

**VILLAGE OF MILLSTADT
VILLAGE HALL
JANUARY 11, 2021
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, Mike French, and Mark Todd. Trustee Al Lehr was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion was made by Ray Famula to approve the December 14th 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. Mark Todd seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL: none

PUBLIC WORKS:

SEWER: Mayor Todd stated everything is running fine at the sewer plant. Brian is pressing sludge and checking the lift station pumps.

WATER: Scott Baltz stated that by the end of the week they should have a new valve put in one of the transite lines in case it breaks again. Mayor Todd stated the DCEO pushed the decision for their grant approval to after the 1st quarter. If approved, the grant would be used to replace the water main in the industrial park.

REFUSE: none

MOSQUITO CONTROL: none

STREETS, ALLEYS AND SIDEWALKS: Randy Burk stated he finally received the signed easement from Circle K so now all the easement paperwork is turned in. He will call the engineer to find out when the bid date will be. Mayor Todd stated the Village office is already working on the letters needed to endorse the next phase of the project; Lynn Muskopf is getting letters from the schools.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS, MAINTENANCE, AND EQUIPMENT: Scott Baltz stated he is still waiting on the new truck. It should be done by then end of the month.

CABLE SERVICES AND CELL TOWERS: none

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: Mike French stated Ordinance 1228 is to Fix Compensation for the Village President. It is for a scheduling change, paying the Village President monthly instead of quarterly. Mike French made a motion to approve Ordinance 1228 as presented. Randy Burk seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ANNEXATIONS: none

PARKS, POOL AND RECREATION: Mark Todd stated the swim report was discussed at the previous meeting. There isn't much to report because the pool was closed due to Covid. Scott Baltz stated they found some damage to the bathrooms at Tuffy Mueth Field and contacted the Police Department. There were a few minor things but nothing severe. Mayor Todd stated this has happened a few times in the last six months. Police Chief Alan Hucke stated that after posting on social media he was told about kids hanging out by the ball field after school. He is going to have Officer Witschie patrol around there when school is let out and make contact if he sees anyone.

CEMETERY: none

COMMUNITY CENTER: Ray Famula stated there were 3,065 meals served in December. They are signing up people for the vaccine; they have 20 people signed up so far. If enough people sign up the vaccines can be distributed at the Senior Center. Ray stated they purchased a freezer that was paid for by the Knights of Columbus. Tax prep will begin on Tuesday, February 3rd and will continue on Tuesdays and Thursdays of tax season. The annual Free Chili Supper will be held on Tuesday, January 19th at 4pm at Millpond Brewery. The annual BBQ will be on Saturday, February 6th. The next Community Center Board meeting will be on Tuesday, January 19th.

PLANNING COMMISSION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Mike French stated the next Planning Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 19th and is based on agenda.

TIF: Mike French stated that at the end of October, the balance on the TIF account was \$1,102,493.43.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Police Department – none

Emergency Service and Disaster Agency – none
Fire Department – none

BUILDING COMMISSIONER: none

OLD BUSINESS: Mayor Todd stated that the trustees received the proposed contract for ball field rentals. For a resident, it will be \$10, \$25 with field prep; non-resident will be \$20, \$35 with field prep. The proposed contract lays out the fines and consequences. Mike French asked if this was for all the diamonds. Mayor Todd answered it was for diamonds 1, 2, 3, 5, and Tuffy Mueth Field. The schools and MSA receive first preference and the fee is waived. This is not the contract for weekend tournaments. Tracy Holmes asked if there could be wording added concerning the lights, specifically on diamond 1 and Tuffy Mueth Field. Mayor Todd answered a \$10 fee could be added. Mike French made a motion to approve the contract for ball field rentals with wording and fees added for the lights. Mike Capell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Todd stated the Village received \$165,000 for the CURE act. There is also a grant for business PPE. There were nine applicants. They are still going through the receipts and paperwork. The checks have to be cut by Sunday, January 31st.

Mayor Todd stated the dead trees at Liederkrantz Park have been removed along with a tree on Mill Street.

Mike Capell stated he was contacted by Civic Plus who is building the new website. The Village has been in a queue waiting to be assigned a developer. Mike will talk with the developer on Friday, January 15th. They will discuss what the Village wants in a website and will get a building schedule. Mike will make sure the Police Chief and others who contribute to the website will also be involved.

Mayor Todd stated the Village pays a fee to have the cameras in the park maintained once a year. He would like to get with the Police Chief and find the contract; Mayor Todd doesn't think they are being serviced as they should be. There have been issues with them recently. Tracy Holmes reminded him that there is a fee whenever a technician comes out.

Mayor Todd stated they are looking for someone to run the concession stand in the ball park this summer.

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Todd stated he, Mike Capell, and Police Chief Alan Hucke met with a DEA agent about LPR cameras. The agent will be getting them some more information. The cameras would be able to pick up the license plates of vehicles coming through town. It can warn the Police Department about warrants that are heading to the Village.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: none

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

Crissy Pipik, Clerk

Mike Todd, Mayor