

VILLAGE HALL OF HARRISTOWN
September 28, 2020

The Village of Harristown Board of Trustees held their monthly meeting on September 28, 2020 at 185 N. Kembark, Harristown, IL. Trustees Les Jenkins, Larry Ditty, Kevin Vessels, Teresa Acree, Becky Nave, Cody Endrizzi, Treasurer Rose, Budget Officer Laskowski, Attorney Drew Weatherford, Clerk Allen and Mayor Deverell were present. The meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent agenda/minutes

Motion by Trustee Ditty to adopt the consent agenda. Jenkins 2nd. Approved 6-0.
Corrections to minutes of 8/24, 2020. First paragraph should read “were” present. Under zoning; add address for John and Jennifer Durflinger, 290 S Birks. Should read “Yuhas” not Yuhan. Under easements, add Curtis Cook with Chastain talked to Linda with Brown Anderson Farms. Motion by Trustee Acree to approve minutes from August 24, 2020, with above corrections. Endrizzi 2nd. Approved 6-0.

Visitors

Maurice Doyle-discussed the house on 153 Western-they are putting up a privacy fence and it looks like they are working on cars at that residence. Pictures passed out to Trustees of property.

Carla Fincher-134 Western- discussed the dogs at 153 Western and the condition of the property. 2 vehicles and camper behind the fence. Mayor will be taking action on this property

Mayor Updates

New area code-there will be a new area code for this area after March 2021.

ACTS-gentleman called again about allowing his company to put an antenna on our water tower-he will be at next meeting

Upcoming Election-There will be Mayor, clerk, treasurer and 5 trustee vacancies to be filled.

Insurance Co- requested the expenses related to old building and new building.

Treasurers Report-Authorize Paying of Bills.

Motion by Trustee Endrizzi to approve the financial report. Vessels 2nd. Approved 6-0.

Motion by Trustee Endrizzi to approve the Chastain bills, 2 checks with a total of \$6,158.10. Acree 2nd. Approved 5-1 (abstained). Motion by Trustee Vessels to approve the McGuire Yuhas bill, total of \$8,350. Jenkins 2nd. Approved 6-0. Motion by Trustee Acree to approve bill for Hawkins, \$2,051.88. Ditty 2nd. Approved 6-0

A check was sent to Petersburg Plumbing but returned today. Resent today via certified mail. Furnishing for the new building total was \$16,467 (\$15,000 was approved); \$1000 was for a new computer and monitor.

Annual treasurer report is tabled

Budget Officers Report

Motion by Trustee Endrizzi to accept the budget officers report. Jenkins 2nd. Approved 6-0.

Engineers Report

Water Improvement/tower/IEPA loan-Ron Legner said both contracts fully executed. Pre construction meeting held on 9/16/29. Final completion should be 11/24/21. Water tower should be in service by end of August 2021.

Loop water main and existing tower rehab-dialog begun with the landowners to acquire last easement needed to construct the loop water main. New loan application needs to be filled out and submitted. Plans need finalized and the bid packages created to bid the project out. There will be some extra engineering costs incurred to do the loan paperwork and to bid the project out. Does the Board want to move forward with the project this fall in order to construct the project next summer? Mayor questioned what payment to the EPA load would be. BO Laskowski said \$6400/month, \$1,300,000 loan. If Board would say to go ahead with the loop water main and rehab existing water tower, what would be the cost. Ron thinks around \$800,000, ½ would be forgiven so say \$500,000. Rick estimating \$2500/month payment. A mixer will be added to existing tower and chlorine redone. Regional water co-op should start in October and hopefully completed by August 2021. Mayor requested Ron to get a rough idea on engineering costs

Parks Brothers-West Main Street Sewer and Water Main extensions-water main and sewer are completed and both have passed required testing. Final grading and seeding should begin Friday 9/25/20.

IDOT-Suburban-Mayor asked the board if there was any interest for Chastain to negotiate with IDOT on Suburban; jurisdiction transfer. If they do, they would have to repair or give us money to have road repaired. Ron stated this could take quite a while. Motion by Trustee Acree to authorize Chastain to spend up to \$2,000 to get a map, exhibit, letter and phone call regarding Suburban, first step to begin negotiating with IDOT. Endrizzi 2nd.
Approved 6-0

2021 MFT Project-Drainage is a big issue. Especially by the RR tracks in Old Harristown. Very difficult to get the RR to fix it. Mayor said options could be to fix sections of roads, pay for a drainage study or pick an area and repair. The drainage study in 1999 of Suburban was only an observation, no engineering done. Trustee Endrizzi questioned if this could be under IEPA load? Ron said it would not qualify and likely hood of getting a grant is not very high. He said if can get the drainage to the ditches, this will help the roads. He said some MFT funds can apply to studies. He also stated it is better to focus on a certain area for a study to keep the costs down. Trustee Vessels stated if we don't know the whole scope, we will be wasting money. Backyards of many people on Fieldcrest are flooded due to the cemetery. Attorney questioned if the cemetery would assist in any cost for drainage? Ron said it would be better to do one entire street instead of hopping around. TABLED..

Public Works-

Water Plant Bldg-meeting tomorrow with Ameren and Closs for electricity and gas also with Ameren. The building walls needs insulated; can wait for a concrete floor.

Zoning

175 S Twin Lakes-Mike Swift-variance request for a garage, slightly less than an ½ acre and wants to go 17 ½ ft (H) (ordinance reads 13 ½ ft H) No neighbors had an issue. Motion by Trustee Endrizzi to approve the variance request. Ditty 2nd. Roll call: Vessels, yes; Acree, yes; Ditty, yes; Nave, yes; Endrizzi, yes; Jenkins, yes. Approved 6-0.

Old Business

URWC-Curry Construction is ready to start, hope to start in October.

Contract for use of community center-board members all received a copy

Building Finalization-All bills submitted to insurance for settlement. 4MC-everything fixed except one stall in ladies room is scratched and they have ordered a new one. The flag pole is back ordered.

Bank Inspection and final-need to convert from construction loan to a regular loan.

Motion by Trustee Acree to pay out of general fund, \$328,446.50 to the loan, bringing the loan down to \$300,000. Jenkins 2nd. Roll call: Nave, yes; Endrizzi, yes; Jenkins, yes; Acree, yes; Vessels, yes; Ditty, yes. Approved 6-0.

New Business

Ribbon Cutting/grand opening-will be held September 30, 2020; ribbon cutting at 3:30 pm. Two high school students will be here to restock trays.

Trick or Treat Hours- October 31 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Personnel Committee-Nothing to report

Streets and Alleys-Nothing to report

Finance Committee Nothing to report

Ordinance Committee- nothing

Water and Sewer

Water rate increase, minimum is \$26.72

Economic Development- nothing

Closed session-already discussed building loan

Attorney -nothing

Mayor stated part time new employee, Terry Justice, is doing a good job

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.


Penny J. Allen, Clerk