

VILLAGE HALL OF HARRISTOWN
June 27, 2011

The Village of Harristown Board of Trustees held their monthly meeting June 27, 2011. Trustees Walter Walker, Mark York, Cody Endrizzi, Lloyd Davis, Bob Byers, Budget officer Rick Laskowski, Treasurer Janice Wright, and Attorney Drew Wetherford were present. Trustee Don Estep and Attorney James Johnson were absent. Mayor Schrishuhn called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of Last Meeting

Motion by Trustee York to approve the minutes of 5/23/11. Walker 2nd. Approved 5-0.

Police Report

Deputy Owens discussed report.

Visitors

Bill Lyons-140 S. Birks Street-discussed the water drainage problem in his area. He was questioning the Board's plan for this. The water stands in his yard. He said the road is built up and the water has no where to go. He said there is a bad tile. Mayor Schrishuhn informed Mr. Lyons since this tile is on private property, the board cannot do anything; it is the resident's responsibility to repair. Mayor Schrishuhn said village will be cleaning the ditch and installing a bigger culvert. Peg cannot find the property pins. She said the only thing she can do is to measure from meter pit to meter pit. Mr. Lyons stated he does not think it would do any good to fix tile as it is blocked further down. He said he would be willing to help pay for the material if the Village was willing to fix this tile. Mayor Schrishuhn said the Board will continue to study this issue.

Sarah Dunham-7830 W. Williams St-discussed the closure of Harristown's post office. She was told the only thing we could do would be to contact our congressman. She is willing to circulate a petition. It was suggested the Village send a letter with this petition when it is completed.

Steve Gambrill-fire chief-Harristown fire department-he wanted to thank the board for providing the funds for the fireworks display. They really appreciate the support from the board to provide this for the community.

Authorizing paying of bills

General Fund \$14,721.73

Water Fund 5,159.20

Sewer Fund 4,323.93

Motion by Trustee Walker to approve payment of bills. Endrizzi 2nd. Approved 5-0.

Treasurers Report

Treasurer Wright is not sure what amount she is suppose to be paying everyone. She will pay the officers their back pay on their July checks. Motion by Trustee Byers to accept. Walker 2nd. Accepted 5-0.

Budget Officer Report

Budget Officer Laskowski discussed. Motion by Trustee Davis to accept Budget officers report. Endrizzi 2nd. Accepted 5-0.

Old Business

Drainage Camp/Birks/Joynt/old Harristown--Mayor Schrishuhn discussed and Board needs to take action to try and correct. Motion by Trustee Byers to have a qualified individual look at this. Walker 2nd. Approved 5-0.

Water well sites- Dipper came to agreement on some of the terms. He gave agreement to his attorney and Mayor Schrishuhn has passed on to Attorney Johnson. Attorney Wetherford said they have not heard back from Dipper's attorney. Mayor Schrishuhn did ask Attorney Johnson to perform a title search. It showed Mr. Dipper had previously sold exploration rights on the land for coal/oil. Attorney Johnson said this has since expired and will have no impact on what the Village wants to do.

Personnel Policy-A committee meeting was held on June 2, 2011 to reconsider the policy. See attached minutes on committees recommendations. Question was asked if comp time can be given and if we wanted to have that option. Attorney Wetherford said he was not prepared to issue a statement on this but will look into it. Trustee Byers stated at last meeting, Attorney Johnson said it was illegal to pay comp time. He is getting tired of the Board making decisions one meeting and then at the next meeting, change the decision again. What happens if someone has 8 weeks left and decides they want to take it all at once or at the end of the year so they don't lose it? This needs to be looked at. Motion by Trustee Walker to table this issue. Byers 2nd. Approved 5-0. Mayor Schrishuhn told Peg to continue as she is doing now until something is decided.

Engineers Report

Pump station improvements-Tabled. Have not received their paperwork.

UV Disinfection system- construction permit applications have been sent to IEPA for review and approval. Dave Harp reported last year when village was told if we installed an UV system, we would not have to abandon well #1. Now we are being told that no one at EPA spoke to the correct person in charge regarding this. There are no standards, only guidelines; they go by a case by case basis. There is a lot involved that was not communicated; operation and maintenance of this alone plus continuous readings and monthly items that need to be performed. Now we are being told we would have to have two units, not just one. Violation notice has been closed but the UV system has to be installed by end of year; this is not going to be approved by end of year. Trustee Byers suggested getting estimates from Decatur to see what it would cost to go on their water. Mr. Harp reported next week, one of the equipments manufacturers will be here and invited village members to meet with him and discuss. Mayor Schrishuhn would like to explore the water supply with Decatur; what kind of terms would be involved; no commitments just receive information. Dave Harp said the village would have to disconnect the treatment plant if we went to Decatur on full time basis. Peg said Decatur

would also have to boost their pressure in order to fill our tower; they would have to install a booster pump. The Board requested Mayor Schrishuhn to explore the options with Decatur. Mr. Harp stated as long as progress is being made, EPA said the date can be pushed out.

Superintendents Report

West Main St Lift Station-down to one pump, discharge piping blew off wall for #1 pump. Estimate for replacing piping/fittings/check valve/cable holders, etc \$12,426.00, from Vandevanter Engineering; this does not include electrical work. There are electrical problems in cabinets also. Mayor Schrishuhn believes we should consider rebuilding as we need a pump station no matter what. Trustee Byers said why not consider using Decatur's sewer system? Peg said piping on both pumps should be fixed; not sure how long the other one is going to last; could get by with the electrical panel if we have to. Motion by Trustee Endrizzi to standardize and get recommendations and bids for new pump, same brand, same operating but different sizes. Walker 2nd. Approved 4-1.

Propane@ sewer plant-It is time to lock in the price for the propane. Peg said it is not required by EPA to have a generator on site. A portable generator is ok or a rental as long as the Village has a plan. Trustee Byers believes a portable generator would be good to get.

Filter problems-sewer plant-Peg said she will update later on this

Drainage-Camp/Birks-Peg found property pins for Camp St. Had to measure from meter pit to meter pit for Birks; could not find property pins.

Storm drain on 2nd St-paperwork says must be 8 foot deep. Village cannot dig this deep will need a contractor.

Peg cleaned out ditch on Heather/William streets.

Attorney

McQueen-Mayor Schrishuhn said June 15th was inspection day for this property. Rick went on June 16th to inspect and Chris Lewis was not there. Rick did look at the outside. Mayor Schrishuhn said a lot of progress is being made; replaced roof, windows, ceiling joists, hanging drywall. He suggested giving them until 7/16 since he is making good progress.

Buxton-Trustee Byers said property has been cleaned up but has not noticed lately. Mayor Schrishuhn said to hold off until we have an update.

Pugsley-holding off sending notice to Pugsley/Nave regarding storing of equipment. Mayor Schrishuhn will talk to Pugsley to see if he is selling property to Nave. Attorney will wait until he has an update.

Boring under railroad tracks-Still waiting on response from them

Ordinance violations-one dismissed; had cleaned up. Other one obtained a judgment of \$150 plus court costs.

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Motion by Trustee Walker to adopt as ordinance 11-05 prevailing wage. York 2nd. Roll call: Davis, yes; Byers, yes; Walker, yes; York, yes; Endrizzi, yes. Approved 5-0.

Attorney still needs list of foreclosed houses; Mayor Schrishuhn will get this to him

Trustee Byers reported the alleys need to be worked on. There are also street signs and stop signs that need repaired/replaced.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.


Penny J. Allen
Village Clerk