

**Village of Milledgeville  
County of Carroll  
State of Illinois**

**Minutes from a Regular Board Meeting held January 2, 2017**

The Village of Milledgeville Called to Order a Regular Board Meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall in Milledgeville. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Roll was Called with the following Trustees responding as "Here", Bill Stage, Gary Geirnaeirt, Gene Behrens, Bryan Trotter and Wayne Sprecher.

Others Present: Jeff Hackbarth, Jim Haag, Dean Hollewell, Craig Gebhardt, Pam and Curt Eubanks and Denny Pate.

MOTION was made by Trotter, sec. by Geirnaeirt, to approve the Minutes from the December 5, 2016 Regular Board Meeting. Motion carried by omnibus vote (5-0).

MOTION was made by Geirnaeirt, sec. by Trotter, to pay the bills as presented. Motion carried (5-0) by omnibus vote.

Old Business: Galen read Chapter 15-101 of the Ordinance Book and there were no changes at this time.

New Business: MOTION was made by Geirnaeirt, sec. by Behrens, to approve the November 2016 Treasurer's Report. Motion carried (5-0) by omnibus vote.

Galen reminded the Board that they usually don't have a second meeting in January so MOTION was made by Stage, sec. by Geirnaeirt, to have Christy pay the bills in vacation. Motion carried (5-0) by omnibus vote.

Galen said Christy had paid all but one bill from Brown Construction in the last billing cycle. They last bill was for \$41,147.73. We currently do not have that much in the TIF Checking account. Galen said we do have a savings account though that has a balance of \$51,651.87. We need to transfer that to the checking account for use. He said there was also some confusion on the TIF 2 property taxes we received. They were placed into TIF 1 and will need to be transferred to TIF 2 where they belong. That amount is \$8824.42. Galen would also like to buy another CD with \$25,000.00 of the TIF 1 money to get more interest. He said we could get one for 182 days and cash it in to pay for the road when the time comes. Stage asked what would happen if we needed the money sooner than 182 days and Galen said we just would have to pay a penalty. Stage said he thinks we should just leave it in savings and get interest there. It will be less but if we need the money at least we will still get some interest. MOTION was made by Stage to transfer the money from the TIF savings to TIF 1 checking. Motion was seconded by Sprecher. Motion carried (5-0) by Roll Call vote. Christy is to also deposit the TIF 2 taxes of \$8824.42 in the appropriate account.

Galen went over the bid estimate received from Brown Construction for the removal and replacement of Main Ave. The amount was \$493,031.00. This does not include the layout and staking by the engineers. Galen said we could possibly designate an employee and the dump truck to help defray the cost. He said we will possibly have to use the Motor Fuel Tax fund and the TIF money we will receive next year to pay for the cost of the road. He asked the Trustees to keep this in mind for next spring. Sprecher asked how long the road replacement will take and Galen said about 2 months. He said Brown

has a way to remove the road as to only shut down half the road at a time. It will help with the flow of traffic, also, when the gravel is down, it will help with compacting the rock. Once the old road is removed and the gravel is down, CIVIL will have to come in and lay the pavement. We don't know their work schedule. Stage said he has a real problem with designating a full time employee for the removal of the road and helping Brown full time when they have enough work to keep them busy. Galen said without doing two projects this year, we may not be that busy. Stage said we've been busy enough for the last twenty years to keep two people busy and he didn't think that would change. Jeff said depending on when we're going to do the road they may be able to help Brown on and off. He said they have a lot of seeding to do this spring and mowing in the summer but said they may be able to help a couple of days a week.

Galen had a meeting a few weeks ago with Larry Moring and Mark Wiersema. The Village would like to recycle but Mark Wiersema has no place to dispose of the recyclables. Moring Disposal was called in to offer the Village an idea of cost for recycling. Denny Pate was present and had a bid for us. He said they would bring in a 35 cubic yard, covered dumpster. The Village would have to provide a riser for residents to step up on to dispose of items. They had an example of what they want it made of for safety reasons. The Village would have to accept responsibility for resident's safety while disposing of the recyclables. The cost for renting the dumpster was \$125.00. If the dumpster is switched three or more times the rental fee would be waived. The dumpster would be switched out when full for the cost of \$350.00 per load. And lastly, Moring would like the Village to give the dumpster a one year minimum time frame with a two year extension option in the event the program is determined to be a success. When asked what he thought would be the quantity of dumps per month, Pate said one company dumps once a week and Haag said Polo dumps once a week. If we do that it will cost \$1400.00 to dump it 4 times but the rental would be waived. Stage said he would like to try it for a few months and see how it goes before we sign a yearly contract. If it doesn't get used much, or used by people who don't pay for garbage pick-up in Milledgeville, then we will come out on the wrong side of the cost. It may not be cost efficient. Bryan asked Denny what the cost would be to pick up recycling at the curb for residents. Denny said he would have to look into that. Trotter said that would solve the problem of people from out of town using the dumpster without paying for it. Galen said we would table this until the first meeting in February.

