

**VILLAGE OF MILLSTADT
VILLAGE HALL
JUNE 24, 2019
7:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order by Mike Todd, with the following trustees answering to roll call: Mike Capell, 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 Ray Famula to approve the June 10th minutes. Al Lehr 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: none

PUBLIC WORKS:

SEWER: Al Lehr stated he talked to Brian and everything is running fine. He changed the bearings in a blower motor but if it is still causing issues then he will have to take it out to get it fixed. Brian will talk to Al before sending it off to get fixed.

WATER: none

REFUSE: none

MOSQUITO CONTROL: none

STREETS, ALLEYS, AND SIDEWALKS: Mark Todd stated St. James requested street closures and to hang a banner for their annual picnic. Mark Todd made a motion to allow St. James to close South Lafayette Street between West Madison Street and West Washington Street and close West Madison Street between South Lafayette Street and South Tyler Street on Saturday, August 3rd as well as hang a banner at the 4-way a few weeks before the festival. Al Lehr seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Mayor Todd stated the 60/40 projects have begun. Two residents have signed up. Anyone that is interested can contact the Village Office.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS, MAINTENANCE, AND EQUIPMENT: Mayor Todd stated he would like the Board to make a decision on whether or not to fix the leaf vac by August. Al Lehr stated Scott Baltz is getting more bids for the sewer machine. Mayor Todd added that due to the price Tracy Holmes had to put an ad in the paper and has a date for when the bids are due.

CABLE SERVICES AND CELL TOWERS: none

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: Mike French stated Resolution 19-08 is for the temporary closure of Route 158 for the Homecoming parades. It is to close Route 158 from Main Street to Jefferson Street on Saturday, August 31st and Sunday, September 1st from 5pm to 6pm. Mike French made a motion to accept Resolution 19-08 as presented. Al Lehr seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ANNEXATIONS: Mayor Todd stated they will be meeting with an individual south of the Village and a group of people on Route 158 to give them information about annexing into the Village.

PARKS, POOL AND RECREATION: Mark Todd stated the first Movies in the Park of the year turned out well, considering the threat of inclement weather. The next Movies in the Park will be held on Friday, September 13th. Mark stated the Park Board discussed some concerns at their last meeting and Mark passed them on to Scott Baltz.

CEMETERY: Mayor Todd stated there was a marker that had sunk on one side due to the wet ground but it will be fixed once the ground is dryer.

COMMUNITY CENTER: Ray Famula stated the Senior Center received a perfect score on their St. Clair County health inspection. They will be having a Yoga class in July. They have been delivering 56 meals a day. Anyone willing to help with the meal delivery can contact the Center; they are in need of volunteers. On Wednesday, June 26th, 10% of all dinners at Reifschneider's Grill in Columbia will go to the Senior Center. Ray stated the air conditioner was repaired in the back-up van for \$800 and is back in service. The next Community Center Board meeting will be on Tuesday, July 16th.

PLANNING COMMISSION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Mike French stated the June meeting was canceled. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 16th.

TIF: none

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Police Department – none

Emergency Service and Disaster Agency - none

Fire Department – none

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

Moeckel	418 West Van Buren Street	Residential Remodel
Zion Evangelical Church	840 South Jefferson Street	Gazebo

OLD BUSINESS: Mayor Todd stated there has been another written complaint concerning a house on the 400 block of West Washington Street. There have been multiple complaints.

NEW BUSINESS: Melissa Helfrich from Millstadt Milling handed out pictures while giving the background on when the mill was built and how the operations were ran. In May, it was recognized as one of the most historical buildings in Illinois. Melissa stated that now that word is getting out, people and organizations are getting in touch with them to help them find grant money to help repurpose the building. She is looking for support from the Village. She would like the Village to take abatement and the threat of demolition off the table as well as remove the public nuisance designation. She needs more time to get a plan together for the building. Mayor Todd asked how much time she needs. Melissa answered three years. There is a major problem with the roofing due to an insurance claim on the roof before she purchased it and the damage from it not being done correctly. A lawsuit will have to be filed and resolved before anything can be done to the building. Mayor Todd asked if the wall that was discussed the last time she was here was looked at. Melissa answered yes and it was fixed; the biggest problem right now is the roof repair. Mayor Todd asked if she needs three years to make a plan or three years to become compliant. Melissa answered three years to make a plan. The lawsuit will need to be finished before she can meet with organizations that would help her put together grants that would be funded by the National Historical Registry. They could bring in sales tax revenue. Ray Famula asked that if she did all of this, it wouldn't be an operating mill but something else. Melissa answered that it could become a steak house, a media center or another kind of for-profit building. Mike French asked Steve Muskopf if he had any concerns about the structure. Steve answered that while he is not an engineer it obviously has some deficiencies. There was a lot of damage in just a year from the roof issues. Mark Gates, from Gates Construction and Demolition in Belleville, stated that the building was deteriorating before the roof issue but is collapsing faster due to the roof. Steve stated that he would prefer to have a letter with a seal from an engineer stating the structure is sound. Mayor Todd asked if anyone is working in the building anymore. Melissa answered no one is working in there full time; the warehouse which is separate from the original structure is being used. Steve asked how long the power had been off. Melissa

answered since December 2018 when it shorted out but there isn't need for electric at the moment. Mike French stated that if the recommended changes are made, there should be a reporting timeline. Mayor Todd agreed and suggested a six-month reporting process. Melissa asked if the Village wants the building demolished or do they want to help. Mayor Todd answered he just wants it compliant and up to code. Three years is too long a time to go without information or action. He would like her to report back to the Board in December with plans and what has been done. Mike French asked if the public nuisance designation should come off. Steve answered that if the Board accepts her plan, then it should come off. Steve added that the typical problem is that there is no penalty for non-compliance. There is enough siding and things missing from the outside that the wood structure needs protective treatment. Mark Gates agreed that it needs to be sealed and protected in the areas where the metal has come off and that by December it should be ready for winter. Mike French made a motion that Millstadt Milling give an update and report on their progress at the Village Board meeting on Monday, December 9th. Al Lehr seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Todd stated that the Library has requested two day passes for the Village Pool for their independent reading program from June 17th through July 27th for students in Kindergarten through 8th grade.

Mayor Todd stated the Library is requesting to put up a sign at Floraville Road directing people towards the Library. They contacted the county because it is a county road but the county said it was up to the Village. The Board agreed they could put up a sign at their own expense.

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. Mark Todd 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. Mark Todd seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: none

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

Crissy Pipik, Clerk

Mike Todd, Mayor