Village of Harristown

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December 21, 1987

The Board of Trustees held their regular monthly meeting Monday, December 21, 1987 at the Village Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by W. E. Burks, with Walter Walker, Betty West, Amos Durbin, Harold Cochran and Clerk Maryilynn Baer in attendance.

Walker moved that the minutes of the November meeting be accepted, second by Cochran. Burks asked that part of paragraph 13 be deleted - ''Burks told Vest they were not to be read until April". Minutes accepted.

Durbin asked if other trustees had inspected the Larry Russell property on West Main. Consensus was that material/debris had been re-arranaged but not cleaned up - property was still unsightly. Attorney Johnson was instructed to send a letter to the Russells' explaining the position of the board - if they have questions or comments they may present them at the January board meeting.

Motion by Walker, second by Cochran to accept Treasurer's Report as presented. Accepted.

December bills were presented for payment:
General Fund - $6523.27 - motion by Walker, second by Cochran. Approved.
Water O & M - $1498.08 - motion by Durbin, second by Walker. Approved.
Sewer O & M - $ 902.39 - motion by Walker, second by Cochran. Approved.

Durbin reported that the steel door had been installed at the water plant by Carl Grant. Motion by Durbin, second by Walker to pay his bill of $736.00 plus $3.60 for new lock plate - total bill $739.60. Approved. Discussion followed - new door was not insulated as was old door - Walker stated specs did not specify insulated door - Durbin said the proposal had received approval of the board and that suggestions or corrections should be made at the time of letting of proposals, not following completion of work. He will check with Grant about new door - was he not aware door was insulated or did he receive wrong door in ordering?

Discussion of installation of water/sewer lines at NobleBear Building (former Karch building). Motion by Durbin to accept recommendation of Village Engineer regarding installation, second by Walker. Approved. ("Without any more digging in the streets, allow sewer service to remain a combined service with one downspout to be blocked off. Water service on Meridian Street at the Northwest corner of the Karch building will service that building. The service in front of the buildings will service the metal building that is now owned by NobleBear".)

Discussion of need of ordinances stipulating licensed plumber is necessary for water or sewer connections to village mains. Mitchell stated that State Plumbing Licensing Act requires all connections to municipal lines be by a licensed plumber or by the Village. Property owner may run own lines to the Village mains. Motion by Walker, second by Durbin to amend Water/Sewer Ordinances to read that the Village requires State Licensed Plumber who is bonded to the Village to make connections of property Owner's lines to the Village mains with the supervision of Village personnel. Approved. Attorney Johnson will require Article III, Section XIV of Sewer Ordinances and write a new Article for the Water Ordinances.

Motion by Durbin, second by Walker to pay Illinois Rural Water Association dues of $32.50 for January-June 1988. Approved. (They are in the process of re-doing oilling cycles; Village will be billed in June for one year.)

Vest gave his report. EPA inspection of water plant facilities was December 17; a report will be sent to the Village. He reported that Harristown Township had an older style V-plow that could be used on the road patrol - there would be no cost to the village for the plow - any cost would be for connecting the plow to the truck. Motion by Walker, second by Cochran to obtain V-plow from the Township. Approved.

Discussion as to why pit meters and remote meters were not read for December billing as stated in the November minutes. Motion by Walker, second by West that pit meters and remote readers were to be read for the December billing period within five working days. Approved.

Attorney Johnson presented the Prevailing Wage Ordinance #12-21-87 for board approval. Motion by Walker, second by West to approve as prepared. Approved 4-0.

Durbin reported he had attended the Clean Community Projects dinner in Decatur as a representative from the Village - 1988 agenda was presented to the communities. He also reported that brochures on Cross Connections were included in the December village newsletter.

Durbin reported that the overhead garage door had been ordered and would be installed by Carl Grant upon arrival. He had requested bids from three electrical firms for the wiring for the door opener and had received one bid from Cummins Electric for $105. Motion by Walker, second by West to accept bid of Cummins Electric. Approved.

Cochran and Durbin went to Springfield to Royal Parkway Dodge and received a bid of $9311.58 for a Dodge 150 pickup, Glacier Blue, as per specs printed in Herald & Review. Motion by Walker, second by West-to accept bid with $8700 coming from Revenue Sharing budget and balance of $611.58 from Special Capital Account. Approved.

Motion by Walker, second by Durbin to purchase five hams as Christmas bonuses for Village employees. Approved.

Burks reported Personnel Committee would meet in January when Tangney has completed his present schooling schedule.

Durbin reported there was a leak in Vest's office - he called Carl Grant to check into this. He asked about painting board room/office area and was given board authorization to ask for bids.

Durbin presented the AT&T Spirit Phone System recommended for the Village office - four phones, wiring and installation, extra jacks, two phone number listed in the directory - $2141 with a monthly maintenance contract extra. Motion by Walker to purchase Spirit System second by West. Approved.

Motion by Walker, second by Cochran to adjourn meeting - meeting adjourned at 10:17 p.m.

Maryilynn M. Baer, Clerk