

**Village of Millstadt Board Meeting
Village Hall
October 17, 2005
7:30 pm**

The meeting was called to order by President Bruce Nowak with the following Trustees answering to roll call: Al Lehr, Linda Lehr, Joel Mueth, Mike O'Donnell, Larry Toenjes and Milton Touchette. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion was made by Al Lehr and seconded by Mueth to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2005 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCES

None

COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS

Toenjes stated the bills have been reviewed. A motion was made by Toenjes and seconded by O'Donnell to approve the bills as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATION

Toenjes noted he was reviewing the health insurance policy. Toenjes stated he would call the provider to see if they can hold the rates for a month while he reviews the coverage and co-pays. This policy would save the Village up to \$16,000.

PUBLIC WORKS- SEWER, WATER, REFUSE, AND MOSQUITO CONTROL

Al Lehr reported plans for the sewer plant are coming along well. Sludge will be hauled in the next week or two. The tank will be power washed to prevent bacterial growth. Fire hydrants were going to be flushed but there was a water leak yesterday and today.

In regards to the intergovernmental agreement for water between Millstadt and Dupo Flynn stated he has not heard back from the Attorney of Dupo regarding the changes requested. A motion was made by Al Lehr and seconded by Mueth to allow the mayor to sign the intergovernmental agreement upon approval by the mayor, Village Attorney and Village Engineer. Al Lehr, Mueth, O'Donnell, Toenjes and Touchette voted in favor of the motion. Linda Lehr abstained.

Tracy Holmes reported that three houses were missed this morning in trash hauling.

PUBLIC WORKS- STREETS, ALLEYS AND SIDEWALKS

O'Donnell noted he would following through with the questions from Zion Church.

Stan Jarvis reported the leaf removal program would start on Monday October 24th. A notice will be in the paper. Bluffside Farms will receive the leaves. Jarvis also noted in the first edition to Alpine Trails the water main would be filled tomorrow.

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PUBLIC WORKS- PUBLIC BUILDINGS, MAINTENANCE AND EQUIPMENT

O'Donnell reported he had received a preliminary lease from the Millstadt Historical Society for the jail. The MHS will maintain the inside of the building and the Village would maintain the outside. O'Donnell asked for requests for changes from the Board. Touchette suggested the lease be the same length of the library instead of the 15 years suggested. A motion was made by Touchette and seconded by Linda Lehr to table the discussion for review until the next meeting.

O'Donnell stated he had received another bid for the closet area. Holmes noted 3 people looked at the job, but only two bids have been received. O'Donnell will call Tom's Building and Repair to check on whether painting was included in the bid. The bids were for \$2,880 from Tom's and \$3,093 from Gasser's.

CABLE SERVICES AND CELL TOWERS

HTC Technologies has visited the office to work with Connie Hess on getting the website up and running.

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND ANNEXATIONS

None

PARKS, POOL AND RECREATION

Mueth reported the final monthly Park Board meeting was held. The group reviewed the items that were not completed that they would have liked. That list will be passed on to the maintenance crew.

CEMETERY

None

COMMUNITY CENTER

Linda Lehr reported there were remaining appointments left for flu shots on November 4th. The apple butter fundraiser was a success. All of the 131 quarts and 81 pints were sold. The St. Louis Post Dispatch featured the Community Center and what it does. The Police Dept. has been going to the Community Center to give regular updates. Chief Wilkerson stated that they share what has occurred in the past two weeks and address any concerns the Program participants have.

PLANNING COMMISSION

None

PUBLIC SAFETY

None

BUILDING COMMISSIONER

Steve Muskopf reported the following building permits were submitted since the last board meeting:

- 4 Danube Dr.- Patio Cover

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- 407 W. Harrison St.- Single Family Residence
- 13 and 17 Jotham Court- Duplex
- 124 Benham Dr.- Single Family Residence
- 3287 Veranda Court- Deck
- 129 Benham Dr.- Fence
- 132 Benham Dr.- Fence

OLD BUSINESS

Toenjes reported on the IEM energy procurement contract proposed to switch the Village to more cost effective energy rates using energy alternatives. The contract has been sent to Village Attorney Mike Flynn to eliminate a few items on it. Toenjes is waiting to hear back from Brian Williams regarding these changes. The contract would be for three years with the savings being split between the Village and Williams 50/50.

NEW BUSINESS

Nowak asked the Trustees to review the contract Waterloo used in forming a new fire district. James Sinclair will be at the Village Hall on October 26th at 7:30pm. Nowak encouraged the Board to come and hear what he has to say about creating the fire district.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Holmes stated the report has been submitted. A motion was made by Toenjes and seconded by Al Lehr to approve the report. The motion carried unanimously.

CLERK’S REPORT

Holmes stated the report has been submitted. A motion was made by Toenjes and seconded by O’Donnell to approve the report. The motion carried unanimously.

CITIZENS INPUT AND COMMENTS

Residents Elmer Sanheinrich, Charlie Todd and David Ray spoke regarding the abandoned houses on Liederkrantz Street. The houses have not been completed, electricity is on in one of the houses and kids are playing in it. There are dirt piles in the front yard. Muskopf stated that only 1 building permit has been renewed. Muskopf stated that the best option is for the neighborhood association to take action. Legally the builder cannot work on the site while the permit is expired. Nowak said he would call James Alexander about the situation.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mueth and seconded by Al Lehr to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Laura W. Schaefer, Clerk

Bruce Nowak, President

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