

**VILLAGE OF MILLSTADT  
VILLAGE HALL  
MAY 9, 2022  
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 Mike Capell to approve the April 25<sup>th</sup> minutes. Dustin Trankle 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. Ray Famula seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL: Mike Capell stated dental and vision benefits are scheduled for renewal with MetLife. The dental rates will increase 5% but the vision rates stay the same. All the benefits will stay the same. The rates will be good thru July 1, 2023. Mike Capell made a motion to accept the insurance renewal through MetLife. Mike French seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mike Capell stated there would be an Executive Session for Personnel after Citizen Comments.

PUBLIC WORKS:

SEWER: none

WATER: Dustin Trankle stated the new water tower has been rescheduled to be cleaned on Monday, May 23rd and Tuesday, May 24th. Ehret was also out last week for new water service at a property on Admiral Wendt Parkway.

REFUSE: none

MOSQUITO CONTROL: none

STREETS, ALLEYS AND SIDEWALKS: Randy Burk stated he had talked with Scott Baltz and the project on the 700 block of West Laurel Street will be going out for bids in early June. Scott added that he was informed by Dana from TWM.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS, MAINTENANCE, AND EQUIPMENT: none

CABLE SERVICES AND CELL TOWERS: none

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: none

ANNEXATIONS: none

PARKS, POOL AND RECREATION: Mark Todd stated Scott Baltz is getting the supplies for Boy Scout Gabriel Theis to begin his Eagle Scout project. He will be repairing the bridges on the walking track behind the pool. The project is scheduled to begin May 21<sup>st</sup>.

CEMETERY: Ray Famula stated he received a complaint about damage to the stone bridges leading into the cemetery. Scott Baltz is going to investigate it. Scott also straightened out some head stones. Mike French stated that for an Eagle Scout project, they are going to use software, that Tracy Holmes already has, to enter information about those interned at the cemetery. The scout will include as much background information as possible. This project will probably take a considerable amount of time and may require more than one Eagle Scout. They will work on the newest section then work their way back. The map of the cemetery will also be re-done. The ordinance concerning the guidelines about what can be placed on the graves and for how long will be re-done as well.

COMMUNITY CENTER: Ray Famula stated the program for Senior Night Out dining at Ott's for those 60 and older has been a great success. There will be a bunco night at St. James on Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup>. The next Community Center Board meeting will be Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>.

PLANNING COMMISSION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Mike French stated the next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>.

TIF: Mike French stated the road going to the cell tower in the Industrial Park will be oil and chipped at the cost of \$7,830.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

*Police Department* – Police Chief Alan Hucke stated the Youth Academy will begin Monday, July 18<sup>th</sup>. They will be holding their Young Drivers Safety Program on

Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>. Alan also stated they have ordered their new police vehicle.

*Emergency Service and Disaster Agency – none*

*Fire Department – none*

BUILDING COMMISSIONER: Adam Romero stated they have half of the new business licenses completed. They will continue until they have them all completed.

OLD BUSINESS: Mayor Todd stated the Trustees received information from Village Attorney Brian Flynn concerning transferring the TIF agreement for the old Mertz property. Randy Burk made a motion to deny the transfer of the TIF agreement for the following reasons: 1 – The agreement was written and designed for a car dealership which no longer exists; 2 – It was not written to provide property tax reimbursements for a vacant building; 3 – It would be inconsistent with the Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act to continue providing reimbursements for a business that has closed and for a vacant building. Mike French seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Todd stated the rock that the Village is currently using for oil and chipping cost \$15.50 per 1,000 tons. Trap rock cost \$33.25 per 1,000 tons. The Board agreed to keeping the rock that is currently being used.

Mayor Todd stated the DMS change order is for \$63,539.80 to put sod down. The money will be coming from donations as well as sponsorships. They will be selling sponsorships for signs on the fence. For \$5,000 the sponsored sign will stay up for five years; for \$10,000 the sign will stay up for ten years. The sponsorships are for businesses only. Mike French asked if there were any specs for the signs. Mayor Todd answered he still must meet with the sign company, but they will be big enough to see in the outfield. Mark Todd made a motion to approve the DMS change order for \$63,539.80. Ray Famula seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Todd stated that with the Boards approval, he and Scott Baltz will go to School District 201 to purchase chairs for the pool for \$50 per chair. Mark Todd made a motion to allow Mayor Todd to purchase as many good chairs as needed at \$50 per chair. Mike French seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Todd stated he and Scott Baltz looked at Mueller Lane. Road work will begin in the next couple weeks, weather permitting.

Scott Baltz stated that he talked to the solar company for the project at the sewer plant. They need the Village to provide our rates to them.

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Todd stated he talked with the committee members of the Autism Walk that was held the previous month. They have ideas for new, more inclusive, equipment. They will be taking their idea to the Park Board. Scott Baltz added the Village was donated a large swing with a full harness; it will probably be added to the swings at the Rocketship Park.

Mayor Todd stated he talked with Steve from Good Energy. He thought it would be a good time to lock in rates before they go up this summer. Homefield, who we have been using,

wasn't even close. Mike Capell made a motion to accept the Good Energy bid for rates for the Village properties. Ray Famula seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Todd stated the Fire Department has requested street closures for their annual Fireman's Picnic. Mike Capell made a motion to allow Parkview Drive from North Jefferson Street to North Main Street and North Main Street from Parkview Drive to the Bingo Stand, June 9<sup>th</sup> thru June 11<sup>th</sup>. Dustin Trankle seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: Betty Keller Timmer stated HTC has moved their equipment and relocated it off the old water tower. She talked to an engineer from Ameren, and they should be moving their wires soon. Scott Baltz had asked her about the propane tank, and she is trying to find out if it is in use. She tried to get ahold of Herb Simmons but could not reach him. Scott will get her his contact information.

Resident Steve Buchanan thanked Mayor Todd for looking at Mueller Lane and doing as he said he would. He stressed that the bad section is from Douglas Road to 100 yards past the second Briars entrance. Mayor Todd stated they will start ditching once the ground has dried out to relieve the water from the roadway. Mr. Buchanan asked if patching would happen after. Mayor Todd answered yes and that they hope to complete the project in May, weather permitting.

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

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

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

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Crissy Pipik, Clerk

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Mike Todd, Mayor