

VILLAGE HALL OF HARRISTOWN

December 16, 2024

The Village of Harristown Board of Trustees held their monthly meeting on December 16, 2024 at 185 N. Kembark St, Harristown, IL. Trustees Kevin Vessels, Les Jenkins, Jay Trusner, Kurt Terry, Jeff Eller, Financial clerk Teresa Acree, Budget Officer Rick Laskowski, Attorney Joshua Dubbelde, Clerk Penny Allen and Mayor Evelyn Deverell were present. Trustee April Bogan was absent. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adopt Meeting Agenda

Motion by Trustee Vessel to adopt the meeting agenda and moving up Engineer (Seth) to the visitor section. Trustee Trusner 2nd. Approved 5-0.

Visitors

Engineer Seth-Milano and Grunloh discussed EJ Water agreement. He stated EJ Water approved the agreement.

MFT document will be filled out for the state.

CDS Grant -no update

IEPA Funding – no update

Exhibit provided to Attorney showing the sewer plant, connections, etc. How detailed plan does it need to be to go to EPA? Seth said they will work with Jonathon Closs on this. A lot of legwork still needs to be completed to get the plans ready to submit. Per Mr. Closs, the rehab of the lift station covers a lot. Seth said this will be detailed out in the plans. Currently there are sand filters and plans say will change to rock filters.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Trustee Trusner to approve the minutes from regular board meeting 11/25/2024. Trustee Jenkins 2nd. Approved 5-0.

Mayor Updates

New Village sign is going up Wednesday by Billingsley gas station. The new sign for the triangle is delayed as they are waiting for a breakaway sign

Next meeting will have codes to look at.

Frozen Spoons added to tax list. Mayor will check with Salon and if they sell products, if so, that will be taxable.

Treasurer Report

Treasurer Acree discussed. TIF fund will go back up-will take a couple of months.

Checks to Approve

Attorney	Legal services	\$ 1,260
Macon County Highway	salt	\$1,690

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Motion by Trustee Eller to approve above checks for \$ 2950.06. Trustee Terry 2nd. Approved 5-0.

Budget Officers Report

BO Laskowski discussed. Large bill was for the lift stations at West Main/Harristown Blvd. Motion by Trustee Vessels to approve report. Trustee Jenkins 2nd. Approved 5-0

Zoning and planning

Nothing to report

Public Works

Mr. Closs not present. Report distributed.

Old Business

Pop's Place – TIF request-Trustee Jenkins spoke with Cody Parks; anything inside is Pop's responsibility and anything outside is his (Parks). Trustee Trusner said he talked to Michelle (Pops place) and she said any upgrades, they have to pay for; structural issues, Parks have to pay for it. Trustee Jenkins thinks Village could help with the sign. Mayor indicated we can use business funds for this also, not just TIF. Estimate cost for sign \$9215.95 (electrical, approximately \$2800). The Board would like to help this establishment. Trustee Trusner suggested \$7000, Trustee Vessels suggested ½ sign \$4500, Trustee Jenkins suggested \$5,000. Motion by Trustee Vessel to give Pop's Place \$5,000 for their request from the business district funds to use however they want for their needs. Trustee Jenkins 2nd. Approved 5-0.

Park TIF payment for windows. \$40,000 for 4305 thru 4345 W. Main area. Agreement has been signed, specifies funds can come from TIF or business district fund. The Board would like to take from business district fund. Motion by Trustee Trusner to comply with agreement to replace windows for \$40,000 to be paid out of business district fund. Trustee Terry 2nd. Approved 5-0.

Waste Water Agreement-Attorney discussed EJ Water plans. He has received a very improved set of plans from engineer.

New Business

2025 meeting dates -Motion by Trustee Vessels to approve the below regular board meeting dates for 2025. Trustee Jenkins 2nd. Approved 5-0.

January 27	July 28
February 25	August 25
March 25	September 22
April 28	October 27
May 19	November 24
June 23	December 15

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Personnel Committee Nothing to report

Public Works Committee Nothing to report.

Finance Committee Nothing to report..

Ordinance Nothing to report.

Business Economic & Community

Motion by Trustee Trusner to give \$1500 to the Sangamon Valley Intermediate Schools for their skating program February 24 thru March 7.

Attorney

Attorney passed out draft ordinance to Trustees to look out regarding clarifying visitors to the Board meeting. He will change time limit to 5 minutes.

Attorney discussed involuntary Annexation procedure. The lot north of the pizza place is in Decatur. Parks would like it to be in Harristown but Decatur more than likely won't let that happen. The property in front of old pharmacy is now county. If we could annex that into the village then perhaps Decatur would swap Parks lot with this piece of property. Attorney said we need to do a survey, publish and do notices and have a hearing. Need to see if Decatur has started on annexation. Mayor Deverell questioned if the Village wants to incur costs for involuntarily annexation? Board requested Attorney to check if Decatur has started any proceedings on annexation.

Motion by Trustee Eller to enter closed session to discuss closed session minutes March 25, 2024 and September 12, 2024. Trustee Vessels 2nd. Approved 5-0.

Enter closed session at 7:35 pm.

Back to regular session at 7:38 pm

Two closed session minutes discussed, March 25, 2024 and September 12, 2024. Motion by Trustee Vessels to release March 25, 2024 closed session minutes. Trustee Trusner 2nd. Approved 5-0.

Trustee Trusner said the minutes of September 12, 2024 is not correct. Motion by Trustee Trusner that Mayor give the recorded tape to Clerk Allen so she can type them. Trustee Vessels 2nd. Approved 5-0.

Motion by Trustee Vessels to adjourn. Trustee Trusner 2nd. Approved 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm

Penny J. Allen

Village Clerk