

VILLAGE HALL OF HARRISTOWN

January 26, 1998

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Harristown held their monthly meeting January 26, 1998. Trustees Walt Walker, Rodney Hofferkamp, Rose Ross, Scott Sullivan, Joe Waller, Lorraine Roberts, Treasurer Charlotte Long, Budget Officer Rick Laskowski and Attorney James Johnson were in attendance. President Mathis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of Last Meeting

Motion by Trustee Walker to approve the minutes from December 15, 1997. Sullivan second. Approved 6-0.

Visitors

Laura Hughes - 8170 West Second - discussed and presented pictures of various residents in Old Harristown with debris and garbage visible. She was concerned also with the shooting of guns from a neighbor that is only one block from her property. She has contacted the Sheriff but they informed her this would be a Village issue. Attorney Johnson said the Village has no jurisdiction in this area. President Mathis will look into this issue.

Attorney Johnson

Partridge Trace complaint has been prepared. Copy has been sent to Danbury's lawyer and an answer is due in late February. Claim is approximately \$127,000.00 per Attorney Johnson.

Waste Hauling has complied with the violations that were filed against them. The negotiating of a fine is now in process. Mr. Johnson feels the most the Village would get is \$100.00. The plea is scheduled for March.

Attorney Johnson does not know if the disorderly conduct summons against Butler has been served yet.

Charles Brown has until February 3, 1998 to be in compliance. Attorney Johnson thinks Mr. Brown may have filed an appeal.

Attorney Johnson distributed a model municipal telecommunications maintenance fee ordinance for the Trustees to look at and discuss at the next meeting.

Visitors (continued)

President Mathis asked Trustee Waller to canvass old Harristown and compile a list and pictures of residents in violation of debris ordinance. The Village will send out letters to residents not in compliance before the next Board meeting.

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Visitors (continued)

Michael Wylie questioned the car in the adjoining neighbors property. President Mathis indicated the Village ordinance needs to be looked at and revised if necessary.

Attorney Johnson departed the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

Old Business

Copying Fees

Trustee Ross checked fees in surrounding communities. The majority of them charged between 15 cents to 25 cents per copy. Motion by Trustee Ross to charge \$1.50 per page for certified documents and 15 cents per page for regular copied material. Waller second. Approved 6-0.

Drainage - Twin Lakes

Trustee Hofferkamp talked to Daniel White from IDOT. Mr. White feels the problem may be with the ditches. A report will be sent to the Village from IDOT. President Mathis would like Board approval to have BGM to look and shoot a grade on these ditches. Ditches may have to be made deeper.

Tornado Sirens

President Mathis was contacted by Phil Anello for documentation that the Village will take care of the maintenance of these sirens once they are installed. President Mathis read the letter he prepared to send to Mr. Anello. Motion by Trustee Ross for the Village to assume the maintenance and approval of the installation of the tornado sirens. Walker second. Approved 6-0.

Final Codification Bill

Tabled until next month.

Pay Bills

General Fund \$15,874.88

Motion by Trustee Walker to approve payment. Waller second. Approved 6-0.

Water Operations and Maintenance \$ 3,491.90

Delete Decatur Industry \$346.00 and transfer to Sewer fund. Motion by Trustee Sullivan to approve payment with the above deletion. Hofferkamp second. Approved 6-0.

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Sewer Operations and Maintenance \$ 356.03

Treasurer Long reported that Illinois Power has billed the Village incorrectly. She is in the process of getting this bill straighten out. Motion by Trustee Walker for Treasurer Long to pay the Illinois Power bill once it is correct. Sullivan second. Approved 6-0. Motion by Trustee Sullivan to approve payment of the Sewer bills. Ross second. Approved 6-0.

Treasurers Report

Treasurer Long omitted the CD for the Water Fund; need to add \$61,130.24. Motion by Trustee Walker to accept the Treasurers Report with the above addition. Hofferkamp second. Accepted 6-0.

Treasurer Long questioned if Linda Tucker is to receive holiday pay. Motion by Trustee Ross to approve holiday pay for Linda. Roberts second. Approved 6-0.

Zoning Board

President Mathis offered the appointment of Wayne Felter as a new zoning board member, to replace Lorraine Roberts. Motion by Trustee Waller to accept this appointment. Walker second. Accepted 6-0.

Personnel

President Mathis reported on the hiring of Kathy Moore to train for Linda Tuckers job and fill in for vacancies. Motion by Trustee Walker to approve the wage of \$6.75 per hour to Kathy Moore. Ross second. Approved 6-0.

Bonding

President Mathis requested the clerk to set up the bonding of Kathy Moore, Maryilyn Baer and Rick Laskowski.

