VILLAGE HALL OF HARRISTOWN
April 28, 1997

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Harristown held their monthly meeting April 28, 1997. Trustees Melene Page, Rose Ross, Scott Sullivan, Joe Waller, Betty West, Lyle Meador, Treasurer Charlotte Long, Budget Officer Rick Laskowski, and Attorney James Johnson were in attendance. Trustee Scott Sullivan called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Trustee Sullivan presented a appreciation plaque to Trustee West. The Village Clerk then swore in the newly elected officials; President Mike Mathis, Trustees Lyle Meador, Joe Waller, Walt Walker, and Treasurer Charlotte Long and the new Board was seated.

Minutes of Last Meeting

Motion made by Trustee Waller to approve the minutes. Page second. Approved 6-0.

Visitors

Kathleen Jensen - 3rd Street - discussed drainage problems in her farm ground (east of Old Harristown) due to broken field tile.

Sue Bolt said this broken field tile causes water to flow into her basement.

President Mathis requested Trustee Walker and Trustee Ross to look at this drainage problem and give recommendations.

Reed Wright - 185 Anchor Road - discussed the recycling facility by Anchor Road. He is very upset and wants something done. He said it is a fire hazard as well as a health hazard.

Becky Nave said she had contacted EPA about the recycler but they have not responded.

President Mathis distributed copies of the state statue regarding litter to the residents of Anchor Road. Attorney Johnson said the residents should call the Sheriff out and show them the facility and the state law. Trustee West suggested contacting the City of Decatur because they have a contract with Waste Hauling and there should be certain provisions that Waste Hauling should be required to follow.

Mary Sigmon, Anchor Road, gave President Mathis a written complaint about semi trucks. She has had two confrontations with semis not moving and blocking the road.

President Mathis will talk to Decatur Mayor Howley about the Waste Hauling contract with the city. Becky Nave will be the spokesperson for this group. President Mathis said they will work as a group to get these problems corrected.

Old Business

Budget Proposal
Motion by Trustee Meador to approve the budget for fiscal year May 1, 1997 to April 30, 1998 for the Village of Harristown. Ross second. Approved 6-0.

Development Report
President Mathis distributed letters he sent to Senator Severns and Representative Noland. No new information on development.

Storm Sirens
President Mathis spoke to Dan Sanner and grants are approximately 4-5 weeks away.

Pay Bills

General Fund $10,802.97
Motion by Trustee Sullivan to approve payment. Ross second. Approved 6-0.

Water Operations and Maintenance $2,635.42
Motion by Trustee Sullivan to approve payment. Meador second. Approved 6-0.

Sewer Operations and Maintenance $ 604.30
Motion made by Trustee Meador to approve payment. Sullivan second. Approved 6-0.

Treasurers Report
Motion by Trustee Meador to accept the Treasurers Report. Page second. Accepted 6-0.

Treasurer Long questioned if the Board wanted to retain the current auditors, Sleeper, Drisbrow and Lively. Motion by Trustee Meador to retain these auditors. Waller second. Approved 6-0.

Treasurer Long questioned if the Board wanted to retain the current insurance company, R.D. Hughes. Motion by Trustee Meador to retain this insurance company. Ross second. Approved 6-0.

Treasurer Long asked if the Board would be willing to pay a $40.00 membership fee so she could apply for membership to the Illinois Municipal Treasurer Association. Motion made by Trustee Meador to approve this fee. Ross second. Approved 6-0.

Treasurer Long asked if the Board would pay for a conference for her to attend for newly elected

officers in Springfield. This conference has an $80.00 fee. Motion made by Trustee Meador to approve Treasurer Long's fee and anyone else on the Board that was interested in attending. Sullivan second. Approved 6-0.

Treasurer Long reported on the insurance audit. They questioned why the Zoning Board members were not listed. Attorney Johnson advised they be added to workmans compensation because if something happened the costs could be extreme. Treasurer Long will give this list to the auditors.

Water and Sewer

Peg said Jenner wants an exemption sewer fee. They will pay for the extra meter. Motion made by Trustee Meador to approve the exemption sewer fee for Jenner Corporation. Walker second. Approved 6-0.

