

VILLAGE HALL OF HARRISTOWN

April 28, 2008

The Village of Harristown Board of Trustees held their monthly meeting on April 28, 2008. Trustees Walter Walker, Lorraine Roberts, Larry Cearlock, Gordon Schrishuhn, Bob Byers, Don Estep, Treasurer Charlotte Long, Budget Officer Rick Laskowski and Attorney James Johnson were present. President Ross called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of Last Meeting

Trustee Shrishuhn discussed items he did not think should be in the minutes; one was the comment of the pet cemetery. Trustee Byers said this item was brought up in the meeting and he felt it was ok to be in the minutes. Trustee Schrishuhn correction on page 1, should read reports due by Wednesday. Page 2, should read enter 1 year agreement with current auditor for 08. Attorney Johnson, last page should read no ownership of property near school. Motion by Trustee Cearlock to approve minutes with above corrections. Walker 2nd. Approved 6-0.

Police Report

Sgt Brown discussed monthly report. Tickets were discussed. Treasurer Long questioned how could she keep track of tickets? No copies are kept at the Village hall. The tickets say Village of Harristown on top so the money collected will be sent here. Treasurer Long will check with Tammy to see if she gets a list of tickets.

Visitors

Lloyd Davis – 212 Joynt Rd – discussed purchasing the easement just north of his house. The Village does not own this but he could not purchase it because it would then be landlocked.

Enbridge Pipelines – not present

Old Business

Animal Control-President Ross formed a committee consisting of Trustees Roberts, Cearlock and Byers to negotiate a new animal control contract with Randy Waks

Equipment for Right a way-Trustee Cearlock discussed the bill he received for the Villages' part for the mowing of the property by the sign (he gave it to Treasurer Long). A decision needs to be made whether to get own equipment and we do it or continue to pay outside contractor. President Ross is waiting for a return call from IML to find out if we are covered if we mow right a ways. Trustee Byers has no problem approving equipment but we need to know if we are covered. Motion by Trustee Schrishuhn to continue to split cost with Economic Development for mowing until we find out liability issue then decision will be made whether to buy own equipment. Byers 2nd. Approved 6-0. Whoever is mowing, needs to bring a certificate of insurance to the Village hall.

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Clean Up-President Ross discussed clean up day. 41 residents brought stuff to village hall, 10 tons from residents houses, 3 tons brought to village, 797 tires, 366 out of village. Hank VanVolkenburg took the Village tires in town for us. Trustee Byers suggested giving him something for doing this. President Ross will talk to Hank.

Payment of Bills

President Ross discussed the Staples account; said not paid for 90 days. Treasurer Long said she went out there to discuss. President Ross requested all the receipts. Do not send in the \$94.98 bill this month until this is looked at. Trustee Cearlock shows zero pay; his is all for taxes but this should still be shown on report. President Ross has not talked to Comcast yet regarding the monthly modem charge. Do not pay this. Peg has the original paper when this was hooked up showing we were not supposed to be charged. The Illinois Municipal League cost was discussed; seemed high. This was because of the billing cycle change. Will receive a bill in January for a full year.

<i>General Fund</i>	\$26,232.90
<i>Water Fund</i>	\$34,255.59
<i>Sewer Fund</i>	\$28,324.51

Motion by Trustee Walker to lump all together and approve payment. Cearlock 2nd. Approved 6-0. Motion by Trustee Cearlock to reimburse Tammy for mileage, going to post office/bank, 10 miles/day @ 0.44.5/mile, three times a week. Byers 2nd. Approved 6-0.

Treasurers Report

May, Cocagne and King billed Village for two questions that Treasurer Long and President Ross asked them. Treasurer Long found out we do not have a key to the safety deposit box. It will need to be drilled and new key made. Treasurer Long will call Blaine to find out when this can be done. Treasurer Long discussed update for Peachtree. Tabled until next month. Motion by Trustee Cearlock to accept Treasurers report. Schrishuhn 2nd. Accepted 6-0.

Budget Report

Motion by Trustee Schrishuhn to accept Budget officer report. Walker 2nd. Accepted 6-0. Motion by Trustee Walker to approve as ordinance 08-02 2008/2009 Budget. Schrishuhn 2nd. Roll call: Walker, yes; Roberts, yes; Cearlock, yes; Schrishuhn, yes; Byers, yes; Estep, yes. Approved 6-0.

