

**VILLAGE OF MILLSTADT
VILLAGE HALL
OCTOBER 23, 2017
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.

A motion was made by Ralph Bowley to approve the October 9th minutes. Ray Famula 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. Mark Todd seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL: Ralph Bowley stated he had talked with the John Sweeney Insurance Group about life insurance for the Village employees. They would like to talk with the employees. Ralph added that they will set everything up, including the payroll deductions, for the employees. He will leave the information with the department heads and they will make the information available to the employees.

PUBLIC WORKS:

SEWER: Al Lehr stated he had talked with Brian and everything is running fine. A large blower motor will be installed by Friday, October 27th.

WATER: Al Lehr stated he talked with Randy Burk about the possibility of offering separate water taps for residents. Randy stated he looked at the usage charge system and it wouldn't make a difference for the sewer plant. Randy stated he is opposed to the separate water taps because it would be used for a luxury that resident decided to do. Al agreed. The issue was tabled.

REFUSE: Al Lehr stated he talked with Waste Management and they will be contacting the Village about extending their contract.

MOSQUITO CONTROL: none

STREETS, ALLEYS, AND SIDEWALKS: Randy Burk stated he submitted information as to why the Village doesn't need an environmental assessment for adding sidewalk to the 400 block of West Laurel Street. He hasn't heard anything back, so it must have made it through. Randy stated he received a request to collect for Old Newsboy Day on November 16th. Al Lehr made a motion to allow the Suburban Journals of Greater St. Louis to collect for Old Newsboys Day on Thursday, November 16, 2017 from 6am to 9am. Ralph Bowley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Ralph Bowley stated the VFW had to change the date for their Poppy Day to Saturday, October 28th because another group was collecting last Saturday, October 21st when they were scheduled.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS, MAINTENANCE, AND EQUIPMENT: none

CABLE SERVICES AND CELL TOWERS: Mark Todd stated he received a request to contact Andrew Derulo from American Tower. American Tower takes care of the cell tower at the sewer plant.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: Mike French stated Resolution 17-08 is an agreement between the Village and Lisa K. Bowman. It is for her to continue as the TIF administrator in 2018. It also has the full list of her responsibilities. Mike French made a motion to approve Resolution 17-08 as presented. Randy Burk seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ANNEXATIONS: none

PARKS, POOL AND RECREATION: Mark Todd stated the flag at Elm Street Park was repaired. The pool and the concession stand have been winterized. Mark asked if the Village should start looking for dirt for the ball fields. Mayor Todd answered it will have to be added to the next year's budget. Mayor Todd added he talked to Sonnenberg concerning the walking trail at Liederkranz Park. They will come out soon, weather permitting, to fix the cracks at no charge.

CEMETERY: Ray Famula stated the Perpetual Care CD the Village currently has is up for renewal. It only pays .5% interest. Ray asked if the Board wanted to renew it as is or if it could legally be taken out and put somewhere more profitable. Village Attorney Brian Flynn stated the Village can consider investing it elsewhere. Ray Famula made a motion to allow Mayor Todd to look for other options to invest the Perpetual Care funds. Ralph Bowley seconded the motion. Tracy Holmes added that the principal is around \$131,000 and is never touched, but the interest is what pays for the cemetery upkeep.

COMMUNITY CENTER: Ray Famula stated the Senior Center Board met on Tuesday, October 17th. Director Patty Evansco has completed the budget reports for the last quarter. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 21st. Ray also stated that Patty was selected as Senior Director of the Year for the State of Illinois. She will be presented the award in Springfield.

PLANNING COMMISSION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Mike French stated the next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 21st.

TIF: Mike French stated the Joint Review Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 14th at 4pm at Village Hall.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Police Department – Mayor Todd stated the D.A.R.E. to Run for Backstoppers will be on November 4th.

Emergency Service and Disaster Agency – Mayor Todd stated he would like to appoint Tony Gomric as the ESDA coordinator at the next Village Board meeting.

Fire Department – none

BUILDING COMMISSIONER: none

OLD BUSINESS: Mayor Todd stated the library sewer permit is still tabled because the Village has yet to receive the easement paperwork.

Mayor Todd stated Hank's Excavating has started installing the ADA ramps on the sidewalks along South Jefferson Street. They will resurface the street when they are finished, as weather permits.

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Todd stated there are bores that need to be done in the Village. There are three on Red Barn Farm Road and one on West Washington Street. The Village isn't responsible for paying for the ones on Red Barn Farm Road. Ehret had the lowest bid. They will be out as soon as possible to complete them.

Mayor Todd stated the Village has been awarded a grant from St. Clair County to put a splash pad in at the pool. He thinks the grant is for around \$250,000. Mayor Todd thanked Chairman Mark Kern and the County Board for the grant.

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. Randy Burk seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Tracy stated the annual treasurer's

report is scheduled to be in the Belleville News Democrat on Wednesday, October 25th. It costs the Village \$1,000. Tracy talked to IML due to the ridiculously high cost. They suggested talking to the senators and representatives to make this waste of money known. The report is required by law to be published in a newspaper. Brian Flynn agreed contacting the state officials because the newspapers are the biggest lobbyists to make sure the law is written in that way.

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. Randy Burk 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 Al Lehr. The motion carried unanimously.

Crissy Pipik, Clerk

Mike Todd, Mayor