Ordinance #777 was next on the agenda. It is an Ordinance regarding Travel, Meal and Lodging expenses. The Trustees had discussed this at the last meeting and Christy typed it up. MOTION was made by Stage, sec. by Geirnaeirt, to accept the Ordinance as presented. Motion carried (5-0) by Roll Call vote.

Craig Gebhardt was present on behalf of the Masonic Lodge. He was here to ask the Board for TIF assistance for some updates they are doing on their building. He said they are replacing the window and door and will then replace the siding on the front of the building. He said they have already paid for the window and door. He had a price from the Milledgeville Farmers Elevator in the amount of \$758.39 for the siding. He wondered if the Village could help with that cost. Stage said we had someone else come to us and request assistance and we turned her down. Galen said the lawyer said we couldn't do anything at that point as her work was already done. The Masons have not done their work yet. Multiple Trustees said it would be nice to help them improve their building as we want the businesses on town to do well. MOTION was made by Geirnaeirt, sec. by Trotter, to give them the \$758.39 for improvements. Motion carried (5-0) by Roll Call vote. Stage said we need to do the same for other businesses in the future also. If we help one we need to help others.

Curt and Pam Eubanks were here. They wanted to tell the Board that they are currently in the process of acquiring JJ's Come Back Inn and were at the meeting to request the Board's approval for a liquor license. He said his LLC paperwork is progressing and when that is done, all his appropriate numbers will be with the paperwork. He has some ideas and plans for the building and the businesses. He said they would like to bring the restaurant back to its former glory by expanding the food service. He said the gaming machines may have to remain in the current owners name for a bit until the State gets his paperwork done. Pam said they are going to rename the business and it will be known as the Millwheel Tavern Food and Spirits in the future. Curt said hopefully all the paperwork will be done by the end of January and they will be the new owners February 1, 2017. MOTION was made by Stage, sec. by Behrens, to approve the liquor license for Curt and Pam Eubanks. Motion carried (5-0) by Roll Call vote for Millwheel Tavern, Food and Spirits, Curt and Pam Eubanks, owners. The Trustees wished them the best on their new business venture.

The next item was a new electronic recycling company. URT was approached previously about doing the Village's electronic recycling instead of Self Help as Self Help cannot take TV's and computer monitors unless we pay 25 cents per pound. URT can take them for no charge. Jeff still has some questions for the pertaining to loading the boxes and the size of the collection boxes. He wants to make sure we have room at the street department to store them. Christy will try to contact them again. This item will be tabled for the time.

Stage commented that the mower we have will need to be replaced this year. Galen said we used to trade in the mower before it went out of warranty and we didn't with this one. We would like to get back in the habit. Stage priced two new mowers at Polhills. One was a Cub Cadet PRO Z 760L for a cost of \$13449.00 and they would give us \$6,649.00 for our trade in. The other mower was a Cub Cadet PRO Z 960L for \$14,549.00 and they would give us \$7,049.00 for our trade in. Jeff said he thinks for the price difference of \$650.00 he would like the bigger horse power mower. We currently have enough in the street and alley equipment fund to pay for it. MOTION was made by Sprecher, sec. by Trotter, to purchase the PRO Z 960L mower for \$7500.00. Motion carried (5-0) by Roll Call vote.

The last item under new business was the water tower loan payment. Galen said it will due in February and is \$37,797.90 normally. We have been paying \$40,000.00 on the payment but he wondered about paying \$50,000.00 this time and getting the principle balance down. MOTION was made by Geirnaeirt, sec. by Stage to make a \$50,000.00 payment in February. Motion carried (5-0) BY Roll Call vote.

Committee Reports: Gary had nothing at this time and John was not currently present. Haag said he's been having staffing issues and informed the Board that he may be looking for new part time officers. If he finds anyone we may have to send them to training. He said he just wanted to inform the Board. Stage said we have fixed Well #4 and on January 17<sup>th</sup> he would like to send Jeff and Chris to an Excavator Safety Class. It will count towards Jeff's water license renewal hours. Every 3 years he needs 15 hours and he likes to get the hours in the winter if he can as summers are pretty busy. Stage wanted to thank the guys for working so hard to keep the streets free of slush when the snow started melting. They did a good job.

Galen wanted to tell everyone that Jim Haag hit a milestone on December 15<sup>th</sup> of 2016. He has officially been the Police Chief of Milledgeville for 30 years. He has worked here longer though. Galen wanted to thank him for his service and the Trustees thanked him and gave him a round of applause!

With no further business, MOTION was made by Stage, sec. by Sprecher, to adjourn at 9:07 p.m. Motion carried.

Approved Minutes Taken By  
Christine A Ottens, Village Clerk