

VILLAGE HALL OF HARRISTOWN
August 25, 2014

The Village of Harristown Board of Trustees held their monthly meeting August 25, 2014. Trustees Lloyd Davis, Mark York, Tammie Acree, Cody Endrizzi, Bob Byers, Budget officer Rick Laskowski, Treasurer Charlotte Long and Attorney Johnson was present. Trustee Don Estep was absent. Mayor Ross called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of Last Meeting

Page-2 under James Johnson – should read SB507 resolution signed but opposed. Motion by Trustee York to approve meeting minutes with above correction. Davis 2nd. Approved 5-0.

Police Report

Deputy Owens discussed.

Visitors

No one present wished to address board.

Authorizing paying of bills

<i>General Fund</i>	\$29,955.47
<i>Water Fund</i>	4,455.60
<i>Sewer Fund</i>	2,366.12
<i>MFT</i>	62,441.35

A question was asked regarding Midstate Overhead Doors; who authorized and ordered the remote for the village hall door? No one knows who approved or ordered this.

Central Management Health insurance-Trustee Byers questioned if we were still paying for David Lyons? Mayor Ross requested to have this cancelled this week.

Motion by Trustee Acree to approve the payment of bills with the additional \$30 added to water fund for Roger Cox. York 2nd. Approved 5-0.

Treasurers Report

Motion by Trustee Endrizzi to table the Treasurer's report until next month. Byers 2nd. Approved 5-0.

Budget Officer Report

BGM road maintenance program MFT \$2,720.12 posted to his report but do not see where check was wrote for the Board to approve. Budget Officer Laskowski also distributed a police report showing hours, gas, expenses for the last 14 years. Motion by Trustee Davis to accept budget officers report. Byers 2nd. Accepted 5-0.

Old Business

Attorney Johnson passed out the Village of Harristown/Village of Niantic sheriff department intergovernmental agreement. Deputy Owens said they want all the contracts to read the same; difference he sees is new agreement lists the salary/hours. Attorney Johnson said if we go with the new form we would need to have another agreement with Niantic. Trustee Endrizzi stated this would have to be updated every year as we give the deputies raises. Trustee Byers does not understand why we have to sign agreement. Trustee Endrizzi believes it is because of the sheriff departments auditor. Mayor believes a board meeting needs to be scheduled with Officer Butts to discuss this; he will be at next regular board meeting to discuss this agreement.

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Trees in Alley-1st and 2nd street-Mayor Ross still waiting on return call from Ameren.

Engineers Report

Village received notice from IEPA that village is in danger of being issued a violation notice not complying with National Pollutant Discharge Elimination system phase 2 storm water rules. Tim Hauk needs to fill out form. First came out we were included in Decatur; lobbied with IEPA to remove us from Decatur's urbanized area. Tim spoke with IEPA about this. He was told that a form to request a waiver from the storm water requirements should be available on the IEPA website next week. Harp said a waiver does require some testing.

Mike Bell -state representative popped in and introduced himself and then left.

Dave Harp suggested Peg's letter from February 2004 and Keller response from EPA saying we do not have to be part of this be sent to them. Harp will do this on Village letter head

Superintendents Report

Chatterbox is working good; has been hooked up over a month. He will get in touch with company and find out the cost.

Tim goes back to the doctor in November.

New Business

Trustee York questioned when the raising of the water rates be implemented? Attorney Johnson said will need to know the new rates because a new ordinance will have to be passed with these new rates. It was decided to have these rates effective December 15, 2014; February billing.

Personnel

Trustee Acree wanted to look at going thru a temp agency and waiting on more applications before hiring someone for Lana's position but she was not able to do this as someone was hired before she could. Attorney Johnson said Mayor Ross had the authority to hire someone since this was an emergency situation. Heather Urbanowicz received three days of training.

Attorney Johnson

Motion by Trustee Acree to approve as ordinance 14-06, speed limit on Green Street changed to 15 mph. Byers 2nd. Roll call: Davis, yes; York, yes; Endrizzi, yes; Acree, yes, Byers, yes. Approved 5-0.

Motion by Trustee Byers to approve as ordinance 14-07, combining zoning and hearing officer. York 2nd. Roll call: Davis, yes; York, yes; Endrizzi, yes; Acree, yes; Byers yes. Approved 5-0.

Letter sent to Joe Reed (281 S. Joynt) regarding pigeon cages/several violations

Letter sent to Heidi Ashworth-210 N. Kembark regarding illegal burning; fined \$75.

Letter came back; she never picked it up. Board would like Mr. Johnson to follow up on this.

No progress on McQueen property; Attorney will start process for demolition.

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A petition must be submitted for the vacating of the street in front of Lloyd Davis' house.

Motion by Trustee Acree to enter closed session to discuss Personnel issue. Davis 2nd.
Approved 5-0. Entered closed session at 8:55 p.m.

Back to regular session at 9:33 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Byers to adjourn. York 2nd. Approved 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:34 p.m.


Penny J. Allen
Clerk