

**VILLAGE OF MILLSTADT  
VILLAGE HALL  
MAY 24, 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 May 10<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. Mike French seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL: Mike Capell stated there would be an Executive Session for Personnel and Legal Matters.

PUBLIC WORKS:

SEWER: none

WATER: Mayor Todd stated he talked with DCEO and the public infrastructure grant the Village applied for will not be awarded until the fall now. Due to the Covid grants, this one has now been pushed back. It is a \$570,000 grant.

REFUSE: none

MOSQUITO CONTROL: none

STREETS, ALLEYS, AND SIDEWALKS: Randy Burk stated he received a request from the Boy Scouts to close South Lafayette Street during their 4<sup>th</sup> of July Bar-B-Que. Randy Burk made a motion to allow the Boy Scouts to close South Lafayette Street from West Washington Street to West Madison Street on Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. Ray Famula seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Randy stated there is an agreement that needs to be voted on between the Village and TWM for the Streetscape project. It is a standard IDOT contract. IDOT is requiring an inspector on the project. Mike French made a motion to approve the agreement

between the Village and TWM for the Streetscape project on West Washington Street. Mike Capell seconded the motion. The motion carried with Randy Burk voting present.

Randy stated he received a request from the Senior Center for permission to have a collection at the 4-way as a part of "Senior Independence Day". Randy Burk made a motion to allow the Senior Center to collect funds at the 4-way on Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 1pm. Ray Famula seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The proceeds will be kept by the Millstadt Senior Center.

Randy stated he should know who the low bidder is for the Streetscape project by the next Village Board meeting. Tracy Holmes asked where the letting would be. Randy answered at IDOT.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS, MAINTENANCE, AND EQUIPMENT: none

CABLE SERVICES AND CELL TOWERS: none

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: Mike French stated Resolution 21-03 is for Declaring a Trustee Vacancy. Al Lehr was re-elected to a four year term on April 6, 2021. He has not been able to be sworn in so with this resolution the Board will declare his position abandoned. Mayor Todd will have 60 days to appoint someone. Mike French made a motion to accept Resolution 21-03 as presented. Randy Burk seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mike French stated Resolution 21-04 is for the Library District. The resolution is for the Village to make the conversion to the Library becoming its own district. Library Director Nichole Lauko added that their initial goal is to stay the same size so that there won't be a need to increase taxes. Mayor Todd clarified that they are not looking to raise their taxes. Ms. Lauko answered no. Mike French made a motion to accept Resolution 21-04 as presented. Mike Capell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mike French stated Ordinance 1236 is for Chapter 91 regarding Animals in the revised Village ordinances. Adam Romero clarified that the ordinance is specific to wild animals. It identifies what is considered a wild animal and that they may only be possessed in an agricultural zoned district. Mike French made a motion to accept Ordinance 1236 as presented. Randy Burk seconded the motion.

Mike French stated Ordinance 1237 is to Amend Chapter 152 for Accessory Uses. It is regarding zoning for accessory buildings. Adam Romero stated the only changes were to clarify where the accessory building can be located and that there may only be one accessory use per parcel. Mike French made a motion to accept Ordinance 1237 as presented. Mike Capell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ANNEXATIONS: none

PARKS, POOL AND RECREATION: Mayor Todd stated they are still looking for lifeguards for the Village pool. Anyone 15 and older can apply. Pool manager Ashley Crannage will train them. The pool is still scheduled to open Memorial Day weekend.

CEMETERY: Ray Famula stated he is still working on getting the new cemetery sign. It will cost approximately \$3,000 for the permanent sign and will also need a concrete foundation. He will be getting a concrete bid to bring to the Village Board for approval.

COMMUNITY CENTER: Ray Famula stated the Senior Center is working on a re-opening plan. The plan has to be submitted to AgeSmart by June. Director Patty Evansco applied for an \$18,000 grant from Meals on Wheels America and an AgeSmart grant for \$48,000 which will allow for some remodeling of the Center. Ray stated 70% of the citizens in Millstadt have been vaccinated. On Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup> they will have the Pfizer Covid vaccine available for vaccinations between 8am to 2pm; the second dose will be given on Friday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. The next Center Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>.

PLANNING COMMISSION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Mike French stated that at the previous Planning Commission meeting they had a discussion with Jim Schaefer and Steve Wilke concerning the Stonebridge subdivision. The planned development has two phases of developments still to do. They are proposing dividing up the phases and doing four tracks instead. They will have to go to St. Clair County to have it officially divided. Then they would go to the Zoning Board if there are any zoning changes. Mike stated the next Planning Commission meeting will be on Tuesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>.

TIF: none

#### PUBLIC SAFETY:

*Police Department* – Police Chief Alan Hucke presented the 2021 D.A.R.E. scholarship to Taylor Geluck. The money for the scholarship is raised from the D.A.R.E. to Run for BackStoppers 5k/10k and the essays are judged anonymously. Taylor is the daughter of Stacey and Brian Geluck. She is a graduate of MCS and Belleville West High School. She will be a biology major at Washington University in the fall.

Chief Hucke stated the applications for the Youth Academy will be available on Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. Mayor Todd recognized Officer Jacob Fowler and Officer Mitchell Ettling for both receiving an Official Commendation for Outstanding Police Action as well as Citizen Praise for significant police work.

*Emergency Service and Disaster Agency* - none

*Fire Department* – none

BUILDING COMMISSIONER: none

OLD BUSINESS: Mayor Todd stated he signed the contract with GES Environmental to do the environmental studies at the Village Shed where gas tanks were removed more than 20 years ago.

Ray Famula asked Betty Keller Timmer if the Friends of the Old Water Tower have received an updated bid. Mrs. Timmer answered she has been working with an engineer and will be going out for bids in June.

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Todd read the list of Committee Assignments for 2021-2022. Mike Capell made a motion to approve the list of Committee Assignments. Ray Famula seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Todd read the list of Appointments for 2021-2022. Ray Famula made a motion to approve the list of Appointments. Mike Capell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Todd stated that in place of Al Lehr's abandoned Trustee position, he would like to appoint Dustin Trankle to Trustee. Mike French made a motion to approve Dustin Trankle to the vacant Trustee position. Randy Burk seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Crissy Pipik swore him in.

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. Mike Capell 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. Randy Burk seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: Mayor Todd thanked Laura Schaefer for her years of service on the Park Board and Dan Duncan for his years of service on the Planning Commission. He stated there will be a presentation to Al Lehr and his family for his years of service all throughout the community.

Mike Capell made a motion to go into Executive Session for Personnel and Legal Matters. Mike French seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mike Capell made a motion to close Executive Session. Mike French seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

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Crissy Pipik, Clerk

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Mike Todd, Mayor