

**VILLAGE OF MILLSTADT
VILLAGE HALL
APRIL 10, 2023
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, Mark Todd, and Dustin Trankle. Trustees Ray Famula and Mike French were absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion was made by Mike Capell to approve the March 27th minutes. Dustin Trankle seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS OR CORRESPONDENCE: Mayor Todd stated the Civic Club sent a thank you card for supporting and donating to their annual Bunny Brunch.

COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS: Mike Capell stated he reviewed the bills. Mike Capell made a motion to pay the bills. Dustin Trankle seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL: none

PUBLIC WORKS:

SEWER: none

WATER: none

REFUSE: Dustin Trankle stated the Village is still in negotiations with Waste Management. Their contract is up in October. Mayor Todd stated he has been talking with them concerning their service; there were issues last month. He would entertain discussions with other providers.

MOSQUITO CONTROL: none

STREETS, ALLEYS, AND SIDEWALKS: Randy Burk stated the engineers have been working on plans for the new sidewalk and access ramp at the Senior Center. Bids will go out around the same time as the bids for the Laurel Street project.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS, MAINTENANCE, AND EQUIPMENT: none

CABLE SERVICES AND CELL TOWERS: Mark Todd stated he received a letter from Betty Keller Timmer concerning the old water tower. Maguire should be back in the Village this week. They will be tidying up the work site until the equipment arrives for them to work on the old water tower.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: none

ANNEXATIONS: none

PARKS, POOL, AND RECREATION: Mark Todd stated the MCS PTA has asked for a donation to the annual auction. The Village has donated a pool pass in previous years. Mark Todd made a motion to donate a pool pass to the MCS PTA Auction. Dustin Trankle seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mark stated the trustees all received a letter in their packet concerning adding a sensory garden to the playground at Liederkrantz Park. Kim Atkins from Atkins' Acres would like to work with the Village to find a place to put two raised garden beds near the playground. They have already received a grant to fund the project. She would like to have an agreement drawn up stating she will be accountable for the maintenance of the garden and that if it cannot be maintained it will be disassembled. Mark stated he will discuss it with the Park Board at their meeting tomorrow to get their input. Mayor Todd stated he would like to wait for the new equipment to be installed so that the garden can be installed in an appropriate place. In the meantime, the Board will continue to look over their proposal.

CEMETERY: none

COMMUNITY CENTER: Mark Todd stated the Senior Center was approved for a grant from AgeSmart for next year. The Senior Center will be holding their Golf Ball Drop fundraiser at this year's Fireman's Picnic. Tickets can be purchased from Patty Evansco. The Big Ol' Bag and Jewelry sale will be held on Friday, April 21st and Saturday, April 22nd.

PLANNING COMMISSION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Mayor Todd stated there would be a Zoning Board meeting on Tuesday, April 25th. There is not a Planning Commission meeting in April.

TIF: none

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Police Department – none

Emergency Service and Disaster Agency – none

Fire Department – Mark Todd thanked everyone that came out to support their annual bar-b-que.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER: Adam Romero stated he obtained the right-of-ways from IDOT for the Village entrance signs on Route 163 and Route 158. He gave the permit to Scott Baltz. They can be installed whenever the signs are ready. Mayor Todd stated Mike French informed him that he is still waiting on the bid from Germann Brick. The new signs will cost \$9,830.

OLD BUSINESS: Mayor Todd stated the office has ordered the new pool furniture which was paid for with money raised from the Biathlon and with grant money. Scott Baltz stated it should be in around the middle of May and will have to be assembled. The new furniture will be in the snack bar area and around the splash pad.

Scott Baltz asked if the solar panel companies should give presentations during a Village Board meeting or if the Mayor would like separate meetings for whomever can attend. Mayor Todd answered that he would like the presentations set up at a different time in case there were discussions. Scott stated he has talked with the two companies he has contacted and will set up presentations with them. Mayor Todd stated he believes this is something that is needed especially since the energy bill tripled in the last month at the sewer plant.

Scott Baltz stated he and Tracy Holmes are working on the water line survey. Tracy has gotten quite far with it. She will submit what they have to TAC this week; the information is due April 15th. The completed information is due in 2024.

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Todd stated the Senior Center has asked to collect funds at the 4-way for Senior Independence Day. Mike Capell made a motion to allow the Senior Center to collect at the 4-way on Saturday, May 6th from 9am to noon. Mark Todd seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Todd stated the April Mayor's Meeting will be held in Smithton at Turner Hall on Thursday, April 27th. He asked that any trustees wanting to attend, let the Office know.

Randy Burk stated he talked with the St. Clair County Grants Department and the Village has gotten most of the money they will get for new ADA sidewalks. He suggested the Village look into applying to replace the water lines in the areas that qualify. Tracy Holmes asked when the surveys for those projects would be due. Randy answered soon. Scott Baltz asked if it was strictly residential. Randy answered yes. Mayor Todd stated that any area that qualified for new ADA sidewalk would probably qualify for this project, as well.

Mayor Todd stated that he and Tracy have worked on the budget, and it is ready to go. The Trustees all received a copy to look over. It will be voted on at the next Village Board meeting. There will be a public hearing before the meeting.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: none

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

Crissy Pipik, Clerk

Mike Todd, Mayor