

**VILLAGE OF MILLSTADT
VILLAGE HALL
FEBRUARY 27, 2017
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, Kurt Pellman, and Mark Todd. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion was made by Ralph Bowley to approve the February 13th minutes. Ray Famula seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS OR CORRESPONDENCE: Mayor Todd stated the Board received a thank you from Lori Touchette for donating to the Senior Center in her mother's name.

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 asked if the employee handbook was still being worked on. Ralph Bowley answered yes.

PUBLIC WORKS:

SEWER: Al Lehr stated the plant is working well. The TAC contract is up for renewal. Mayor Todd asked the Board if they would like to consider the options; they can stay with TAC, go with a different company, or keep the work in-house. Kurt Pellmann asked if there is anything pressing, since the TAC contract expires March 1st. Randy Burk stated TAC would take care of things until a decision is made. The Board decided to consider the options before making a decision.

WATER: Al Lehr stated everything is running well. Mayor Todd stated the Werner Road water line installation is also going well.

REFUSE: Al Lehr stated white goods heavy haul day is Saturday, April 1st. The previous two weeks of trash pick-up have gone well. Al talked with Dan Hannah from Waste Management. Their contract is up for renewal this year.

MOSQUITO CONTROL: none

STREETS, ALLEYS, AND SIDEWALKS: Kurt Pellmann stated the maintenance department has been working on a ditch at South Lafayette Street and West Oak Street. They have also been covering potholes around town.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS, MAINTENANCE, AND EQUIPMENT: Kurt Pellmann stated the trees were being trimmed in the park. Rock was hauled in. The lift gate truck was in the shop being worked on.

CABLE SERVICES AND CELL TOWERS: none

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: none

ANNEXATIONS: none

PARKS, POOL, AND RECREATION: Ray Famula stated Ian Thiemann finished marking the trees at the Nature Park. Unfortunately, two of the identifications have already had the plexiglass popped out of them. Ray stated they had a meeting with the security camera company. They have agreed to fix the issues with the cameras. Don Traiteur stated the ball diamonds have been sterilized and tilled. Ray stated the next Park Board meeting will be on Tuesday, February 28th at 7pm.

CEMETERY: Ray Famula stated the lawn mowing contract is up for renewal. He met with Radake. They would like a \$200 increase but will be adding two months. Ray Famula made a motion to accept the lawn mowing contract with Radake Lawn Care. Ralph Bowley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNITY CENTER: Mark Todd thanked everyone who helped with the Senior Center Bar-B-Que on Saturday, February 25th. They raised \$2,500.

PLANNING COMMISSION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Mike French stated the next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 21st at 7pm at Village Hall. It is dependent on agenda items and information from the development for Red Barn Farm Road. Mayor Todd stated the easements are ready for the new waterline on Route 158. He is still waiting for the right-of-way agreement for Red Barn Farm Road. After the waterline is finished being installed on Werner Road, the new line on Route 158 can begin being installed.

TIF: none

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Police Department – none

Emergency Service and Disaster Agency – Travis Jones thanked everyone who donated to the new AED that has been installed at Liederkrantz Park, especially the Chamber of Commerce. He is considering having another one installed at the pool once enough money is raised. Travis also reminded everyone to sign up for Code Red, especially since storm season is approaching.

Fire Department – Kurt Pellmann stated Tuesday, February 28th is the last night for their Papa Vito's fundraiser. He also reminded everyone to change their smoke detector batteries when the time changes in March.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER: none

OLD BUSINESS: Mayor Todd stated new Christmas lights for the street poles will cost \$16,000. \$10,000 has already been donated. There are other organizations who still want to donate. He will order the new lights to get the price break before it is no longer offered.

Mayor Todd stated all the easements have come in for the sidewalks and ADA ramps along South Jefferson Street. Don Traiteur stated they will be going out for bids on Thursday, March 16th. Tracy Holmes added Randy Georgen picked up the easement agreements. They are still waiting for one to come in the mail because it only included an email signature.

Mayor Todd stated there was a budget meeting the previous week. Tracy Holmes still has some numbers to put together.

Mayor Todd stated the pool deck has been taken off and new lumber has been ordered. The new deck will be put on in March. They will be getting bids for new fencing to close in the pumps. They will use the money that was raised from the Commercial Club Wing Fling.

Tracy Holmes stated bids went out for new lights at Tuffy Mueth Field and the volleyball court. The bids will be opened at the first Village Board meeting in March.

Randy Burk stated the Village received a grant to improve Laurel Street. The grant money will be used for new sidewalks and curbing on the block of West Laurel Street between South Monroe Street and South Jackson Street. TWM is putting together a bid packet for review. Mayor Todd asked when they will be going out for bids. Randy answered it would probably be in April. Mayor Todd asked if the work would be done before Labor Day. Randy answered the bid will include that the work needs to be done before Labor Day weekend.

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Todd stated the same grant that is being used for Laurel Street is available again this year. The Village will apply again. The proposed grant money would be used for sidewalk and curbing on West Laurel Street between South Lafayette Street and South Tyler Street.

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. Ray Famula seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

CITIZENS COMMENTS: Patty Ferry stated that the Civic Club has a small surplus of money that they would like to put towards a good use in the community. Diane Germann suggested putting the money towards new playground equipment at the park because it isn't user friendly for small children. Some of the equipment doesn't work correctly and some seems dangerous. Mayor Todd answered playground equipment is expensive but money has been raised to make the park look better. He suggested talking to Travis Jones about an AED at the pool, as well as considering donating towards new fencing at the pool.

Travis Jones stated the wrestling fundraiser will be held on Saturday, April 29th at St. James. Flyers will be going out soon. Tickets will be available at the Village Hall. Last year, they raised \$4,500.

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