VILLAGE HALL OF HARRISTOWN
March 23, 2009

The Village of Harristown Board of Trustees held their monthly meeting March 23, 2009. Trustees Walter Walker, Lorraine Roberts, Larry Cearlock, Gordon Schrishuhn, Bob Byers, Don Estep, Treasurer Charlotte Long, Budget officer Rick Laskowski, and Attorney Jim Johnson were present. President Ross called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of Last Meeting
Regular session minutes 2/23/09; correction pg 4, delete word "enter".
Motion by Trustee Walker to approve the regular session minutes 2/23/09 (with above correction) and special meeting minutes 2/27/09. Schrishuhn 2nd. Approved 6-0.

Police Report
Deputy not present – report distributed

Visitors
Lori Ridlen was present to request the renewal of her special use permit for a dog kennel – no changes have been made at this residence (West Main). Motion by Trustee Byers to extend the special use permit for 5 years. Schrishuhn 2nd. Roll call: Walker, yes; Roberts, yes; Cearlock, yes; Schrishuhn, yes; Byers, yes; Estep, yes. Approved 6-0.

Payment of Bills

General Fund	*$15,547.70*
Water Fund	*$108,413.46*
Sewer Fund	*4,223.61*

Trustee Cearlock questioned BGM costs; this was for water, sewer, and storm water advisory. Motion by Trustee Schrishuhn to approve all bills. Walker 2nd.Approved 6-0.

Treasurers Report
CD interest paid the 1st of March. Motion by Trustee Walker to accept the treasurer's report. Roberts 2nd. Accepted 6-0. Treasurer Long questioned why Linda Mathis and Bill Williams are considered employees but Nick Smith is not. There is no written contract with him. Attorney Johnson said Nick Smith should give the village a copy of his insurance. He also recommended getting a contract with these individuals. Tabled. Trustee Schrishuhn questioned the money out of the water fund ($100,000). Treasurer Long said it is not on this one; have not received money yet.

Budget Officers Report
President Ross reported the tornado siren repair was not covered by our insurance.Trustee Schrishuhn will request something in writing from the repair man that it was possibly hit by lightening and turn that into the insurance company to see if they will then cover. Study session for the 2009-2010 operating budget is scheduled for April 6, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. Motion by Trustee Schrishuhn to accept budget officer's report. Walker 2nd. Accepted 6-0.

Old Business
Trustee Schrishuhn questioned why Tammie was calling the insurance on the siren issue. He does not feel like this is her job. She needs more information before she can do some items. President Ross said she will call the insurance company. President Ross asked if any board member wanted to attend a meeting in Springfield on April 22. This is to meet with congress people and senators. She is going...no other member requested to go.

Engineers Report
Water advisory-well site-Trustee Schrishuhn has been provided a contact phone number for Sharon R. Bangert; property directly west of Beatty property that was previously considered a well site. He met with Kent Bangert; he said the pipe company wants to go across his land also. He has not signed anything. He wanted to know what kind of compensation the village was willing to give him. Trustee Schrishuhn said it would be $200 test hole, established well $1500 and $500/year lease. Trustee Schrishuhn thought it would be better to let the pipe line go through first. Trustee Schrishuhn said he thought it was worth more than being offered. Trustee Walker suggested $1000/year lease. Motion by Trustee Estep to pay $200 per test hole, $1500 established well plus crop damage, and $1000/year lease. Cearlock 2nd. Roll call: Walker,yes; Roberts, yes; Cearlock, yes; Schrishuhn, yes; Byers,yes;Estep,yes. Approved 6-0.

Storm Water advisory-Main and Wood Street drainage. A meeting was held on site March 11, 2009. Attendees Mr. Rozanski, Mr. Stahl, Trustee Byers, engineer Dave Harp and President Ross. Consensus was that Mr. Rozanski does not have the means to perform necessary grading work himself, but he would be willing to grant village a temporary easement to perform the work. Easement documents have been prepared and have been sent to village attorney and Mr. Rozanski. Plans are currently being revised and specifications prepared for competitive bidding. Cost approximately $35,000 (culvert and grading, if no field tiles problems,etc).Motion by Trustee Schrishuhn to pursue this as described by Mr. Harp. Cearlock 2nd. Approved 6-0.

