# VILLAGE OF HARRISTOWN
## January 22, 2007

The Village of Harristown held their monthly meeting on January 22, 2007 at the Village hall. Trustees Walter Walker, Lorraine Roberts, Larry Cearlock, Stan Boulware, Bob Byers, Don Estep, Treasurer Rhonda Mitchell, Budget Officer Rick Laskowski, and Attorney James Johnson were present. President Rose Ross called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes of Last Meeting**
Motion by Trustee Cearlock to approve the minutes. Walker 2nd. Approved 6-0.

**Police Report**
Jeff Busch discussed the monthly police report

**Visitors**
Larry Cearlock reported on the Economic Development group. They would like to put a sign on the billboard promoting the villages of Harristown and Niantic and referring people to contact the Economic Development group. This cost would be split between the Economic group, Harristown and Niantic. They would like this to be on a trial period for 6 months depending on the response generated. Cost would be approx $300-$350 for this period. Motion by Trustee Byers to try this for 6 months and pay a third of the cost as long as Economic group and Niantic share in the cost. Amended by Trustee Estep, funds need to come from the designated fund. Boulware 2nd. Approved 6-0.

**Payment of Bills**

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| *General Fund* | *$26,082.83* |
| *Water Fund* | *$ 7,608.88* |
| *Sewer Fund* | *$ 1,712.29* |

Motion by Trustee Walker to consolidate all bills and approve for payment. Cearlock 2nd. Approved 6-0.

**Treasurers Report**
Motion by Trustee Cearlock to accept the Treasurers report. Roberts 2nd. Accepted 6-0.

**Budget Officers Report**
Motion by Trustee Boulware to accept the Budget Officers report. Byers 2nd. Accepted 6-0

**Engineers Report**
Dave Harp reported the bidding document is ready for Board approval. The bid will be slightly higher than originally reported due to costs. Would advertise in mid February, open bids March 20, award contract 3/26,execute contract 4/23, and issue notice to proceed last part of April. Motion by Trustee Walker for BGM to advertise the project. Cearlock 2nd. Approved 6-0.

**Streets and Alley Committee**
Nothing new to report

**Ordinance, Housing and Land Committee**
Board authorized the publication of ordinance for zoning for automotive business.

**Personnel Committee**
Nothing new to report

**New Business**
Petition filing begins 1/29

President Ross reported on "meet the candidates" on March 20 at the Harristown Grade school. Also, this same night, volunteers will be recognized. Let her know if there is someone you want to nominate.

United Way dinner is being held; $30/plate/$300 table. If interested, see President Ross

**Attorney Johnson**
A letter was received from Gietls'attorney. Dave Harp will look at this letter. Mr. Harp said he had looked at the culverts under Macon Street and did not see any evidence of erosion. He will assist Attorney Johnson writing a letter in response to their attorney indicating we have addressed their problems.

Munsterman – letter sent to her about the hole giving her 30 days to comply. It has been 30 days and nothing done. Board requests another 30 days are given to her because of bad weather.

Felter – letter sent to him regarding his old shed. He is in the process of tearing it down

Boliard, Kaufman, McQueen – enforcement started

Buxton – work in progress per President Ross

Clem / Clem – President Ross not sure what has been done with these two properties.

Reed – discussed the pigeons. Lady called President Ross and said she is allergic to feathers (this property backs up to hers) and she had a dead pigeon in her yard. No permits were issued for the 3 sheds he has on his property. Trustee Estep suggests not allowing pigeons within the Village. Board requested the Sheriff to ticket Reed for not getting permits for the 3 sheds. Attorney Johnson will look at what legal actions can be done regarding the pigeons.

The Sangamon Valley high school requested support for their post prom event; President Ross said Village couldn't give to it.

Motion by Trustee Cearlock to enter into closed session to discuss personnel policies. Boulware 2nd. Approved 6-0.

Entered into closed session at 8:40 p.m.

Back to regular session at 9:35 p.m.

Bill Duffer reported that Mark Faught wants to have a meeting with the planning committee to discuss Partridge Trace. President Ross will contact Mr. Faught.

Trustee Byers asked if the old police car would be posted for sale? Yes, once the new one arrives. He suggested getting rid of the old truck also.

Trustee Roberts questioned the next drainage study. It was suppose to be Krasdale addition and now the Board is discussing old Harristown. President Ross said if two projects were needed, then that is what would be done.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

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