

**VILLAGE OF MILLSTADT
VILLAGE HALL
OCTOBER 25, 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 Dustin Trankle. Trustee Mark Todd was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion was made by Mike French to approve the October 11th minutes. Mike Capell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS OR CORRESPONDENCE: Mayor Todd stated the Village, including the maintenance department and office staff, received a thank you from the Library for allowing them to use Liederkrantz Park for their Food Truck Night that was held September 23rd.

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: none

PUBLIC WORKS:

SEWER: Mayor Todd stated he talked with Brian and the Village has received a grant for the American Rescue Plan for around \$250,000. They have discussed using the money for more lining of the storm sewers and lift station updates.

WATER: none

REFUSE: none

MOSQUITO CONTROL: none

STREETS, ALLEYS, AND SIDEWALKS: Scott Baltz stated the mainline curb was poured on the north side of West Washington Street for the streetscape project. They are now waiting on Ameren to replace their poles which will hopefully be completed the following week.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS, MAINTENANCE, AND EQUIPMENT: none

CABLE SERVICES AND CELL TOWERS: none

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: none

ANNEXATIONS: Mayor Todd stated he and Adam Romero have met with property owners south of the Village.

PARKS, POOL AND RECREATION: Mayor Todd stated two new trees have been ordered for Liederkranz Park and three trees for other places within the Village. He added a tree was lost each on Diamond 2 and Diamond 3. Scott Baltz stated he talked with someone interested in putting a memorial tree by Diamond 2. Mayor Todd also stated Scott is waiting to hear back on when the new pickleball lines can be added to the tennis courts.

CEMETERY: Ray Famula stated they are still waiting on the new cemetery signs. Scott Baltz stated he talked with the sign company and there may be some delays.

COMMUNITY CENTER: Ray Famula stated the Senior Center will be helping with the Covid booster shots. Mike French asked if it would be done as it was in the past, with them helping to make appointments to receive the shot in Belleville. Ray answered yes. Ray stated the Sandra M. Bereitschaft Meals on Wheels Trivia Night was a success. The Center's fiscal year end was at the end of September and all reports have been filed with AgeSmart. The Illinois Attorney General will be hosting a fraud workshop. Total meals served increased 70% from 2019. The Center has plans to remodel and upgrade their restrooms in the near future. Mayor Todd asked if there was any new information on replacing the ramp. Scott Baltz stated Director Patty Evansco informed him the Center Board offered to pay for a third of the cost if the Village and Township would pay for the remaining two-thirds. They had discussed including repairs to the adjoining sidewalk but that is not included. Mayor Todd stated the ramp should be fixed first then work on the sidewalk. The project will need to go out for bids. Ray stated the next Senior Center Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 16th.

PLANNING COMMISSION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Mike French stated the next Planning Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 16th. They will be looking at long term planning.

TIF: none

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Police Department – none

Emergency Service and Disaster Agency – Scott Baltz stated that both sirens sounded like they were working during the previous night's storms.

Fire Department – none

BUILDING COMMISSIONER: none

OLD BUSINESS: Otto Faulbaum from Millstadt Sister Cities stated the Sister Cities wanted to be part of the new entrance signs. He has been working with Lager Monument Company and has a final version of what they would like included. He talked with Mike French and the limestone panel will be the same as the Village's but on a smaller scale. When Germann Brick creates the base, their panel would be set in and will look integrated. The Sister Cities will pay for their panel and for any extra brickwork that may be needed.

Rick Wegner from Millstadt Sister cities presented a check to the Village. The money comes from their two fundraisers, one being their booth at the St. Charles Oktoberfest in St. Charles, Missouri.

Mayor Todd stated the lining of the Parkview storm sewer has been completed. He is hoping this will fix the issues and there will be no more sinkage.

Mayor Todd stated the project at Tuffy Mueth Field is getting ready to begin. The Village was awarded another grant from St. Clair County for the project and the bulldozer has already been brought out to the field.

Mayor Todd stated the Village will apply for the DCEO grant in January. It costs \$5,000 to apply. If this grant is received, the streetscape project on Washington Street will include the first block of East Washington Street and the third block of West Washington Street. If the Village is awarded the ITEP grant this fall, the streetscape project will continue two blocks to the west on West Washington Street.

Mayor Todd stated Building Commissioner Adam Romero had looked over the contract from the Friends of the Old Water Tower and he will meet with them to discuss some language that is needed in contract.

NEW BUSINESS: Rick Wegner with Millstadt Sister Cities stated the Illinois Sister Cities Association honored Millstadt with its 2020 Champion of Youth award. It is an honor to be acknowledged by the State. He thanked Ray and Trudy Famula for accepting the award at the IML conference and presented a check to the Village.

Mayor Todd stated the Biathlon made \$11,256.97 this year. The money will be used for a scoreboard on Diamond 3. All the diamonds on Kalbfleisch will now have fences and scoreboards. He thanked everyone that helped make the event a success.

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. Randy Burk made a motion to approve the Clerk's Report. Mike Capell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: Dan Vogel stated he has noticed a shift on how things are handled with the internet providers. In the last two months there have been power outages and all wired internet has also been going out. When the power is out, not only is the electric down but so is the internet and phone lines. He has tried talking with the providers but has not received any answers. He wondered if possibly having a generator at the new water tower could help. A lot of people and businesses are reliant on the internet, and it is critical to have. Mayor Todd stated the Village does not have many options; the Village has reached out to other providers but unfortunately has not received a lot of feedback.

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