Treasurer Long said the auditors discuss every year the internal control of the Villages' money. The auditors say that Treasurer Long should not be depositing and handling the money since she keeps the books. President Mathis requested Budget Officer Laskowski to see what guidelines need to be followed and report at the next meeting.

Budget Officer Report

President Mathis asked the Trustees if there are any major road improvements that may be needed so it can be added to the budget and if there is any thing else, let him know.

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Water and Sewer

Pegs Report

The fuel tanks are scheduled to be removed Wednesday 1/28/98; will know then if any contaminated soil will have to be removed.

Dan White from IDOT submitted a form last year wanting to know if the Village would take over Suburban Road. Peg said it will cost the Village money because this road is not in good shape. It was the Boards decision not to take over the road at this time.

Motion by Trustee Walker to have BGM prepare the bid and draw up the spec for rock and oil for the Village which this work to be done not before the 1st of July but be complete by the time school starts by the third week of August. Ross second. Approved 6-0.

Approval of Budget Officer Report

Motion by Trustee Ross to accept the Budget Officers report. Walker second. Accepted 6-0.

Water Plant Expansion

Dave Harp from BGM discussed the expansion. He presented two forms that needed approval. These was for a resolution for a representative to sign loan documents and a resolution to sign for flood insurance. President Mathis would be the representative for both of these. Motion by Trustee Walker for President Mathis to sign the resolution agreement and be authorized to sign all loan documents. Roberts second. Roll call: Walker yes, Hofferkamp yes, Roberts yes, Ross yes, Sullivan yes, Waller yes. Approved 6-0. Motion by Trustee Walker for President Mathis to sign the resolution agreement for flood insurance. Waller second. Roll call: Walker yes, Hofferkamp yes, Roberts yes, Ross yes, Sullivan yes, Waller yes. Approved 6-0.

Design

Mr. Harp recommends not to drill a new well; delete this from the original plan. He also suggests deleting the additional radio. The radios the Village now use are being phased out. The approximate cost for a new radio is \$7,000 to \$8,000.

Changing the treatment process

Mr. Harp suggested an aerating process for a cost of approximately \$120,000.00. He feels this will be much better. Peg feels this would be a good improvement; she said we are the only Village she knows that doesn't use aeration. Mr. Harp suggested one additional softener, two new filters and an aeration system for an approximate cost of \$350,000.00. It was the Boards desire for BGM to drop the drilling of a well, add an aeration system to the water plant design and defer the radio until later in the project and see where we stand on the balance of the money. President Mathis asked Peg to call Brotke and ask them if any damage would occur if we had a well rehabilitated and not use it until the expansion project is complete.

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Ordinance, Housing and Land Committee

President Mathis requested Trustee Sullivan to schedule a meeting with Attorney Johnson and discuss the junk car ordinance.

Peg said someone is needed to issue building permits while Linda is gone. President Mathis suggests calling Linda and having her talk them (Peg, Kathy, Marilyn) through the process. If help is still needed, call either himself or Trustee Sullivan.

Peg discussed the high nitrate levels that Decatur is experiencing. She said it may be a problem for Harristown next week if Decatur is still having high levels. She will check on the levels on Monday and proceed with the next steps if necessary.

Books (costs for Zoning and Ordinance)

The purchase price for the ordinance book only will be \$20.00, zoning book only \$7.00 and for a binder with both, zoning and ordinance, \$25.00.

Finance

President Mathis requested Trustee Ross to see what interest rate could be obtained from a local bank for a six month and one year \$100,000.00 CD. Treasurer Long will arrange for Al Fagin from Edward Dean Jones to be at the next Board meeting.

Personnel

President Mathis requested Trustee Roberts to check into a retirement system for the Village employees and report at next month Board meeting.

New Business

Police Grant

Tabled until next month.

Fourth of July Celebration

President Mathis asked Tonya Jones to set up a committee for a Village celebration for the 4th of July.

Correspondence

President Mathis would like to have a CIMOA membership. Motion by Trustee Ross to pay the membership fee of \$25.00 for President Mathis to join. Sullivan second. Approved 6-0.

Dog Complaint

President Mathis distributed a complaint he received from Bob DeCota regarding his neighbors

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Dog Complaint (continued)

(Trueblood) dogs. Motion by Trustee Waller for Attorney to file complaint against Trueblood for violation of the leash law. Walker second. Approved 6-0. Trustee Sullivan said a Village ordinance reads a resident can not have more than three dogs. President Mathis will talk to the Attorney about this issue and see if the Truebloods fall under this ordinance before sending them a letter about this issue (more than three dogs).

Laura Hughes questioned how long does it take from the time a complaint is issued until it must be in compliance. Trustee Walker said it is very time consuming. President Mathis said it usually takes from four to six months.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:34 p.m.


Penny Allen
Clerk