

**VILLAGE OF MILLSTADT
VILLAGE HALL
JULY 25, 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.

Mayor Todd corrected the July 11th minutes; under Old Business the Village went out for bids because the project was over \$20,000 not \$25,000. A motion was made by Mike Capell to approve the July 11th minutes with corrections. Ray Famula 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 lining project at West Harrison Street and Lexington Drive has started. They have been cleaning and running cameras in the lines. Randy Burk added that there will be a pre-bid meeting for what is needed for the lift station at that location as well.

WATER: none

REFUSE: none

MOSQUITO CONTROL: none

STREETS, ALLEYS, AND SIDEWALKS: Randy Burk stated the Commercial Club has requested street closures for Homecoming. Randy Burk made a motion to allow the Commercial Club to close Parkview Drive from Route 163 to North Main Street and North Main Street from Parkview Drive to the bingo stand on Friday, September 2nd through Sunday, September 4th. Ray Famula seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Randy also stated that there would be a bid opening on Wednesday, August 3rd at 9am at Village Hall for the Laurel Street project. It is for work to be done on the

700 block of West Laurel Street. Mayor Todd added that there will be a meeting soon with TWM concerning applying for the ITEP grant for the streetscape project along Washington Street. He is still waiting to hear the status on the application for the DCEO grant but they will be applying for this grant as well.

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 the Library has requested use of Liederkrantz Park for their Food Truck night. Mark Todd made a motion to allow the Library to use Liederkrantz Park on Thursday, September 22nd from 6pm to 8pm. Ray Famula seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mark stated that Movies in the Park had a good turn out at Elm Street Park. He estimates there were 120 to 150 people that attended. The next Movies in the Park will be on Friday, September 9th.

CEMETERY: Mayor Todd stated landscaping around the new sign will hopefully be done this fall. Mike French stated Eagle Scout Elliot Romano has been making progress on the cemetery project at home. He has the internment records scanned and thinks that by the end of the year he will have everything documented and set up to be given to another scout to work on or for the office to maintain.

COMMUNITY CENTER: Ray Famula stated the Senior Center received a grant from AgeSmart for \$208,110 which is almost double from two years ago. The Senior Center needs kitchen volunteers on Mondays and Tuesdays. The next Senior Center Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 16th.

PLANNING COMMISSION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Mike French stated the Planning Commission approved the division of the property owned by JLP Homes on West White Street and South Polk Street. The Village Board had already approved variances on the property. Building Commissioner Adam Romero asked if the Village Board needed to approve the division. Village Attorney Brian Flynn answered yes. Randy Burk made a motion to approve

the division of property owned by JLP Homes on West White Street and South Polk Street. Ray Famula seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mike French stated the next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 16th.

TIF: Mayor Todd stated he met with Lisa Bowman concerning a possible new business in the industrial park. He will keep the Board updated if it moves forward.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Police Department – Mayor Todd stated there were two bids for the cameras for the parks. The first bid was from Bradley Surveillance for \$30,946. The second bid was from Sidebar Technology for \$28,026.28. Mike Capell made a motion to award the Police Department cameras to Sidebar Technology for \$28,026.28, pending a bid review from Lieutenant Adam Romero. Randy Burk seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Police Chief Alan Hucke stated the Youth Academy has finished. It had a good turnout and went well. He thanked Officer Witschie and Officer Ettling for putting together the successful program.

Emergency Service and Disaster Agency – Mayor Todd stated they are still in the planning stages but along with St. Clair County there will be grants available for new sirens in town as well as possible ones outside of town.

Fire Department – none

BUILDING COMMISSIONER: none

OLD BUSINESS: Mayor Todd stated some work in Liederkrantz Park has been going on. The group from the Autism Walk were starting to paint the rocketship. Also, the maintenance department have started trimming some of the trees and should be done by the end of the week.

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Todd thanked the Sister Cities for putting together a virtual meeting between him and the Gross Bierbrau Burgermeister. It was well attended from both sides. They discussed the money that was donated by the Sister Cities for Ukraine Refugees.

Mayor Todd stated he has been working on another St. Clair County Parks grant. The paperwork is due at the end of August. It will be voted on for approval at the next Village Board meeting.

Mayor Todd stated that the recent high winds has caused some concern in Liederkrantz Park. There were some dead trees and dead branches. Last year the Village hired a tree service to clean it up; that will need to be done again this year. There are two completely dead trees in the park, one at Tuffy Mueth Field, and one at Diamond 5. They are too large for the maintenance department to manage so an outside company will need to be brought in.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Crissy Pipik stated that the Treasurer's Report had been submitted. Ray Famula made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Randy Burk seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CLERK'S REPORT: Crissy Pipik stated that the Clerk's Report had been submitted. Mike French made a motion to approve the Clerk's Report. Mark Todd seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: Betty Keller Timmer stated she has contacted the painting company and is waiting to get a start date from them. HTC has taken their equipment off the old water tower. Ameren still needs to disconnect the power. She would like to have a staging area approved so that painting can begin once the start date is decided. Randy Burk suggested closing off part of Breese for four to six weeks. Mark Todd stated that would be hard to do since the large trucks go through there. Mayor Todd asked how big of an area would be needed. Ms. Timmer answered she thought they could use the back part of the Fire Department lot and the alley. Mayor Todd stated that may possibly work if they would only be taking up a few parking spots. He would discuss it with her and the Fire Department and follow up at the next Village Board meeting.

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

Crissy Pipik, Clerk

Mike Todd, Mayor