

**VILLAGE OF MILLSTADT
VILLAGE HALL
FEBRUARY 28, 2022
7:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order by Mike Todd, with the following trustees answering to roll call: Randy Burk, Mike Capell, Ray Famula, Mike French, Mark Todd, and Dustin Trankle. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion was made by Ray Famula to approve the February 14th minutes. Mike Capell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS OR CORRESPONDENCE: none

COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS: Mike Capell stated he reviewed the bills. Mike Capell made a motion to pay the bills. Ray Famula seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL: Mike Capell stated there would be an Executive Session for police and pool Personnel after Citizens Comments.

PUBLIC WORKS:

SEWER: Dustin Trankle stated a resident on West White Street and South Tyler Street had a sewer issue, but it was quickly resolved.

WATER: none

REFUSE: none

MOSQUITO CONTROL: none

STREETS, ALLEYS, AND SIDEWALKS: Randy Burk stated the grant application for the CDBG grant to be used on the 200 block of East Laurel Street is due by Thursday, March 10th. Scott Baltz stated he received an email from Dana at TWM about continuing to use the grant money for the 700 block of West Laurel Street. Mayor Todd stated that block is tricky because the curb and gutter is only needed on one side. Randy added the crown on the road is also high which would have to be worked on. He asked if there was money earmarked for that project? Tracy Holmes stated she thought the Village received money, but it was not that much to also work on the road. Mayor Todd asked Scott to call Village Engineer James Barganier to get more information.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS, MAINTENANCE, AND EQUIPMENT: none

CABLE SERVICES AND CELL TOWERS: none

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: Mike French stated Ordinance 1250 is for case A48 for Dennis Cooper. It is to change the zoning at 820 South Mulberry Street from R2 to Industrial. The Zoning Board recommended approval. Mike French made a motion to accept Ordinance 1250 as presented. Mike Capell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mike French stated Resolution 22-01 is a Council Resolution of Support to apply for the 2022 Community Development Block Grant from St. Clair County. It is for sidewalk improvements on the 200 block of East Laurel Street. Mike French made a motion to approve Resolution 22-01 as presented. Dustin Trankle seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ANNEXATIONS: none

PARKS, POOL AND RECREATION: Mark Todd stated Scott Baltz got a bid to stripe a pickleball court on the tennis court. Mark will have the information for the Board at the next meeting. Randy Burk asked if there will also be new nets. Mark answered he was told they could use the tennis nets which is what they use in Belleville. Mayor Todd stated he talked with Scott and DMS to do more dirt work on Field 1; Tuffy Mueth Field is too wet. If the weather cooperated, they would try to work on Field 1 on March 3rd or 4th.

CEMETERY: none

COMMUNITY CENTER: Ray Famula stated the Senior Center recently received a new freezer but due to the increase in participants they are now running out of space. Senator Christopher Belt and State Representative LaToya Greenwood were able to provide them with a new commercial freezer that should arrive soon. The Senior Center received shelf stable meals to give out for the Seniors to have food in the event they can't leave their homes. The Sandra M. Bereitschaft dinner was a success and very well attended. Senior Night for March 14th has already sold out. The next Senior Center Board meeting will be Tuesday, March 15th. Mike French asked if Patty still needed a laptop and printer. Ray answered she hadn't mentioned it, but he will ask.

PLANNING COMMISSION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Mike French stated the next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 15th, dependent on the agenda.

TIF: none

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Police Department – none

Emergency Service and Disaster Agency - none

Fire Department – none

BUILDING COMMISSIONER: Adam Romero stated the Zoning Board recommended approving the new zoning maps. There were about nine changes in total as well as changing the color scheme and enlarging the central grid. Mike French made a motion to approve the 2022 Zoning Maps as presented. Ray Famula seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS: Mayor Todd stated Police Chief Alan Hucke and Adam Romero have started taking the new business licenses to current businesses this week. Any new business will have to have a license to open as well. Adam added they are getting information from the current businesses to update the Police and Fire departments.

Mayor Todd stated the wells were drilled at the maintenance shed. There will be someone from the EPA coming to look at them March 10th and 11th.

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Todd stated he is looking into a grant for solar power at the sewer plant. He and Randy Burk met with a company about a year ago but did not hear back from them. The electric bill for the sewer plant last month was \$8,000 so alternative energy could be very helpful. There is also available ground at the sewer plant for the solar panels. Tracy Holmes added the grant is specifically for wastewater facilities.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Tracy Holmes stated that the Treasurer’s Report had been submitted. Ray Famula made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Mike Capell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Tracy reminded the department heads and committee chairs that they need to begin working on items for the new budget year.

CLERK’S REPORT: Tracy Holmes stated that the Clerk’s Report had been submitted. Randy Burk made a motion to approve the Clerk’s Report. Mike French seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: none

Mike Capell made a motion to go into Executive Session for Personnel for police and pool. Randy Burk seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mike French made a motion to close Executive Session. Ray Famula seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Mike Capell made a motion to hire Jennifer Haas as the pool manager for 2022. Mark Todd seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Mike Capell made a motion to give Mayor Todd authority to sign the contract with the Police Department once Village Attorney Brian Flynn reviews it. Mark Todd seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Crissy Pipik, Clerk

Mike Todd, Mayor