

**VILLAGE OF MILLSTADT  
VILLAGE HALL  
SEPTEMBER 28, 2020  
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 September 14<sup>th</sup> 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: none

PUBLIC WORKS:

SEWER: Al Lehr stated he talked with Brian. He has been pressing sludge and doing general maintenance. He also had to replace a part on the digester pump.

WATER: none

REFUSE: none

MOSQUITO CONTROL: none

STREETS, ALLEYS, AND SIDEWALKS: Mayor Todd stated there was an amendment to the West Laurel Contract. Work is now only going to be done on the 600 block instead of including the 700 block. Mike Capell made a motion to approve the amendment as presented. Al Lehr seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Mayor Todd added that the Community Development Block Grant for the project is for \$70,000 and the project will not be starting until spring 2021.

Mayor Todd stated the VFW has requested to hold their annual Poppy Day collection in October. Mike Capell made a motion to allow the VFW to distribute poppies and accept donations at the 4-way on Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 3pm until 6pm and Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> from 8am until noon. Ray Famula seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS, MAINTENANCE, AND EQUIPMENT: none

CABLE SERVICES AND CELL TOWERS: none

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: none

ANNEXATIONS: Mike French stated he talked to the resident on Veterans Drive and they will be bringing in the annexation agreement sometime this week.

PARKS, POOL AND RECREATION: Mark Todd stated general maintenance is being done at the parks. Mayor Todd stated he shot grades on Diamond 1. They will be put into GSI so that he will have more information on what needs to be done to fix the drainage issue.

CEMETERY: none

COMMUNITY CENTER: Ray Famula stated the Senior Center has been serving between 150 and 200 meals a day. They have rescheduled the Big Ol' Bag and Jewelry Sale for Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at Liederkrantz Park. They will also be having Parking Lot Bingo on Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup> from 1pm until 2pm. Ray stated there will be flu shots available at the Senior Center on Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. Touchless faucets and toilets have been installed. Director Patty Evansco applied for and received a \$4,500 grant.

PLANNING COMMISSION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Mike French stated the next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>.

TIF: none

PUBLIC SAFETY:

*Police Department* – Police Chief Alan Hucke stated applications for a police officer are due Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

*Emergency Service and Disaster Agency* – Mike Capell asked if there was an update on the siren. Scott Baltz stated he is looking into extending or adding a siren.

*Fire Department* – none

BUILDING COMMISSIONER: none

OLD BUSINESS: Betty Keller Timmer gave the Board an update of the efforts of the Friends of the Water Tower. Mrs. Timmer stated it had been 17 months since the last update. They raised \$31,000 from March 1, 2019 to February 29, 2020. Then Covid-19 happened. They had to cancel multiple events but still managed to raise more than \$18,000 from donations. They now have a total of \$159,500 raised. People can also select them when using Amazon Smile. Mrs. Timmer asked the Board for a year's extension on the five year milestone since they lost a year of fundraising. Ray Famula asked if they had received a recent bid. Mrs. Timmer answered no but the last estimate was for \$170,000. Ray asked if they were going to get another bid. Mrs. Timmer answered they are considering it. Mark Todd asked when they would start fundraising if they received the extension. Mrs. Timmer answered they were thinking spring 2021. Mark stated he would like to see them get a new bid and come up with a time frame. Mike French clarified that the extension is for the five year milestone but the lease is still for ten years total. Mike French made a motion to extend the Friends of the Water Tower's first milestone until January 4, 2022. Mark Todd seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Mrs. Timmer stated that when they signed for five years, they paid \$1.00; she asked if they needed to pay again. Mayor Todd answered no.

Mayor Todd stated IDOT had issues with the ramps on the new sidewalk in front of Trinity Lutheran Church. He just received a letter from IDOT stating they are now satisfied with the ramps after they were fixed.

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Todd stated this winter they will be looking at creating a contract for the diamond rentals for practices and for games.

Mayor Todd stated he received a verbal request to change the time of the liquor license. He told them there needed to be a written request. He has not received one yet.

Mayor Todd stated they are looking for bids for trimming the trees and limbs at Liederkrantz Park. They are also looking at replacing the dead trees.

Mayor Todd stated there have been written complaints and calls about the oil and chipped roads. Because it has been so dry, the roads have been dusty. They used to use the slag from Granite City Steel but since they aren't running, they aren't producing slag. The rock that replaced it didn't soak up the oil.

Mayor Todd stated another round of small business grants are out. Mayor Todd is working with Senator Durbin's office to get help for the VFW. He is waiting on a contract.

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. Al Lehr seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

CITIZENS COMMENTS: none

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

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Crissy Pipik, Clerk

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Mike Todd, Mayor