

VILLAGE HALL OF HARRISTOWN

May 30, 2001

The Village of Harristown held their monthly meeting on May 30, 2001. Trustees Walter Walker, Rodney Hofferkamp, Lorraine Roberts, Rose Ross, Scott Sullivan, Stan Boulware, Attorney James Johnson and Budget Officer Rick Laskowski was in attendance. Treasurer Rhonda Mitchell was absent. 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. Hofferkamp second. Approved 6-0.

Visitors

No visitors wished to address the Board.

Police Report

Detective Culp read his monthly report. The new squad car is in transit and should be here early next week. A check will be issued for \$19,500.00 and available for him to pick it up on Friday. Peg gave him a complaint about garbage trucks; a ticket was issued to one for not being tarped.

Payment of Bills

General Fund \$24,565.14

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

Water Fund \$ 4,065.07

TMI, \$65.00, should be transferred to the sewer fund. Closs Electric, \$72.17, should also be transferred to the sewer fund. Badger should read "Midwest Meter". Motion by Trustee Walker to approve payment with the above deletions. Roberts second. Approved 6-0.

Sewer Fund \$ 881.08

Need to add TMI, \$65.00, and Closs Electric, \$72.17. Motion by Trustee Hofferkamp to approve payment with the above additions. Sullivan second. Approved 6-0.

Treasurers Report

The auditor has received everything they need for the Village audit. Everything has been turned over to new Treasurer Mitchell. Motion by Trustee Ross to accept the Treasurers Report. Boulware second. Accepted 6-0.

Budget Officers Report

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

Water and Sewer

Superintendents Report

The storage tank and tower needs to be cleaned, inspected and painted. A bid of \$3000.00 was received from Watertower Paint and Repair. This is the company the Village has hired in the past. The Village could be on Decatur water for up to a month if any repair work needs to be performed. Motion by Trustee Walker to hire Watertower Paint and Repair for the inspection of the storage tank and tower for a bid of \$3000.00. Ross second. Approved 6-0.

Peg distributed a form she prepared for residents purchasing a modular home. She hopes this will clear up some of the confusion for people about modular homes/ doublewide mobile homes. Attorney Johnson suggested changing signature of seller to read "manager/agent for seller"; everything else looked good. Peg will check if there is a spec sheet available to attach to this form for the residents.

Two estimates were received for office cleaning. R.D.McMillan, \$80.00 per month and Pink of Perfection, \$90.00 per month. Motion by Trustee Walker to hire R.D.McMillan. Ross second. Approved 6-0.

Peg has a list of properties that need mowed. President Mathis asked Peg to check that they are still not in compliance and then mail a weed letter to them. If still not in compliance after letter has been sent (after allotted time), take a picture and the deputy will issue a citation. President Mathis will check out the McQueen property for a follow up on a complaint regarding a building that is ready to fall in.

Personnel Committee

The Personnel Committee held a study session on 4/30/01 at 4:00 p.m. The committee recommended the following pay increases:

Peg Bright	from \$630.76 to \$668.56
Bob Coggan	from \$7.60 to \$8.06 per hour
Kathy Moore	from \$8.50 to \$9.01 per hour
Janet Keenan	from \$6.50 to \$6.89 per hour
Frank Trimby	from \$6.00 to \$6.36 per hour

Newly hired, Craig Lyles, start at \$6.00 and after 6 months, increase to \$6.35.

A 5% increase for Attorney Johnson, from \$4800.00/ year to \$5040.00 / year.

Motion by Trustee Roberts to approve the above Personnel Committees' recommendations. Sullivan second. Approved 6-0.

New Business

Wayne Felter discussed the grain elevator in Harristown. A letter dated 1996, stated it was a health, safety hazard and it needed to be torn down. A condemned tag has been

placed on the building. Attorney Johnson stated it is up to the property owner to either bring this structure up to code, or have it torn down. If the Village takes over, a lien can be put against the property. The Village would have 3 years to try and get the money back or take this property. Chassetta Munsterman, property owner, stated she does not have the money to demolish it or bring it up to code. President Mathis formed a committee with Trustees Boulware, Ross and Sullivan to work on this project and see what can be done. They will report at the next Board meeting.

Wayne Felter, zoning board chairperson, reported he is one person short on the zoning board. He recommended Charles Baker for this position. Motion by Trustee Walker to appoint Charles Baker as zoning board member. Boulware second. Approved 6-0.

Correspondence

The bank pledges have been received.

Dave Harp, BGM, presented a change order for the sewer project. It is \$250.00 less, now \$146,386.00. Motion by Trustee Ross for President Mathis to sign this change order, Boulware second. Approved 6-0.

A check will be issued for S and N Fireworks to be picked up at the Village Hall on Friday.

Attorney Johnson

Mr. & Mrs. Dickmans' ditch work has been completed; Peg said it looks ok.

Motion by Trustee Ross to approve as ordinance 01-05, 5 stop signs at these locations: Birks/2nd, 4th/Snyder, 1st/Snyder, Birks/3rd east, Birks/3rd west. Boulware second. Roll call, Walker yes, Hofferkamp yes, Roberts yes, Ross yes, Sullivan yes, Boulware yes. Approved 6-0.

Motion by Trustee Walker to adopt as ordinance 01-06, impound dogs/cats that are deemed a nuisance. Ross second. Roll call, Walker yes, Hofferkamp yes, Roberts yes, Ross yes, Sullivan yes, Boulware yes. Approved 6-0.

Trustee Hofferkamp recommended a stop sign at Twin Lakes (northbound) and William Street. Attorney Johnson will draft an ordinance for this.

Trustee Hofferkamp will give Peg a list on areas with high bushes / trees so she can send a letter to the property owner.

Motion by Trustee Walker to adjourn. Ross second. Approved 6-0.
Meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.


Penny J. Allen
Clerk