disbursement

Illinois Hiring Preference Act-Illinois Department of Labor-division of Conciliation and Mediation has recently requested additional documentation from Caldwell regarding their request for a waiver of the 90% requirement for the steel erection crew.

The water tower work is expected to be completed by the end of November

MFT/ Drainage-The engineering agreement and resolution approved by the Board of Trustees on May 24 has been submitted to IDOT for approval to proceed with design using motor fuel tax funds. Still waiting for a response. Proceeding to put together plans for ditch work.

Painting and electrical will all be under Caldwell's contract and Illinois employees. Will get certified payrolls. Mr. Legner said this issue has never come up before and not for the Dept of Labor either; this is all new ground for the Engineer and the state. Attorney Weatherford said we are still going to owe Caldwell money so we need to be cautious and make sure they give the Department of Labor everything they need. Attorney said we need to pay the invoice. Mayor will sign the request for payment.

Suburban Street Jurisdictional Transfer-waiting on IDOT

MS4 permit- for storm drainage --- no updates

Trustee Mooney stated we need to make sure we have all documentation on the Illinois hiring issue. Keep track of everything so we will have all of our stuff that is needed.

The property we were seeking easement on is being sold. Mr. Legner made contact with them to try and continue the process. He believes it is an investment firm from out east; basically starting all over again. Keith Anderson sent email to Chastain and the new owners explaining the previous agreement that was proposed so the new owners are aware of the situation. Will be setting up a conference call soon on this item. Nothing has been done on the Harristown Township side

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Public Works

Jonathon Closs, public works supervisor, distributed the monthly report.

Valve needs replaced at West Main and Camp St – not working. The leak cannot be repaired until the valve is replaced. They did slow the leak down to a drip now. Waiting on Burdick and will have them do this.

New laptop is in use for water / sewer reports.

Trustee Mooney questioned the concrete floor. Mr. Closs said it is done. The service generator is in good condition now. Mayor gave Mr Closs the approval to purchase shelves; board is ok with this.

The bucket truck is not operational and currently in service shop (Drake-Scruggs). Mr. Closs thinks we don't need the bucket function and it would be better to use as a plow truck. This was purchased in 2018 for \$13675. The shop said the valves and outrigger valves would need to be replaced before they can see what else is wrong. This would cost, including labor, \$5120.88. The truck is in good shape, bucket is what is bad. He suggests we could replace the service truck we have now with this truck; remove the manlift. He will talk to Drake-Scruggs and decide what is best after talking to them.

A new trailer is needed to haul equipment. Motion by Trustee Kevin Vessels, to authorize Jonathon Closs, to spend up to \$10,000 on a new trailer, and making sure what he purchases is sufficient to haul the excavator and meets our needs. Trustee Les Jenkins 2nd. Approved 6-0

The building is ½ in concrete. Mr. Closs thinks it would be beneficial to have ½ of the remaining floor in ½ concrete also – by west door, leave ¼ of it in rock. Board will think about this.

Jonathon and Jeremy are both working on licenses.

A paper was passed out listing the items needing updated at the sewer plant. Rough estimate \$780,000 to \$1,010,000. Items included new aerator system, need rip rap all slopes at lagoons, sludge removal, new roof and lift station rehab. Mr. Closs will be looking at the manholes and see what kind of ground water they are getting

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Harristown Depot-resident that lives here had Parks Sewer out to clean their sewer service. It is in the right a way; may not have sufficient fall. Will dig up the manhole. The residential service is in the road

Motion by Trustee Jay Trusner to approve as summer hours for public work employees, 06:30 am to 3:00 pm from June 1 to September 1. Trustee Larry Ditty 2nd. Approved 6-0.

Zoning-nothing to report

Old Business

Cannabis Ordinance-prepared but still need to reach out to general code – tabled

New Business

Hiring Webmaster-hire Samantha West for \$15/hr for up to 10 hrs a month to manage villages' website

Village Visa Card-motion by Trustee Les Jenkins to approve a visa card, with a \$2,000 limit, to Jonathon Closs. Trustee Mooney 2nd. Approved 6-0

Personnel Committee-nothing to report

Streets and Alleys Committee -nothing to report

Finance Committee – nothing to report

Water and Sewer Committee-Update on URWC continues. They need to do a pipe rock study to prove that the new water we will be getting is not more corrosive than what we currently have. EPA said we can use URWC guidelines. Will get pipe from 4 residents (Troy Page, Post Office, Jay Trusner and Evelyn Deverell) and then move them to another location

Sewer rate increase will be July 1

Water/Sewer Bills- the ones that are turned over to collectors are almost always renters. Our ordinance 38-2-2 states the owner is responsible for renters bills. Letters will be sent to

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residents/owners stating that if the renter does not pay, they are responsible. Board does not want to impose a security deposit on water bills.

Economic Development

Cody Parks building at Wyckles has all 4 spots rented; waiting for plumber. He has purchased the property to the east (Nancy Waters) and would like to annex this; sewer main to each property. The best option would be to make one parcel.

Attorney

Motion by Trustee Les Jenkins to enter closed session to discuss purchase of property, closed session minutes, and 153 Western. Trustee Vessels 2nd. Approved 6-0.

Enter closed session at 8:30 pm

Back to regular session at 9:07 pm

Motion by Trustee Jenkins to authorize the Mayor to negotiate the purchase of property as discussed in closed session. Trustee Acree 2nd. Approved 6-0.

Motion by Trustee Vessels to release closed session minutes for March 22, 2021 and April 26, 2021. Trustee Trusner 2nd. Approved 6-0.

153 Western – Motion by Trustee Larry Ditty for the Attorney to file contempt of court fines. Trustee Vessels 2nd. Approved 6-0

Motion by Trustee Kevin Vessels to adjourn. Trustee Acree 2nd. Approved 6-0

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm


Penny J. Allen, Village Clerk