

**VILLAGE HALL OF HARRISTOWN**

**April 22, 2024**

The Village of Harristown Board of Trustees held their monthly meeting on April 22, 2024 at 185 N. Kembark St, Harristown, IL. Trustees Les Jenkins, Kevin Vessels, Jeff Eller, Jay Trusner, April Bogan, Kurt Terry, Budget Officer Rick Laskowski, Treasurer Teresa Acree, Attorney Joshua Dubbelde, Clerk Penny Allen and Mayor Evelyn Deverell were present. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

***Adopt Meeting Agenda***

Motion by Trustee Vessels to adopt the meeting agenda. Trustee Jenkins 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved 6-0.

***Approval of Minutes***

Motion by Trustee Trusner to approve minutes of regular board meeting March 25, 2024. Trustee Eller 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved 6-0.

***Visitors***

None wished to address the board

***Treasurers Report***

Bills needing approved

Blue Cardinal	chemicals	\$ 1268.63
Attorney	legal services	\$ 1865.12
S&L	parts	\$ 1896.00
Hack	parts	\$ 3023.21
Gasvoda	outside labor	\$ 1785.75
General code	annual maintenance	\$ 1195.00
AEC	AED	\$ 2466.00
JCG	culverts	\$ 2054.26
	TOTAL	\$ 15553.97

Motion by Trustee Trusner to approve above bills in the amount of \$15,553.97. Trustee Vessels 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved 6-0.

***Budget Officers Report***

BO Laskowski discussed. Motion by Trustee Vessels to approve Budget officers report. Trustee Jenkins 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved 6-0. Motion by Trustee Trusner to approve as ordinance 24-04, 2024-2025 Budget. Trustee Jenkins 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved 6-0.

Page -2-

**Village Hall of Harristown**

**April 22, 2024**

***Zoning/Planning***

*Camp Wilson Church*-working on building permit

***Engineer***

Seth from Milano and Grunloh was present

*MFT -Suburban and other streets*-Dunn Company -bid of \$89,930.85, oil and chip streets. Motion by Trustee Vessels to approve Dunn's bid, which includes furnishing material, for \$ 89,930.85. Trustee Trusner 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved 6-0.

*Decommissioning Wells*-bid from Durbin Geo Thermal, includes everything \$ 15,300; Reynolds Well Drilling (did not include pulling pumps \$ 5046. Bid received from Troy Page for an estimate of \$4,000, to remove, break concrete and haul off old wells on Meridian. Waiting on bids from two other companies regarding the decommissioning of the wells. Motion by Trustee Vessels to approve Durbin Geo Thermal bid of \$15,300 to decommission both wells and pulling the well heads. Trustee Trusner 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved 6-0. Motion by Trustee Trusner to approve Troy Page's estimate of \$4,000, not to exceed \$4,000, to remove, break concrete and haul off old wells. Trustee Vessels 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved 6-0

*Water Service Line Replacement*-On list for funding.

*Mini Excavator*-engineer is helping to apply for a grant for this. Hope to get 15% off. Received three quotes: Kabota \$56,000; Kamatsu \$65,000 and Takeuchi \$66,740. Motion by Trustee Trusner to purchase the Kabota for \$56,000. Trustee Jenkins 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll call: Trustee Eller, yes; Trusner, yes; Jenkins, yes; Vessels, yes; Bogan, yes; Terry, yes. Approved 6-0. They also want to proceed with grant.

*Sewer Consolidation Agreement*-A list of questions need to be presented to EJ Water. Board wants to offer EJ Water a higher rate so they can come back with a counter offer. Do we need to add a clause for EJ Water to pay a portion of emergency work or needed improvements over a certain amount? Attorney suggests making them pay more for usage and then we would already have money for repairs in case they bail out. Trustee Vessels suggest start at .0030/cents per gallon, up to 1,500,000 /month so that gives them room to counter offer and .0040/cents anything over 1,500,000/month. The attorney will put something together

***Public Works***

Mr. Closs discussed report. Discussion was held on replacing the 2002 service truck. Trustee Bogan feels Mr. Closs needs to do more research on a new truck; need to get high and low figures and bring back to the board in 30 days. Mr. Closs has been instructed to do this.

