

**VILLAGE OF MILLSTADT  
VILLAGE HALL  
SEPTEMBER 13, 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, Mark Todd, and Dustin Trankle. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion was made by Ray Famula to approve the August 27<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: none

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

SEWER: Dustin Trankle stated the sewer issue on South Tyler Street has been resolved. Ehret will be in town to switch rails out on the lift stations by Lee's Home Center and the one in Wheat Ridge subdivision.

WATER: none

REFUSE: none

MOSQUITO CONTROL: none

STREETS, ALLEYS AND SIDEWALKS: Scott Baltz stated the streetscape work has begun on West Washington Street. They have finished the curbs and are working on the sidewalk on the south side of the street. Mayor Todd added that the brick color needed to be picked out but they will try to stay as close to the color used for the roundabout by Dollar General.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS, MAINTENANCE, AND EQUIPMENT: Randy Burk stated there was one bid for the new maintenance truck. Tracy Holmes added that they were due by 5pm before this meeting. Randy stated the one bid was from Mertz Ford. Randy Burk

made a motion to approve the purchase of a truck from Mertz Ford for \$32,375. Dustin Trankle seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CABLE SERVICES AND CELL TOWERS: none

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: none

ANNEXATIONS: Mayor Todd stated there were some issues with the three tract property on Josiah Lane that wanted to be annexed. He and Adam Romero got it settled and it should be on the next agenda to be voted on.

PARKS, POOL AND RECREATION: Mark Todd reminded everyone the Biathlon will be on Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup> starting at 8am. Participants can still sign up. Volunteers can call Mark or Lynn Muskopf in the Village Office.

CEMETERY: Ray Famula stated the concrete for the base of the new sign has been poured. The sign is still being created.

COMMUNITY CENTER: Ray Famula stated that thanks to a grant from AgeSmart there is new furniture upstairs at the Senior Center. They received a 100 on their St. Clair County health inspection. They passed their AgeSmart Audit. Ray stated the 2022 budget had been submitted and approved for \$177,890. Two offices were remodeled thanks to another grant from AgeSmart. The next Senior Center Board meeting will be on Tuesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 6pm.

PLANNING COMMISSION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Mike French stated there is a Planning Commission meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> however they thought they would have the final plat for Hunter's Point. Adam Romero stated the plans have not yet been given to the Village.

TIF: none

PUBLIC SAFETY:

*Police Department – none*

*Emergency Service and Disaster Agency – Scott Baltz stated that the siren at the cemetery is functioning again.*

*Fire Department – none*

BUILDING COMMISSIONER: Adam Romero stated there is one item on the agenda for the Zoning Board meeting on Tuesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>.

OLD BUSINESS: Mayor Todd stated the bids are still being looked at for the work at Tuffy Mueth Field. St. Clair County Parks awarded the Village a \$25,000 grant that will go towards the fence. There is another grant that the Village may receive.

Mayor Todd stated volunteers are still needed for the Biathlon.

Mike French stated everything has been ordered for the new entrance signs. A red-ish brown color was picked out from Midwest Brick. The monuments should be finished in a few weeks.

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Todd stated the Historical Society is selling space for advertisements in their 2022 calendar. The Village has taken out a \$40 advertisement in the past. Randy Burk made a motion to pay \$40 for an advertisement in the Millstadt Historical Society 2022 calendar. Mike French seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Todd stated the Village applied for a grant from the Metro East Parks and Recreation District for new lights at Tuffy Mueth Field. Tracy Holmes stated the Village received the first payment from the ARP Recovery Act; it will probably be used for infrastructure. Mayor Todd stated the Village received the grant for the sewer line in Coachlite but is waiting for the money to be deposited.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: Resident Judy Jones stated that the pollinator habitat that is across the street from her home on West Harrison Street is a breeding ground for animals and insects. She passed around pictures to the Trustees showing the plants have been grown up without being cut or trimmed. The plants are growing over the fence and there are broken branches from the trees. She has had many problems with grasshoppers, wasps, and bees. She believes it does not belong in a residential area. Wayne Jones asked if permission was given for the habitat. Randy Burk answered no. Adam Romero stated he will look into the Village ordinances to see what is allowed and will move forward from there.

Resident Jeremy Pour stated he has safety concerns about the playground by his home on Josiah Lane. There has been no mulching or weed eating this year. There is not enough wood chips under the equipment in case a child would fall. Scott Baltz stated the maintenance department will take care of it.

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

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Crissy Pipik, Clerk

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Mike Todd, Mayor