Pump Station improvements-Additional pump tests at Rt 36 pump station have confirmed that station suffers from conditions that aren't allowing it to function properly from a hydraulic standpoint. New design criteria for this pump station will be to install the largest pumps possible that will not overload the downstream sewers. Dave contacted IEPA for guidance on whether or not valve vaults are required for existing pump stations undergoing renovation. Their response is that no permits are required if you are replacing same kind. If a permit is necessary, IEPA will require the pump station to be brought up to current standards, i.e. separate valve vault provisions for alternative power supply, wet well 25' from water mains, and other requirements. Dave strongly recommends bringing the pump stations up to current standards. If board requests, he can prepare plans and specifications to minimize upgrades. Plans specifications should be ready for permit submission by next board meeting. Village needs to decide how project will be funded. If

stimulus money through an IEPA load is objective, a pre-application must be submitted before March 31. This is not a guarantee of stimulus funds. They are recommending projects seeking stimulus funds should be capable of taking bids in August of this year. One of the major requirements is preparing a facilities plan, which is a detailed engineering report, justifying the project. It takes time to prepare and time for IEPA to review. Must be approved by IEPA before loan agreement can be written. Loan would pay for design and construction but not cover the cost of facilities plan, which could be as much as $30,000. Dave may get stimulus money but should not count on it. He said the pump size could be increased but would need a permit; would be a faster stream but not bigger stream. Route 36 pump out of capacity;needs to be replaced. Peg said get in flow and in filtration stopped, this would be fine. Motion by Trustee Byers to table this until the sewer is televised. Walker 2nd. Approved 6-0.

Superintendents Report

Peg reported the lift station at plant had a pump fail. We had a back up pump and took this pump in for repair. Decatur Industrial estimating it will cost $5000 to repair (said it was not economic for it to be repaired). We do not have any spare pump at the present time. Peg will check with the Decatur sanitary district to see if they have one we could borrow if we needed it and ask Decatur Industrial to extend the price for 30 days. Tabled until next month.

The main in old Harristown was videotaped; there is too much grease buildup. This will have to be jet vac'd. Bodine can jet vac at $220/hour; probably be at least 4 days. Peg would ask telescan to go behind them to make sure they are getting the grease vac'd out and able to televise.

New Business

Trustee Shrishuhn discussed storing records on sight. Cost for installing a computer in office on a network (up to 5 people), remote station and to store items here, cost approximately $1,580 for computer/software (500 gb) plus $100 to $200 for a monitor. The village would have to have a website, cost $200 set up/annual registration $10/year and a company to monitor website, $8.00/month. Trustee Byers does not understand what advantage this will be to the village or the purpose. No motion made.

Annexation petition- Memorial Drive/Union School-there was mixed response from residents in this area wanting to annex. There was not enough interest to pursue this issue.

Internet Cable-Trustee Byers was informed as of April 1, if the Village does not sign up as a business, internet will be shut off. They said free internet was only a courtesy for the first few months. Motion by Trustee Cearlock to purchase $59.95 package (6 Mbps) from cable company. Walker 2nd. Approved 6-0.

Attorney Johnson
Rozanski – temporary easement

Jessie Owens – deputy arrived. Reported the patrol on 1st Street on monthly report was for looking for someone

New Business
Trustee Byers reported Delbert Thomas-Western Ave-contacted him regarding bringing in a semi truck on his property to use as storage. He wants to take off the wheels and use like a cargo unit. Trustee Byers could not find anything in the ordinance book about this, nothing regarding sizes. Could this be considered a temporary shed and not need a foundation? Trustee Estep thinks this would start a trend where residents bring in semi trailers for storage units. Trustee Byers questioned how to watch these to make sure they syayed nice, i.e. no advertising on them, rusty. Would that be considered a nuisance? Currently, there is no ordinance stating residents cannot have this. Trustee Estep thinks if it is not built or intended for residential storage, it should not be allowed. Attorney Johnson said he will check into this and with other villages and draft an ordinance. Deputy Owens said it could be considered an inoperable vehicle. Trustee Byers said the resident could license it and then it wouldn't be illegal. Board did not approve this. Trustee Byers will tell Mr. Thomas he cannot bring this semi truck to his property.

Trustee Shrishuhn questioned President Ross about John Duffers' shed he built. President Ross said Tammie sent him a letter to tell him the cost has doubled and he has to come to the village hall within 7 days or this will be turned over to the sheriff.

President Ross reported the village rummage sale will be 2nd Saturday in June, June 13. Village clean up day will be Saturday June 20; everything must be on curb by 10:00 a.m.

Motion by Trustee Cearlock to adjourn. Schrishuhn 2nd. Approved 6-0.

Meeting adjourned 9:25 p.m.

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