***Old Business***

*AED*-has been installed at community/village hall

*Server*-do not feel this is needed for the size the village.

**Page-3-**

**Village Hall of Harristown**

**April 22, 2024**

*Microphones*-Mayor would like to have these for everyone. Trustee Terry will look into this.

*Bigger TV/projector*-Trustee Eller and Trustee Terry will look into this.

***New Business***

*Kate's Corner Café*-they have submitted a TIF application. Will be next to Pop's place in old ""junk"" shop. Projected cost \$60,000. They are asking the village for \$45,000 for TIF money (\$30,000 for machinery/equipment and \$30,000 for renovations) Owners are Megan Blair and Courtney Lowe.

***Personnel Committee***

*Health Insurance Quotes*-Cost for Village per employee is Blue Cross \$709 month/\$2,000 deductible, Health Alliance \$581 month/\$6950 deductible or \$709 month/\$2800 deductible. Illinois Rural Water is using another company called CBIZ. Previously we were paying \$631/month which included dental /vision. Trustee Bogan suggested not to use Blue Cross. She suggests looking into ETNA. The village will give employees free insurance and if they want to add their family, employee would have to pay for them. Mayor Deverell will continue to look.

*4 Day Work Week*- Mayor Deverell would like to offer Misty a 4 day work week for summer; a Wednesday off, and she would not get paid. Misty would really like to do this. Mayor would like to try this for the month of June to see if it works. Trustee Vessels suggests doing it all summer and posting the new hours.

*Financial Clerk/Village clerk/Deputy Clerk*-assigned to finance committee. Some things of Misty needs turned over to finance person. Attorney suggest someone from the Board to contact the Illinois Municipal League to ask questions. Tabled

***Streets and Alleys Committee***-nothing to report

***Finance Committee***-nothing to report

**Ordinance**

No violations.

Recodification of ordinance updates – it is ready. List of suggestions on changes—Mayor will send to Trustees.

***Water and Sewer***

*Bill due date*-currently it is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month; on the 16<sup>th</sup>, send out late notice with late fees. Water bills are now being done a week late to read them when WRC reads. The mail service is awful. Mayor questioned if we want to postpone the late fees? Trustee Jenkins suggested to make them still due the 15<sup>th</sup>, send late notices on the 16<sup>th</sup> but no penalty until the 31<sup>st</sup>. Mayor Deverell stated the average late fees per month is around \$600. Trustee Vessels agreed with Trustee Jenkins suggestion. Mayor Deverell will look at the billing system.

**Page-4-**

**Village Hall of Harristown**

**April 22, 2024**

***Economic Development***

*Wycklesfest*-resolution presented so IDOT can close Main St to Fairway Ave for festival. Motion by Trustee Trusner to approve as resolution 24-05, resolution for IDOT to close this street for festival Trustee Eller 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved 6-0

*Clean UP/recycling electronics day*-will be May 4<sup>th</sup> 0900-noon

*4th of July celebration*-will be held on June 29. Sangamon Valley league is having baseball games this day also.

*Sangamon Valley Football Team*-asked if the village could donate money to buy equipment. Motion by Trustee Vessels to give SV football team \$4,000. Trustee Trusner 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved 6-0.

*Park Update*-working on the playground equipment. Have not received grant yet

*Fitness Class*-free class will be held at community center on May 17, 2024

*Connxus*-will have an information/sign up meeting for residents.

*New logo/sign*-Mayor Deverell sent a letter to IDOT asking if we can put a bigger sign at triangle. Mr. Billingsley gave permission to put a sign at his business. Do we need a slogan? Should we have a contest for residents; get logo and slogan ideas from residents? Suggestion was made to go thru high school for logo.

***Closed Session minutes***-Tabled

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm

Penny J. Allen

Village Clerk