

VILLAGE HALL OF HARRISTOWN
March 26, 2001

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Harristown held their monthly meeting March 26, 2001. Trustees Walter Walker, Rodney Hofferkamp, Lorraine Roberts, Joe Waller, Rose Ross, Treasurer Charlotte Long, Budget Officer Rick Laskowski, and Attorney James Johnson was in attendance. President Mathis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of Last Meeting

Correction on page 3, should read "Roberts" seconded motion, not Ross. Motion by Trustee Hofferkamp to approve the minutes with the above correction. Waller second. Approved 5-0.

Old Business

President Mathis recommended the appointment of Scott Sullivan as Trustee to fill the vacated spot of Dave Miller. Motion by Trustee Hofferkamp to appoint Scott Sullivan as Village Trustee. Walker second. Approved 5-0. Clerk Allen swore Scott Sullivan in.

Visitors

Lu Beeson-Harristown Depot discussed the expansion of her business. She would like to erect a 60X42 pole barn to the east side of the present building. There is an easement that is vacated and nothing is recorded in Macon County as to who is the owner of this property. President Mathis suggested she make a formal petition and present it to the Board so an investigation can begin.

Charles Baker-7970 Fourth Street questioned the leash law for the Village. Attorney Johnson explained a dog can be on their own property without a leash, but once it is off its' property a leash is required. Mr. Baker questioned how many dogs can residences have on their property? According to the Village ordinance, 3 dogs but an exception is if there is a litter, then can have up to 5 months with more than 3 dogs. A resident, Greg Hearn, was sent a letter on 2/13/01 in violation of this ordinance. He was given 30 days to comply with the 3 dog limit. President Mathis requested that the deputy issue a citation to Mr. Hearn if still in violation on his next patrol. Mr. Baker asked about large tree limbs, does the Village clean them up? President Mathis said in the past, after a storm, if the resident puts the limbs by the curb, the Village will pick them up. Mr. Baker also discussed dog droppings. It states in ordinance 3-1-2, droppings would be picked up by the owner of the dog, it was their responsibility. A letter will be sent to Mr. Hearn, listing what needs to be done.

Police Report

Lydell Kallenbach gave the monthly police report. Ed Culp is gone until 3/31/01.

Payment of Bills

General Fund

\$7,423.56

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

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Water Operations and Maintenance \$5,299.34

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

Sewer Operations and Maintenance \$9,221.86

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

Treasurers Report

Motion by Trustee Ross to accept the Treasurers Report. Roberts second. Accepted 6-0.

According to the Illinois Department of Labor, if an employee works over 7 ½ hours, they have to have a 20-minute lunch break within 5 hours. Trustee Roberts said according to the personnel file this can not be wrote in. Also, need to change the personnel policy for office people to read 9:00 to 3:00, instead of 8:30 to 3:00.

Aramark said their bill was correct. There was a 6% increase and according to the contract the Village signed, they have the right to raise the fees.

Budget Officers Report

Budget Officer Laskowski distributed the final budget proposal. President Mathis suggested bumping up the sewer (repair of leaks, televising) to \$20,000.00. This will be done and the budget will be put on display for public viewing before final passage.

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

Water and Sewer

Superintendents Report

Well #1 is shut off, using well #2. Steve is coming out to see what can be done with the problems Peg is having at the water plant.

President Mathis suggested looking at grants available to locate another well for the Village.

Dave Harp-BGM- said as soon as Burdick resubmits their insurance bond; they will begin work at the sewer plant.

Ordinance, Housing and Land

Attorney Johnson distributed the ordinance regarding the attendance of Trustees at Board meetings. An addition of "any absence of a trustee more than two times a calendar year, a financial deduction will be in effect" was added to the ordinance. Motion by Trustee Ross to accept as ordinance 01-02, policy regarding the attendance of Trustees at Board meetings. Walker second. Roll call, Walker yes; Hofferkamp yes; Roberts yes; Waller yes; Sullivan yes; Ross yes. Approved 6-0.

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Motion by Trustee Ross to approve as ordinance 01-03, administrative policy. Walker second. Roll call; Walker yes; Hofferkamp yes; Roberts yes; Waller yes; Sullivan yes; Ross yes. Approved 6-0.

Streets and Alleys

The Streets and Alleys committee held a study session on 3/21/01 to discuss yield signs. Attorney Johnson will draft a change for ordinance 01-01.

Amos Durbin-Economic Development-gave a report on his committee. He reported that the census indicated that Harristown had an increase. His committee is also taking an active part in the Holiday Inn development.

New Business

President Mathis informed the Board they need to look at the appointments of Amos Durbin and Rick Laskowski and consider if they want to continue with these appointed positions.

Correspondence

Trustee Hofferkamp will attend a SAIL seminar. Motion by Trustee Ross to pay the seminar fee of \$50.00 for Trustee Hofferkamp to attend. Walker second. Approved 6-0.

Attorney Johnson

Nothing new to report.

Motion by Trustee Ross to approve the minutes from the two study sessions, Budget held on 3/12 and the Streets and Alleys on 3/21. Roberts second. Approved 6-0.

Motion by Trustee Ross to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel issue. Waller second. Approved 6-0. Board entered into executive session at 8:35 p.m.

Back to regular session at 8:50 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Hofferkamp that no action be taken from the executive session meeting. Roberts second. Approved 6-0.

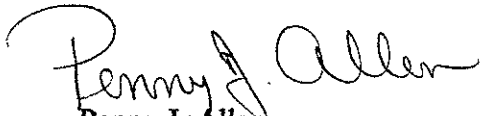
Trustee Waller questioned Treasurer Long if the Village ever received the fine money, she stated that we had.

Trustee Hofferkamp discussed the old elevator in Harristown. He found a website that may have grant money available to demolish it. President Mathis will check this out and give a report at the next meeting.

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Motion by Trustee Walker to adjourn. Sullivan second. Approved 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.


Penny J. Allen
Clerk