

**VILLAGE OF MILLSTADT
VILLAGE HALL
JANUARY 3, 2012
7:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order by Weldon Harber, with the following trustees answering to roll call: Ralph Bowley, Ray Famula, Al Lehr, Linda Lehr, and Mike Todd. Mike French was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion was made by Mike Todd to approve the December 19th minutes. Al Lehr *seconded the motion*. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS OR CORRESPONDENCE: none

COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS: Ralph Bowley stated he reviewed the bills. Ralph Bowley made a motion to pay the bills. Mike Todd *seconded the motion*. The motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL: none

PUBLIC WORKS:

SEWER: Al Lehr stated everything is fine at the sewer plant and the lift stations are working well.

WATER: Al Lehr stated everything is fine. He talked to Brian who said there were minor problems with the controls for ground storage on Monday, January 2nd, but everything is working well currently.

REFUSE: Al Lehr stated there were a few issues the previous week. Some residents were too late getting their trash out and they missed the day. Al reminded everyone that this week the pickup would still be on its regular day.

MOSQUITO CONTROL: none

STREETS, ALLEYS AND SIDEWALKS: Mike Todd stated the maintenance department will be trying to patch some holes in the streets during the warmer weather.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS, MAINTENANCE, AND EQUIPMENT: none

CABLE SERVICES AND CELL TOWERS: none

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: Ralph Bowley stated Ordinance 1087 is for the execution of agreement by the Village of Millstadt, the Millstadt Fire Protection District, and the Millstadt Union Fire Department. It is to set up who will be taking over the maintenance of the sirens. Ralph Bowley made a motion to accept Ordinance 1087. Al Lehr seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Ralph Bowley made a motion authorizing Mayor Harber to execute a bill of sale for \$1 for the sirens. Linda Lehr asked for clarification. Ralph stated it is to turn over control of the sirens. Ray Famula seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Ralph stated the agreement is with the Union Fire Department on what will and will not be done. It is included in the bill of sale.

ANNEXATIONS: none

PARKS, POOL AND RECREATION: Ray Famula stated the design for the sign for Leroy Franke has been picked out. They are hoping to have it constructed and hung before the softball season starts. Al Lehr stated Leroy umped for 35 years, if Ray needs to let anyone know.

Ray stated Greg Rakers' daughter has staked out an area behind the Senior Center for the Senior Health Trail. Ray is going to talk to Center director Patty Evansco on Tuesday, January 4th to find out the plans since the girl didn't bring the plans back to the Village Board. Mike Todd asked if they were supposed to have brought the plans back. Ray answered yes. Ralph Bowley stated he's concerned it won't be used. Linda Lehr answered the seniors would use it more at the Center than at the park. Ray stated they are ready to start excavating and putting down rock.

Ray stated he hasn't heard back about the drain in the swimming pool. Don Traiteur told him he would start making phone calls since the deadline is in May.

CEMETERY: Ray Famula stated the dead tree was cut down by Hudson Tree Service. They also cut some limbs on Mill Street.

COMMUNITY CENTER: Linda Lehr stated the Christmas Luncheon was held on Friday, December 23rd. It went very well. The meal count is staying very high. There is \$5,140 in the bus fund. The money is coming from donations and memorials.

Linda stated there are some upcoming programs. The AARP is holding a safe driving class for people ages 50 and up. It will be on Monday, January 16th and 17th. There will be a Welcome to Medicare program put on by Charlotte Mehrtens on Thursday, February 16th. It's an informative program for new subscribers. Anyone interested in either program can contact Patty at the Center.

Lunch with the Firefighters will be held on Tuesday, January 17th.

PLANNING COMMISSION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: none

TIF: none

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Police Department – none

Emergency Service and Disaster Agency - none

Fire Department – Travis Jones stated the Fireman's Dance will be held on Saturday, January 14th from 8pm to midnight. Freefall will be providing the entertainment.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER: none

OLD BUSINESS: Mayor Harber stated Saturday, January 7th is the Village officials' day to help with township recycling. It will be from 8am to 10am.

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Harber appointed Mike Todd Mayor Pro Tem from Saturday, January 14th thru Sunday January 29th.

There will be a Zoning Board meeting on Tuesday, January 24th at 7:30pm at the Village Hall.

Ralph Bowley stated he wanted to check with Waste Management to see if they offer electronics recycling, since there are other local towns doing it. Tracy Holmes stated Don Traiteur had printed out the Belleville News Democrat article that listed where the drop off sites were. Ralph asked if there could be one in Millstadt. Linda Lehr stated she didn't think Waste Management offered it but WITS is a not-for-profit company that may offer one. Mayor Harber stated SAVE on Route 159 in Swansea offers a drop off service. Tracy stated she would email Dan Hannah from Waste Management to find out their options.

Linda Lehr reminded everyone that the open meetings training for public officials is due by the end of 2012. Linda stated it is for any elected or appointed official of any public body. It is mandated by the state. Linda suggested getting the word out to all the boards. Mayor Harber stated he is going to check to make sure it is everyone elected or appointed because he thought it was just elected officials that needed to take it.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: none

ADJOURNMENT: Ralph Bowley made a motion to adjourn the general Village Board meeting and was seconded by Ray Famula. The motion carried unanimously.

Crissy Wegescheide, Clerk

Weldon Harber, Mayor