

VILLAGE HALL OF HARRISTOWN

January 29, 2024

The Village of Harristown Board of Trustees held their monthly meeting on January 29, 2024 at 185 N. Kembark St, Harristown, IL. Trustees Les Jenkins, Kevin Vessels, Jeff Eller, Budget Officer Rick Laskowski, Treasurer Teresa Acree, Attorney Joshua Dubbelde, Clerk Penny Allen and Mayor Evelyn Deverell were present. Trustees Jay Trusner, April Bogan, and Kurt Terry were absent. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Per Attorney Dubbelde, the meeting could be held even though there were only three trustees present.

Adopt Meeting Agenda

Motion by Trustee Vessels to adopt the meeting agenda. Trustee Jenkins 2nd. Approved 3-0.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Trustee Vessels to approve minutes of regular board meeting December 18, 2023. Trustee Eller 2nd. Approved 3-0.

Visitors

None wished to address the board

Treasurers Report

Treasurer Acree discussed. Motion by Trustee Vessels to approve December Treasurers report. Trustee Eller 2nd. Approved 3-0.

Bills needing approved \$ 17,810.33

Troy Page	6 loads CA6	\$2700.00
Attorney	Nov/Dec meetings	\$ 5415.00
Burdick	water leak	\$ 4782.00
Macon C Envirn	recycling container	\$ 1818.33
Accountants	treasurer report	\$ 1695.00
Telescan	Jet vac Harristown Blvd	\$ 1400.00

Motion by Trustee Vessels to approve above payments. Trustee Jenkins 2nd. Approved 3-0.

Budget Officers Report

BO Laskowski discussed. Motion by Trustee Eller to approve Budget officers report. Trustee Vessels 2nd. Approved 3-0.

Zoning

Storage America on Rt 36-Mayor Deverell reported they are still waiting for IDOT approval and negotiating with owner. They want to build the road to our specifications and then turn it over to Village.

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Zoning (continued)

Camp Wilson Church-still waiting for paperwork from their home church

Engineer

NPDES-Elimination project-Seth from Milano and Grunloh discussed. Application submitted. Illiopolis is still on the fence. Waiting on EPA to approve plan. Improvements will be needed to our sewer plant and to allow us to take on usage from Niantic. Mayor Deverell is getting quotes on lift stations.

Suburban Drive-Jurisdictional transfer agreement check has been received from the state. Plan to advertise the mill and fill project of Suburban Drive this spring along with other MFT wants/needs. Also 2 culverts need replaced and one new culvert needed.

Decommissioning Wells-should occur soon. Plan to get bids by end of February for deconstruction in March/April.

Service Line and meter replacement-large water loss, some interest in replacing the water meters and service lines in village. Ineligible to apply for DCEO grants, but the IEPA offers low interest loans to help finance. Project would include service lines replacement from water main to meter. Mayor said a lot of leaks; average 2 a month. Eligible for 30% principal forgiveness thru IEPA

Public Works

No report. Mr. Closs not present.

Quote for sewer lift station-we have DCEO grant \$45,000, \$9000 in FEMA money. Quote \$26,000 for one lift station(west), valves, gaskets, piping, not including motor, propellers. Board wants to wait until we get more quotes. Will have to bid out since over \$20,000. Paperwork will be submitted for grant

Old Business

Town Hall meeting Cannabis lounge- will be held on Feb 8th @ 630 pm. A letter will be in every water bill. Meeting is to get residents opinions of lounge, whether for or against.

Treasurers Position- Motion by Trustee Eller to table. Trustee Vessels 2nd. Approved 3-0.

New Business

Waste Management-had not paid fee but has since paid it. Discussion was held on the village trash collection. The dumpster is \$107 and also have 2 totes; all thru Waste Management. Cary will supply a dumpster for \$75 month. Waste Management said to pickup the dumpster, if we discontinue service, they will charge \$300. They are suppose to pickup the dumpster once a week at the water plant and they currently are not doing that. Motion by Trustee Jenkins to cancel Waste Management service for the Village and get either Cary or Murrells, effective end of February. Trustee Vessels 2nd. Approved 3-0.

Committee meeting-need to schedule a special meeting for all committees to discuss various issues. Tentative set for February 12 at 6 pm.

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Personnel Committee-nothing to report

Streets and Alleys Committee

IDOT compliance review 2023 was presented to Board – all good

Finance Committee-nothing to report

Ordinance

7610 W. William -unlicensed vehicles

5480 Union School-trash / junk

5212 W Main – weeds / trash

Murrell Disposal-complaints about cutting corners short.

Mr. Knight-lives in Old Harristown. He has used 84,000 gal of water. The village has alerted him twice. Mayor Deverell told him to get it fixed or she will turn off his water. He shows using 8,000 gal yesterday. Mayor questioned how many times do we notify a resident about a water leak before we do something?

Economic Development

Thank you was received from the fire department

Library district consolidating- Harristown and Warrensburg will be one library board now.

2024 Fireworks—Firemen will do this again this year.

Community involvement- working on Wycklesfest – this is separate from the Village

Park – received \$10,000 from N&S. Will get a \$150,000 grant. Need to form a park committee

Closed Session

Motion by Trustee Jenkins to table. Trustee Vessels 2nd. Approved 3-0.

Motion by Trustee Vessels to adjourn. Trustee Eller 2nd. Approved 3-0

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm

Penny J. Allen

Village Clerk