Motion by Trustee Walker to approve special meeting minutes dated April 7, 2008. Byers 2nd. Approved 6-0.

Engineering

Dave Harp discussed the following

MFT –the award to Allied Asphalt was protested by Laborers International Union of North America. IDOT has dismissed the protest after investigating. Before Allied begins work, he must submit a substance abuse prevention program to the village. This is a new requirement of state law. He must also submit certified payrolls. Peg will call them.

BGM 08-015 advisory-There is an area of Cantrall St adjacent to the Village corporate limits. By statue, a municipal boundary adjacent to a township road must be extended to the far side of the roadway facilities. Even if the legal description of the corporate limits does not include the entire roadway, the municipality is responsible for entire roadway. There is a structure (box culvert) in area, which will be Harristown's responsibility. He has requested information and inspection reports but has not received them.

Comprehensive planning-capitol improvement list he put together is part of comprehensive plan. A planner would be better to use for projects, such as the Lincoln homestead. Will need input from Board and public. President Ross formed a comprehensive planning committee; Trustees Shrishuhn, Cearlock and Byers.

Public Works Department

Peg asked if she was to order batteries for the storm siren on Western Ave. Trustee Schrishuhn talked to Mark Freeman to see if he wanted to replace the batteries (he works for the city of Decatur). He doesn't have a bucket truck though; he is to look at sirens and let us know. Tabled. He said the city of Decatur replaces theirs before they go bad. Trustee Cearlock questioned if solar panels could be used. Trustee Schrishuhn suggested making a schedule and replacing one a year. Motion by Trustee Byers to replace all the batteries in all the sirens. Estep 2nd. Approved 6-0. Trustee Schrishuhn would like Mark Freeman to look at them and give us a price. Peg would like some of the trustees to look at Wyann Road (beside firehouse); the road is in bad shape again because of the big trucks. She doesn't think the village should have to fix the road again.

New Business

John Brownlee from Harristown Fire Dept reported July 4 as the tentative date for the fireworks display. Niantic said they are not having a display so this will not interfere with their celebration. President Ross will check with them to make sure. Motion by Trustee Walker for the Village to give \$10,000 (includes insurance) Roberts 2nd. Approved 6-0. The quote received from S & N was \$8990, including insurance. Amended motion by Trustee Walker to up to \$10,000. Roberts 2nd. Approved 6-0 as amended.

President Ross reported the building inspector requested another raise. Trustee Schrishuhn feels the village needs a new building inspector. Trustee Byers said if you get someone to meet all the qualifications listed on form, the village will be paying a lot of

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money for a new inspector. Peg suggested making a flat amount for an inspection; example, one fee for new home inspection, one fee for sheds. Tabled until next month.

Traffic Lights – 36/72

IDOT called Peg and said they were sending forms to be signed by Village. They said they couldn't request a certain kind of controller but the Village could. Peg drafted a letter but said she could not send until approved by Board. The contractor called her and said they were not using that kind of controller. There is a reimbursement process for the lights. The village is responsible for maintenance. If something goes wrong, we have to notify someone to fix it. They would bill the Village and we would have to pay and then send the bill to the state to get reimbursed. IDOT has a strict payment cycle. They sent an agreement to sign. Trustee Byers said IDOT is the one that made the decision to put the light there and now they want us to foot the bill. What if we don't sign it? Motion by Trustee Cearlock for Attorney Johnson to draft a letter to IDOT telling them it will be IDOT's responsibility for the lights, not Harristown's. Estep 2nd. Approved 6-0.

Attorney Johnson


The real estate west of the grade school is owned by Carol Craig (trustee). Motion by Trustee Estep for Attorney Johnson to contact her. Cearlock 2nd. Approved 6-0.

Trustee Estep questioned property at McQueen's. President Ross said they would be looking at this and the Village.

Question was asked about the zoning at PITS-Doris Mabry. She is asking to change from agriculture to residential (house only)

Motion by Trustee Walker to adjourn. Schrishuhn 2nd. Approved 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.


Penny J. Allen
Clerk