

**VILLAGE OF MILLSTADT
VILLAGE HALL
DECEMBER 9, 2019
7:00 P.M.**

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

A motion was made by Ray Famula to approve the November 25th minutes. Mike Capell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS OR CORRESPONDENCE: Mayor Todd stated the Board received a thank you from the Millstadt Historical Society for supporting their 2020 calendar. They are for sale at Village Hall, IGA, and the Millstadt Pharmacy.

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: Mike Capell stated there would be an Executive Session to discuss police personnel after Citizen Comments.

PUBLIC WORKS:

SEWER: Al Lehr stated he talked with Brian. He has been pressing sludge and doing general maintenance. The Parkview lift station had to be fixed; there were dish towels wrapped around the pump. On Saturday, November 30th they were called out for the pump at South Polk Street and West Madison Street. Mayor Todd stated they received work permit approval from St. Clair County for a 300-foot extension on the Saxtown Water Main. They are still waiting on permits from the IEPA.

WATER: none

REFUSE: none

MOSQUITO CONTROL: none

STREETS, ALLEYS AND SIDEWALKS: Mayor Todd stated the Explosion baseball team would like to hold a free electronic recycling event at the park. Randy Burk made a motion to allow the Explosion baseball team to hold a free recycling event at the park

near the volleyball court on Saturday, January 11th from 8am to noon. Al Lehr seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Randy stated that at the previous meeting, he passed out the info for the Streetscape project. The projected cost is on the high side because originally the street lights were going to be replaced. There is also a grant for \$245,150 that was received for beautification and enhancements along West Washington Street to North Monroe Street. Randy Burk made a motion to approve the local public agency agreement for federal participation for the amount of \$200,350. Mike Capell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Randy stated the Friends of the Old Millstadt Water Tower are requesting street closures for their annual marathon. Randy Burk made a motion to close the first block of South Breese Street and the first block of East Madison Street on Sunday, May 31st from 6:30am to 12:30pm for the 3rd Annual Friends of the Old Millstadt Water Tower half marathon and 5k. Mike Capell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Scott Baltz stated they are working on the new sidewalk in front of Trinity Lutheran Church. It is almost down to Wheatridge. They finished the work on the sidewalk on South Tyler Street on Thursday, December 5th.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS, MAINTENANCE, AND EQUIPMENT: none

CABLE SERVICES AND CELL TOWERS: none

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: Mike Capell stated Resolution 19-14 is for Spike's Public House. St. Clair County denied their entrance on South Jefferson Street. This resolution is to request that the County approve the proposed entrance. Mike Capell made a motion to approve Resolution 19-14 as presented. Ray Famula seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ANNEXATIONS: none

PARKS, POOL AND RECREATION: Mark Todd stated the Trustees had received the concession stand report. It wasn't great but it was one of the wettest seasons. The Trustees also received the pool report. Even with all the rain, the pool only lost \$14,000 which is less than the previous couple of years. Mayor Todd stated the pool is a service for the community and will always lose money. He thanked pool manager Ashley Crannage for her part in having a successful year. The splash pad also contributed to bringing more people in. Mark stated the Trustees also received the Biathlon report. The profit was \$10,000.

Mark stated the rocket ship slide is down. The iron workers now have it and are trying to fix it so it can be reattached.

CEMETERY: Scott Baltz stated they cleaned up the bushes in the cemetery.

COMMUNITY CENTER: Ray Famula stated Patty was able to get a new computer with the grant from Age Smart. Everyone at the Senior Center received a flashlight for Christmas. There will be a trip to Heimos Greenhouse on Tuesday, December 10th.

PLANNING COMMISSION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: none

TIF: Mayor Todd stated the Annual TIF meeting will be held in January. He will get with Lisa Bowman and Rick Holmes to set the date.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Police Department – Lieutenant Alan Hucke stated their annual Toy Drive is going on. They have received a surplus of presents and MAC Medical donated 20 bicycles.

Emergency Service and Disaster Agency – none

Fire Department – none

BUILDING COMMISSIONER: none

OLD BUSINESS: Melissa Helfrich gave a six month update on the mill. She stated there has been a lot of word of mouth talk and many visitors, including archeologists. There is a team working on getting it on the National Register. There is a team working on getting something together for the Smithsonian due to the fact that it is an intact factory with turn of the century equipment. They were asked not to remove anything to show how everything was processed. They were also asked not to paint the building because it damages the brick. The next step is to put together a team of people to do a PBS style documentary who will then put together a plan. Mayor Todd asked if there is a timeline for the construction plan. Melissa answered that there isn't.

Mayor Todd thanked everyone who came out for the Lighted Parade. There was a good turnout even though the date was switched due to weather.

Mayor Todd stated the Village received a letter from the Department of Justice concerning the old Beil property at 109 South Kossuth Street. The chemist that left the hazardous chemicals received a sentence of 5 years and a \$300,000 fine. The chemicals were found when the Village had the building condemned.

Randy Burk stated he has heard a lot of talk about the loss of the leaf vac program. He talked to someone in Columbia and they contract someone for their program. Mayor Todd stated he also talked to surrounding communities and they are doing the same thing Millstadt is, offering the yard waste dumpsters. Mark Todd added that residents can also use the yard waste option from Waste Management for a fee if they would like their yard waste picked up curbside.

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Todd stated he had been contacted by a few companies concerning offering high speed internet. Village Attorney Brian Flynn is working on something for their propositions.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: Mayor Todd stated the Commercial Club Wing Fling will be held at 5pm on Saturday, January 25th. The money raised will go towards a fence on Diamond 2.

Mike Capell made a motion to go into Executive Session for police personnel. Randy Burk seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mike Capell made a motion to close Executive Session. Al Lehr seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Randy Burk made a motion to hire Michael McGarry, pending his test results, as a Police Officer. Ray Famula seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Crissy Pipik, Clerk

Mike Todd, Mayor