Peg is going to flush the hydrants in May after checking with Decatur on their nitrate levels.

The fence is repaired at the sewer plant.

.e results are not back yet on the quality on the #1 well. Peg received a bid for electric radios at the #1 well so it could be operated from the water plant; cost approximately $5000.00.

Police Officer
Steve Stopher, President of the Village of Niantic,discussed the possibility of a co-op between Harristown and Niantic on a police officer. He said grants are available to help with the expense. These grants are for a three year period (have to reapply after three years) for a total of $75,000.00. The Village has to assume 25%. Mr. Stopher said the tickets issued in your municipality are deducted from your quarterly payment. President Mathis would like to set up a session with a Niantic committee and a Harristown committee and discuss this issue. Mr. Stopher said they were having a regular Board meeting Thursday and he will get a committee established.

Ordinance, Housing and Land Committee

President Mathis said the codification man wants to meet with him and discuss some of the recommendations that Les Allen made. President Mathis asked Trustee Sullivan to get his codification items together for the meeting.

Zoning Board
President Mathis offered the appointment of Mike Maskrey as a Zoning Board member as there is a vacancy since Mr. Walker has been elected a Board Trustee. Motion by Trustee Meador to cept this appointment. Waller second. Approved 6-0.

Lorraine Roberts reported on the YMCA issue. She said Mr. Seiplinga informed her a new complex is being built but will probably not be complete until November.

President Mathis and Trustee Waller will canvass the Village for junk car offenders again.

Streets and Alleys

President Mathis requested someone go through the Village at night and see where additional lighting is needed.

Trustee Ross reported a water cover off on the west side of Meridian (county 21). President Mathis will talk to Bill Monson about this.

Personnel

Motion made by Trustee Page to enter executive session to discuss personnel pay raises. Walker second. Approved 6-0. Board entered into executive session at 8:51 p.m.

Board returned to regular session at 9:09 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Walker to approve retainer fee for Attorney Johnson for $4800.00. Meador second. Approved 6-0.

Motion by Trustee Meador to give the following employees the following raises effective pay period 5/4/97. Peg Bright, $1002.00 per year, Linda Tucker, $0.40 per hour, Bob Coggan, $0.25 per hour, Frank Trimby, $0.25 per hour. Walker second. Approved 6-0.

New Business

Attorney Johnson will have a draft of the liquor ordinance at the next Board meeting for the Trustees to look out.

Correspondence

President Mathis said the water surveys that were returned all indicated they would rather have an increased bill than go with Decatur water.

Waste Hauling / Anchor Road Usage

Motion by Trustee Meador for Attorney Johnson to file against the owner of the semi-truck in violation if the state does not do anything. Walker second. Approved 6-0.

Trustee Waller suggested the Board look at fines in the Village and possibly raising them.

President Mathis will be out of town May 1,2,3,4 and appointed Trustee Sullivan President pro-tem.

President Mathis said after the next Board meeting, the Board would go through executive session minutes and see which ones could be released.

A newsletter will be sent out at the end of June. Have articles submitted by the end of May. Attorney Johnson suggests putting the ordinances just recently passed in this newsletter.

The Library Board asked for the use of the Village Hall for a meeting at 7:00 p.m. on May 15, 1997 because their normal place was unavailable.

Motion by Trustee Walker to purchase four new Illinois Municipal League handbooks at $25.00 each. Ross second. Approved 6-0.

President Mathis reported he had spoke to Mr. Swartz of the Illinois Municipal League regarding Senate bill attachment 11-18. This amendment will state in villages less than 5000, if the Board cannot reach an agreement for Village President, they can go to the Village at large and appoint one.

Attorney James Johnson

Litigation for Ekiss and O'Dell is scheduled for June 9, 1997.

Motion by Trustee Meador for Attorney Johnson to file complaint with Recycling for violation of anti-refuse ordinance 12-204. Walker second. Approved 6-0.

Motion by Trustee Meador to adjourn. Ross second. Approved 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 10:06 p.m.

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