

**VILLAGE OF MILLSTADT  
VILLAGE HALL  
APRIL 22, 2019  
7:00 P.M.**

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

Mike French made a motion to open the Budget Hearing. Mark Todd seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Ralph Bowley stated it has been made public in the Village office and the Library. There were no supporters or objectors. Ralph Bowley made a motion to close the Budget Hearing. Ray Famula seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Ralph Bowley to approve the April 8<sup>th</sup> minutes. Mike French seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**COMMUNICATIONS OR CORRESPONDENCE:** Mayor Todd stated the Village received a thank you card from a resident concerning their appreciation for help with an issue concerning a neighbor's yard.

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

**PERSONNEL:** Ralph Bowley stated there would be an Executive Session for Personnel to discuss the Police Contract Negotiations after Citizen Comments.

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

**SEWER:** Al Lehr stated he talked with Brian. He is doing general maintenance and pressing sludge. Al ok'd a small purchase for Brian to help with pressing sludge.

**WATER:** none

**REFUSE:** none

**MOSQUITO CONTROL:** none

**STREETS, ALLEYS, AND SIDEWALKS:** Resident Melva Way stated she has concerns due to the sewer and curb project on South Jackson Street between West Laurel Street and West White Street. She stated South Jackson Street is a huge mess and there hasn't

been any work done by her house on West White Street for a month. It has created a huge problem for anyone using the street. Her clients can't park near her house and her car barely clears her driveway. Randy Burk took a ride with her but Scott Baltz declined. She believes the road is too high and her drive way is like a roller coaster. The crown of the road needs to be taken down. There wasn't a survey done. She believes it hasn't saved the tax payers any money but instead has been a huge added expense. There has been a lack of communication between the street department and the property owners. Ms. Way was told her driveway would not be changed but 16 inches of dirt was taken out and she couldn't get into her driveway for 11 days after the work started. She would like to know what is going to be done. Mayor Todd stated the street will be rotomilled this summer then it will be oiled and chipped. Ms. Way asked when her yard would be fixed. Scott answered he was under the impression that she would put her blocks back and then he would have it fixed. Ms. Way replied she already paid for the blocks to be placed once so why would she do it again. Mayor Todd answered because the blocks are in the right-of-way easement it is her responsibility.

**PUBLIC BUILDINGS, MAINTENANCE, AND EQUIPMENT:** none

**CABLE SERVICES AND CELL TOWERS:** Mark Todd stated he talked with Mayor Todd and Steve Muskopf about the American Tower Cell Tower contract. They agree that the Village should go with the 20-year lease extension. The Trustees received the letter with their options in their folders. The 20-year extension comes with a \$30,000 signing bonus 30 days after closing. HTC, Sprint, and Verizon all use the tower. The Village has had other offers but this is the best option. Mark Todd made a motion to agree to a 20-year lease extension of the American Tower cell tower which includes rent in the amount of \$2,100, an additional four 5-year renewal terms and the escalation rate will remain the same. The new expiration date will be July 31, 2045. Ralph Bowley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:** Mike French stated Ordinance 1188 is the Budget Ordinance. It will be in effect from May 1, 2019 thru April 30, 2020. The public hearing was held before this meeting. Mike French made a motion to accept Ordinance 1188 as presented. Ralph Bowley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mike French stated Resolution 19-05 is for taking the recommendation of Good Energy Electrical as the agent for the purchase of electricity for the Village. Mike French made a motion to accept Resolution 19-05 as presented. Ralph Bowley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mike French stated Resolution 19-06 is for taking the recommendation of Good Energy Gas as the agent for the purchase of natural gas for the Village. Mike French made a motion to accept Resolution 19-06 as presented. Ralph Bowley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ANNEXATIONS: Mayor Todd stated Steve Muskopf will get with Mike French to discuss a phone call he received from a potential resident who would like to be annexed into the Village.

PARKS, POOL AND RECREATION: Mark Todd stated the Movies in the Park on Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup> will be showing *Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse*. The Movies in the Park on Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup> will be showing *How to Train Your Dragon*. Mark stated Scott Baltz did training last week on how to maintain the new splash pad. There are a few cosmetic things that still need to be finished by the installers but then it will be ready to go.

CEMETERY: Ray Famula stated Scott Baltz took care of a headstone that needed some attention.

COMMUNITY CENTER: Ray Famula stated the Senior Center received \$16,000 in shift money. There was assistance provided for 178 income tax filers which brought in \$615. Bunco Night raised \$1,083. The Sandra M. Bereitschaft Foundation held elections. They have \$58,000 in the foundation. The Big Ol' Bag and Jewelry Sale will be held on Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. The next Center Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 6pm at the Community Center.

PLANNING COMMISSION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Mike French stated the next Planning Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> and they will continue to update the comprehensive plan.

TIF: none

#### PUBLIC SAFETY:

*Police Department* – none

*Emergency Service and Disaster Agency* - none

*Fire Department* – Scott Baltz and Mark Todd stated their annual Bar-B-Que was a success and thanked everyone that supported them.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER: Steve Muskopf stated the following permits were issued:

Carr	34 Coronation Drive	Fence
Baltz	730 East Madison Street	Single Family Residence
Three Men in a Tub	308 East Washington Street	Craft Brewery

OLD BUSINESS: Mayor Todd stated the Village received a grant for streetscape for the first two blocks of West Washington Street. That will include in front of Circle K and Subway. The project will not go out for bids until the spring of 2020 and construction would probably start that summer.

Betty Keller Timmer gave the Board an update of the efforts of the Friends of the Water Tower. Mrs. Timmer stated they are in year three of the agreement. They have sponsored fundraisers about once a month. Their events are listed on their website. Local organizations have approached them about holding some fundraisers. The tower was featured on a state mug that was part of a promotion at Starbucks. They have over \$117,000 in the bank and are at 60% of their goal.

Mayor Todd asked Steve Muskopf to send a letter to the property owners of the old mill to get an update. Their six-month extension will be up on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Todd stated the Millstadt Athletic Club has raised money and would like to install sunshades over fields 2 and 3. He would like them ordered by Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. Scott Baltz stated he will get with them to find out which colors they would like.

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Todd stated he received booklets from Danny Verdam from the Sister Cities that show life in Gross Bieberau. They will be on the podium if anyone would like to look at them after the meeting.

Mayor Todd stated the Grand Opening for the splash pad will be held on Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. The MCS Carnival will be ending around the same time so he hopes many of the families will come over.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Crissy Pipik 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: Crissy Pipik 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

Ralph Bowley made a motion to go into Executive Session for Personnel. Ray Famula seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ralph Bowley made a motion to adjourn from Executive Session. Al Lehr seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Mayor Todd stated negotiations have been finished with the Fraternal Order of Police. Two things that were changed were their pay will increase 2.5% each year of the contract and the sergeant will receive a 25-cent raise. Randy Burk made a motion to

approve the contract with the Fraternal Order of Police – Millstadt Department for May 1, 2019 thru April 30, 2022. Ray Famula seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

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Crissy Pipik, Clerk

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Mike Todd, Mayor