

## VILLAGE HALL OF HARRISTOWN

October 27, 2025

The Village of Harristown Board of Trustees held their monthly meeting on October 27, 2025 at 185 N. Kembark St, Harristown, IL. Trustees Jamie Jackson, Jay Trusner, Kurt Terry, Jeff Eller, Kevin Vessels, April Bogan, Treasurer Teresa Acree, Attorney Joshua Dubbelde, Clerk Penny Allen and Mayor Les Jenkins were present. Budget Officer Rick Laskowski was absent. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

### ***Adopt Meeting Agenda***

Mayor Jenkins requested to move the Engineer section before the visitors section.

Motion by Trustee Vessels to adopt the meeting agenda and move Engineer section up. Trustee Trusner 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved 6-0.

### ***Approve Minutes***

Motion by Trustee Trusner to approve regular board meeting minutes from September 22, 2025. Trustee Terry 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved 6-0.

### ***Engineer***

Seth discussed

*NPDES*-still in process of bidding; hope to know something by end of year

*MFT*-acceptance approved. Dunn completed the MFT

*Service Line & Meter replacement*-project plans are under review.

*Bulk Water Station*-estimate cost \$40,000- use coins only no credit cards. Billingsley is thinking about putting one in

### ***Visitors***

*SV FFA Club*-The advisor (Kennedy) discussed upgrades they would like to do for the FFA club. Would like to reconstruct the shop/welding area. Currently only have 2 functioning welding booths and would like to have more. This club has almost doubled in size. Would like to upgrade electrical, ventilation, cinder blocks, and install welding curtains between the welding area and greenhouse. Estimated cost of \$37,000-\$39,000. They did receive \$15,000 from ADM. FFA Club is asking if the Village would be able to donate to this?

*Pops Place*-Kristen Hinton and Michelle Perry were present to discuss repairs needed for this business. After a routine inspection, the fire suppression system was again noted that it needed to be upgraded, and extended to 6 months to have it completed. The hood ventilation also needs replaced. They recommended to upgrade the entire system. Quote for the new hood system, \$33,300 and for the fire system \$ 6670.68. They have reached out for grants but none available for restaurants. They are asking the Village if they will cover the complete upgrade of their systems or help with fixing the existing hood and fire suppression. Trustee Eller questioned if the owner of the building (Parks) are willing to help. Kristen stated, no it is entirely up to them to repair as their lease states anything on the inside is their responsibility.

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*Alicia White*-volunteer for SV PTO. She asked if the village would like to donate to the Sunshine Supplies for the teachers. The PTO pays for half the membership and asking if village would do the balance of \$400. This allows teachers to go to the mall and get needed supplies. She also asked if the Village would be willing to donate to the Storm Science Educational Assembly. Top tier for this program is \$2200 and the PTO contributes \$1200; asking if Village could contribute balance of \$1,000.

*Kirshna from Indus*-he apologized for asking for an extension again for the growery. He is requesting an extension until March 2026; he anticipates it should be complete by January 2026, but just in case.

*Jennifer Grinestaff-PE teacher at SV*-requested if Village could help fund the skating program at the school again; approximately 111 students. Any help at all would be greatly appreciated.

**Mayor’s Report**

A thank you note was received from high school for the Eagle Scout project.

Water meters-all installed / activated.

Chili Supper- November 7 – this is a fundraiser for the Macon County Honor Guard.

**Approve bills over \$1,000**

<i>IML/RMA</i>	\$38,253.13	village insurance	General Fund
<i>Dunn</i>	\$55,201.62	overage	MFT
<i>Troy Page</i>	\$ 1,120.00	sand CA6	General Fund

Motion by Trustee Trusner to approve the above additional bills for a total of \$94,574.75. Trustee Vessels 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved 6-0

**Treasurers Report**

Treasurer Acree discussed. Motion by Trustee Trusner to approve the treasurer report. Trustee Eller 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved 6-0

**Budget Officers Report**

BO Laskowski was absent; Mayor Jenkins discussed. Motion by Trustee Vessels to accept report. Trustee Terry 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved 6-0.

**Old Business**

*Growery TIF*-Trustee Trusner opinion is we should change the TIF to growery 0% and dispensary 90%, or cancel it entirely. He doesn’t feel like it is going to be ready. Trustee Jackson questioned what does it hurt to give them another extension? Trustee Terry stated it doesn’t hurt us. Trustee Eller would like to see all structural building be done by January 2026; he is not opposed to an extension. Treasurer Acree wanted to make sure the board was aware anytime a change is made on the TIF, it costs the village money to have it modified. Rose Hupp said there is a lot of construction done inside; won’t have gas and electric for at least 3 weeks. She believes the inside of the building could be done by December;

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outside is almost complete. Trustee Vessels stated he is ok with the March extension. Kirshna said phase 1 will be 100% done by March. Motion by Trustee Vessels to grant and split individually the dispensary and growery; extend growery phase 1 to March 15, 2026; phase 1 complete and operating and certificate from State. Both 90% TIF. No Second. Motion by Trustee Vessels to approve extension to March 15, 2026, 90% dispensary and growery, benchmark certificate of occupancy and conducting business from state. Trustee Terry 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll call: Trustee Vessels, yes; Trustee Terry, yes; Trustee Bogan, yes; Trustee Jackson, yes; Trustee Eller, yes; Trustee Trusner, no. Approved 5-1.

**Public Works**

Jonathon Closs discussed his report. Trustee Terry questioned if there was less flow with the water since the new meters were installed. Mr. Closs said that shouldn't effect the flow.

**Zoning Officers Report-nothing to report**

**New Business**

*FFA Club*-Motion by Trustee Jackson to give this club \$22,000 to upgrade the welding booth. Trustee Eller 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved 6-0. Take the money from video gaming.

*Pops Place*-Mayor Jenkins stated the fire suppression system (\$6700) has to be done. Trustee Trusner said they have known this needed to be done for a few years. Trustee Jackson said Pops Place spent \$7000 on a new sign when they knew this system had to be repaired. She doesn't want to see them go out of business but does not feel this is a village issue. Mayor Jenkins said when you have a business, you need to put money back for issues like this. Trustee Terry and Trustee Eller feels the same way, this is not a village issue. Motion by Trustee Trusner to give Pops Place up to \$7,000 for the fire suppression system, CC Fire. Will need to bring invoice to Treasurer Acree when work is complete. Trustee Vessels 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved 6-0.

*SV/PTO Sunshine supplies*- Motion by Trustee Trusner to give them \$400 for this. Trustee Vessels 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved 6-0. Take the money from video gaming.

*SV/PTO Storm Science Assembly*-Motion by Trustee Eller to give \$1000 for this program. Trustee Vessels 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved 6-0. Take the money from video gaming.

*SV Primary Skating* -Motion by Trustee Terry to give them \$1350 for this program. Trustee Jackson 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved 6-0. Take the money from video gaming.

*Bulk Water Sales*-Billingsley has already checked on putting one on his property. He did ask for a break on water price. Village is ok with him building this.

*Business Loans* -village could loan money out and have businesses pay it back. If Board decides this is something they would want to do, would have to come up with paperwork.

**Committee Reports**

*Public Works*-nothing to report

*Ordinance* - nothing to report

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*Personnel – nothing to report*

*Business – nothing to report*

**Attorney** – attorney for EJ regarding right away for force main. Can lay in the roadway right away without getting an easement. Doesn't look like we can use their agreement. Attorney is working on this.

**Closed Session** – nothing

Storage unit property (new) is still waiting on state.

Motion by Trustee Trusner to adjourn. Trustee Vessels 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

Penny J. Allen

Village Clerk