

VILLAGE HALL OF HARRISTOWN

September 22, 2025

The Village of Harristown Board of Trustees held their monthly meeting on September 22, 2025 at 185 N. Kembark St, Harristown, IL. Trustees Jamie Jackson, Jay Trusner, Kurt Terry, Jeff Eller, Kevin Vessels, April Bogan, Budget Officer Rick Laskowski, Attorney Joshua Dubbelde, Clerk Penny Allen and Mayor Les Jenkins were present. , Treasurer Teresa Acree was absent. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adopt Meeting Agenda

Motion by Trustee Trusner to adopt the meeting agenda. Trustee Eller 2nd. Approved 6-0.

Approve Minutes

Motion by Trustee Vessels to approve regular board meeting minutes from August 25, 2025. Trustee Trusner 2nd. Approved 6-0.

Visitors

Doris Mabry-she wanted to make sure everyone was aware of what was going on with the race track/casino. PITS is on her property and it is in the county but Sangamon Valley school district. The possible race track/casino would be east of here. She stated house value will go down. She said it appears they are keeping everything secret. She said Tabernacle Church was told they would buy their property and build them another church elsewhere. They will want to get access from Harristown Blvd. She feels impact of this would be negative. The vote is coming up again in early or late October. She feels like it needs to be noted that we don't want this, in her opinion. We won't be getting any money from it. Trustee Trusner questioned if the school district would benefit from this? She said to call her if anyone had any questions.

Mayor's Report

Study session-Trustee Trusner, Trustee Vessels and Mayor Jenkins met with a developer. He has some really good ideas.

Meter pits -Mr. Closs will be cleaning out meter pits.

Eagle Scout brought in her receipts

Water meters-will start installing on Monday

MFT – will start Wednesday

Bulk water – will discuss later on this issue

Buckeye- we have a draft agreement with them

Approve bills over \$1,000

<i>EJ Water</i>	\$ 1,650	replace water line	Water Fund
<i>Midwest Meter</i>	\$ 3,397	meter pits / lids	Water Fund

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Motion by Trustee Vessels to approve above additional bills for \$ 5047. Trustee Trusner 2nd. Approved 6-0.

No Treasurer report

Budget Officers Report

BO Laskowski discussed. Motion by Trustee Trusner to approve report. Trustee Terry 2nd. Approved 6-0.

Old Business

Kate's/Blue Spoon agreement-Do not have a list of items that may not be there any longer. Motion by Trustee Trusner to pass as resolution 25-10, consent of the assignment of the redevelopment agreement with Megan Blair and Courtney Lowe, Kate's Corner, to Donovan Marshner, Blue Spoon. Trustee Vessels 2nd. Roll Call: Trustee Trusner, yes; Trustee Eller, yes; Trustee Jackson, yes; Trustee Terry, yes; Trustee Bogan, yes; Trustee Vessels, yes. Approved 6-0.

Indus TIF Amendment-Mayor Jenkins talked to Kirshna about a needed definite date. Kirshna said to be safe, end of December will be completed. Trustee Trusner does not feel like we should give the growery a lot of TIF funding; we will not be getting much money from them for this. He would prefer to terminate the TIF. Perhaps rewrite it since they are in default and not offer as much; rewrite and just do dispensary. Trustee Terry stated we should leave dispensary as is and rewrite the growery to 30%. Trustee Eller agreed to 30% to growery. Trustee Vessels suggested we send a letter to him and tell him they are past the due date and are in default. Trustee Trusner noted that Kirshna has stated he wanted to be involved in the community but we haven't received anything from them. Trustee Eller said we don't want an empty building just sitting there. Motion by Trustee Terry to amend TIF agreement and give Indus until November 21st, 2025 and change to 30% of TIF revenue for growery and if not complete by November 21st, 2025, the agreement will be terminated. Trustee Bogan 2nd. Roll call: Trustee Jackson, yes; Trustee Eller, yes; Trustee Trusner, yes; Trustee Bogan, yes; Trustee Terry, yes; Trustee Vessels, no. Approved 5-1.

Tiny Houses-Mayor Jenkins talked to Rick Watts about this subject. Rick said these houses are normally not up to code. He does not believe we should have them; they can't be inspected while they are built. Trustee Eller does not see an issue with them; if it is your property, then you should be able to do it. Board decided to wait and see if someone requests a tiny house and asks for a variance; then would have a special meeting.

Engineers Report

Seth not here. Board ok'd for Mayor Jenkins to have Seth work up estimate costs for water main down Gravel Pit Road and the bulk water dispensing system.

Public Works

Jonathon Closs discussed his report. Working on leaks and water meter pits

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Zoning Officers Report-nothing to report

New Business

High School Yearbook ad – Motion by Trustee Terry to purchase a yearbook ad for \$60- ¼ page. Trustee Eller 2nd. Approved 6-0.

Scott State Bank – Motion by Trustee Trusner to remove former mayor Deverell personal email from Scott Bank. Trustee Eller 2nd. Approved 6-0

Lein 4455 W. Main St- letter received from attorney. Received check for lein amount but it has went up. Motion by Trustee Trusner to accept what they sent \$ 1022.66. Trustee Terry 2nd. Approved 6-0.

Committee Reports

Public Works-nothing to report

Ordinance - nothing to report

Personnel – *nothing to report*

Business – *nothing to report*

Attorney – discussed reverse mortgage on 6 Westway Dr. It will be for sale. Once sold, the village will be reimbursed for lein. Do not need to do anything at this time.

Trustee Terry discussed the house next to his property. He said there is a lein on it. Mayor Jenkins said it is \$75/day. Trustee Terry said he heard someone was wanting to buy this. Trustee Eller questioned the back taxes. Mayor Jenkins said he will check if taxes are paid.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm

Penny J. Allen

Village Clerk

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