

**VILLAGE OF MILLSTADT
VILLAGE HALL
FEBRUARY 25, 2019
7:00 P.M.**

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

A motion was made by Ralph Bowley to approve the February 11th 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. Ray Famula seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL: Mayor Todd stated that the Village will be looking for summer help for the maintenance department. It would be a great opportunity for students and/or retirees. Applicants must be 18 years old or older. Mayor Todd may post it in the Senior News. No one applied last year.

PUBLIC WORKS:

SEWER: Al Lehr stated he talked with Brian. Everything is running well. He's been doing maintenance and pressing sludge. There was a call-out on Sunday, February 24th for the lift station at Wheat Ridge. There was a mop wrapped around the propeller. It was removed and the lift station is back in working order.

WATER: none

REFUSE: none

MOSQUITO CONTROL: none

STREETS, ALLEYS, AND SIDEWALKS: Mark Todd stated the 60/40 program will be available again this year. Anyone interested can contact Village Hall. Scott Baltz added there is one project that will carry over from last year. Mayor Todd added the program will probably start back up on May 1st.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS, MAINTENANCE, AND EQUIPMENT: none

CABLE SERVICES AND CELL TOWERS: Mark Todd stated he received a letter from Charter. The Village received \$12,265.77 in franchise fees between October 2018 and December 2018.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: Mike French stated Resolution 19-03 is for Development Agreement 19-02 Three Men in a Tub. It is for the property at 308 East Washington Street. They are doing business as Millpond Brewery. It does qualify for TIF and reimbursement for certain costs. The Village has agreed to a one time grant of \$5,000 for façade improvements. Mike French made a motion to approve Resolution 19-03 as presented. Al Lehr seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mike French stated Ordinance 1186 is the Authorization to Ameren Illinois to Construct, Operate and Maintain a Gas Utility System. It is to renew the contract with Ameren Illinois for the next 20 years. The original ordinance was passed February 16, 1970. The Village has the ability to renegotiate based on an increase or decrease of 3%. It will make the gas services more accurate. Good Energy reviewed the contract and thought it looked good. Ameren will reimburse the Village upfront. The Village won't pay for what isn't used. Mayor Todd explained the Village will end up ahead. Mike French made a motion to accept Ordinance 1186 as presented. Ralph Bowley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mike French stated Ordinance 1187 is Amending the Terms of an Electric Franchise Agreement with Ameren. It is like Ordinance 1186 but is for electric. It will expire in April 2042. Ameren will compensate the Village \$27,690 annually. Good Energy also reviewed this contract. Mike French made a motion to accept Ordinance 1187 as presented. Ralph Bowley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ralph Bowley asked if there were any projects going on in Coachlite because there were flags up and lines marked. Mayor Todd answered not that he knew of, but someone could have called JULIE to mark the utility lines.

ANNEXATIONS: none

PARKS, POOL AND RECREATION: Mark Todd stated the Millstadt Sports Association Wrestling Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, March 30th at St. James. The doors open at 6pm. Wrestling starts at 7pm. The money raised will go towards the parks. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$8 for children.

Mayor Todd stated the fence is going up for the new splash pad.

CEMETERY: none

COMMUNITY CENTER: Ray Famula stated there was a Senior Center Board meeting on Tuesday, February 19th. The Sandra M. Bereitschaft Foundation dinner raised \$7,000 to go towards Meals on Wheels. They had their annual Bar-B-Que on Saturday, February 23rd. Mayor Todd added they raised around \$2,000. Ray stated there will be a trip to Sikeston, MO on Wednesday, April 17th to Lamberts. New chairs were ordered. The Knights of Columbus offered to purchase the old ones. The Senior Center may just ask for a donation instead of charging them. The seniors will be collecting at the 4-way on Saturday, May 4th. Bunco night at St. James will be on Thursday, March 14th. They do need volunteers for cleanup. Ray stated the next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 19th.

PLANNING COMMISSION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Mike French stated there was not a meeting in February, but the Planning Commission will have one on Tuesday, March 19th.

TIF: none

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Police Department – none

Emergency Service and Disaster Agency - none

Fire Department – Scott Baltz stated the sirens weren't being activated when set off from the county. They will be tested the week of March 4th to try to get them fixed.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER: none

OLD BUSINESS: Mayor Todd stated the Board discussed, at the previous meeting, requiring business licenses for the businesses in town, especially for new businesses. Mayor Todd sent the Trustees examples. Mike French stated there was one that seemed better structured and easier to understand than the others. Mayor Todd suggested taking it to the next Chamber of Commerce Board meeting to get their opinion. They could then go to Village Attorney Brian Flynn to create the official paperwork.

Mayor Todd stated the Mutual Aid agreement passed with the Township. A copy of the agreement needs to be sent to Brian Bowman from TWM.

Mayor Todd stated budget meetings will be held soon.

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Todd stated he received an email from IML with a brief description of what is happening in the State legislature. There is a capital bill that the Village may be able to receive grant money from.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Tracy Holmes stated that the Treasurer's Report had been submitted. Ralph Bowley made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Al Lehr seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CLERK'S REPORT: Tracy Holmes stated that the Clerk's Report had been submitted. Ralph Bowley made a motion to approve the Clerk's Report. Ray Famula seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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 Pipik, Clerk

Mike Todd, Mayor