

**VILLAGE OF MILLSTADT
VILLAGE HALL
DECEMBER 11, 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, and Al Lehr. Trustee Mark Todd was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion was made by Ralph Bowley to approve the November 27th minutes. Al Lehr 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. Ray Famula seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL: none

PUBLIC WORKS:

SEWER: Al Lehr stated he had talked with Brian. He has been doing general maintenance at the sewer plant. The next meeting the fire hydrant report will be finished. Al stated the Board received a letter from a citizen about the Wheat Ridge lift station. Mayor Todd added Scott Baltz has met with the citizen and addressed his concerns.

WATER: Mayor Todd asked Scott Baltz if he had heard from CADY concerning the new water tower. Scott answered no but he did meet with the insurance adjuster on Thursday, December 7th. The adjuster took pictures and will get a report together.

REFUSE: none

MOSQUITO CONTROL: none

STREETS, ALLEYS, AND SIDEWALKS: none

PUBLIC BUILDINGS, MAINTENANCE, AND EQUIPMENT: none

CABLE SERVICES AND CELL TOWERS: none

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: Mike French stated Ordinance 1168 is for SU-45 for Ralph Weilbacher. It is for a special use permit at 115 East Washington Street for residential use in a B2 district. It is for a 450-square foot living space on the backside of a business location. Mayor Todd asked if two of the parking spaces would be for the residents. Steve Muskopf answered yes, and the rest would be used for business parking. Mike stated the Zoning Board recommended approval. Mike French made a motion to approve Ordinance 1168 as presented. Al Lehr seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ANNEXATIONS: none

PARKS, POOL AND RECREATION: Ray Famula stated the trustees all received the pool report. He reminded everyone to take into account the \$12,000 roof that was put on at the beginning of the year. Mayor Todd added that the pool is an expense to the Village but is a service that is provided for the residents. A lot of the work that has been done at the pool has been done by volunteers with money that was raised within the community.

CEMETERY: none

COMMUNITY CENTER: Ray Famula stated that they purchased a new freezer with funds from a donation from the Columbus Club from their Queen of Hearts proceeds. Ray stated the next Senior Center Board meeting would be on Thursday, December 21st.

PLANNING COMMISSION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Mike French stated the next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 19th but is based on agenda.

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:

Nottmeier	221 West Oak Street	Kitchen Remodel
Roberts	401 East Laurel Street	Storage Building
JL Schaefer Const	1008 Bach Drive	Single Family Residence

OLD BUSINESS: Mayor Todd stated he talked with Homefield. There aren't any contract or rate changes. They just wanted to do a survey.

Mayor Todd stated police chief Ed Wilkerson finished the FEMA paperwork. It has been completed and is filed.

Mayor Todd stated he received the contract and letter of approval for the grant for the splashpad. There is some paperwork that will need to be filled out. He also stated he got the drawings and designs back with the cost figures.

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Todd stated the Board needed to discuss the separation of property lots 1, 2, and 3 at the Steve Embrich Estates. Steve Muskopf stated the owner's mother lives on the parcel where the strip mine is. It isn't really suited for any type of development. He would like to build his own home there. The only access to the property is from an easement coming off Saxtown Road. There wouldn't be any infrastructure costs to the Village. Randy Burk stated that information doesn't show on the plat. Steve stated he told the owner to wait until he received approval from the Health Department concerning putting in sewer and water lines. Randy stated he would rather see the entrance be a road dedicated to that easement. Mike French asked if there would be any issues in case of an emergency. Steve answered that there probably would not be any issues. Discussion followed concerning plat numbers. Steve stated he could have the owner clarify their issues and resubmit if needed. More discussion followed. Mike asked Steve if he had a recommendation. Steve answered he would prefer to wait to get answers to the Board's questions. Randy stated the owner should be presenting this request to the Board. Ralph Bowley made a motion to table the separation of property lots 1, 2, and 3 at the Steve Embrich Estates. Randy Burk seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ralph Bowley wished Mayor Todd happy birthday.

Mayor Todd stated he will be talking to Village Attorney Brian Flynn concerning updating the permits for the Queen of Hearts drawings in town.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: Resident Bob Bruett stated he came in front of the Board earlier in the year to ask about installing separate taps for water. At the October 23rd Village Board meeting, the Board discussed the possibility. He believes it sounds like it can be done but Randy Burk says it's a luxury. Randy answered that it is a choice a resident makes to fill pools and such. The sewer fund does not have money. Tracy Holmes added that the water and sewer rates were not raised for many years, which contributed to the lack of funds. Mr. Bruett conceded that pools are a luxury but what about the people that want to use the water for crops or grass. Randy answered that due to how they calculate the costs, the water that is used has been figured into the sewer rates already. If they were separated, the sewer rates would have to be raised. The Village doesn't dictate how the water is used but needs to keep the sewer plant running. Discussion followed about how the rates are figured. Randy stated that while he agrees with Mr. Bruett's thoughts, it won't work with the fixed amount of money that has to be paid back into the sewer fund. Mr. Bruett asked why Belleville and other local communities can offer separate taps as an option. Mayor Todd answered that those residents are billed directly from Illinois American for their water. Randy clarified that, in the case of Belleville, their water bills come from Illinois

American, but the sewer bills come from the city of Belleville. Millstadt owns their water system, but Belleville does not.

Mayor Todd stated there would not be a second Village Board meeting in December. The next Village Board meeting will be on Monday, January 8th.

Mayor Todd thanked the MCS Beta Club for putting up the holiday decorations in Village Hall. A new tree will need to be purchased next year to be put in the foyer.

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