

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

Minutes from a Regular Board meeting held November 7, 2016

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

Others Present: Dean Hollewell, Jim Haag and Jeff Hackbarth.

MOTION was made by Geirnaeirt, sec. by Stage, to approve the Minutes from the October 17, 2016 meeting. Motion carried (5-0) by omnibus vote.

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

Old Business: The Trustees and Galen went over the Ordinance Book, Chapters 11 and 12. No changes were made.

New Business: Galen gave a brief outline of the TIF meeting held earlier in the evening. He said we got a lot of projects done and we have taken in approximately \$5.5 million since the inception of TIF in 1995.

The employees Christmas bonus was next on the agenda. Galen asked about raising Mary Haeft's bonus from \$50.00 to \$100.00. He said she stands outside in rain, snow and freezing temperatures to make sure our kids get to school safely and he thinks she deserves more. MOTION was made by Geirnaeirt, sec. by Helms to raise her bonus to \$100.00 and to give the other four employees \$400.00. Motion carried (5-0).

Galen said the Levy Ordinance #776 was next. It is for the normal 5% increase as allowed by law. The total amount the Village will levy for is \$114,303.00 which is \$3319.00 more than last year. MOTION was made by Stage, sec. by Geirnaeirt, to approve the Levy Ordinance. Motion carried (5-0).

MOTION was made to approve Ryan Schryver's letter of resignation dated October 20, 2016. Galen told the Board that he was asked to repay the Village for a charge on the Village card and Ryan said no. The Board decided last meeting that it was not an item they approved of so it needed to be repaid. When Ryan declined to pay the amount, Stage took his charge card from him. The following day he resigned. MOTION was made by Stage, sec. by Geirnaeirt to accept Ryan's resignation. Motion carried (5-0).

Recycling was the next item to discuss. Galen said he talked to Moring disposal and asked if they would be willing to take our recycling if the Village decided to do it. Moring said they would talk to Wiersema Waste and see what they could figure out.

Several trees were up for discussion. The first is at the George residence. Stage said it will cost \$1325.00 to have the tree and stump removed. This tree had branches that came down during a wind storm and they took the power line down from the resident's home. MOTION was made by Stage, sec. by Geirnaeirt, to remove the tree. Motion carried (5-0).

The tree at Tim Scribner's was next. They have wanted the tree down for years but it was considered a healthy tree. They have decided to build a new garage and the tree is in the way. Stage said he talked to them and they will need a variance to build the garage as it doesn't meet zoning requirements. Stage said they need to get the paperwork done and get the variance before we cut the tree down. Jeff Hackbarth thought it was about the same size as the previous tree so it would cost about the same price. Stage said we won't do anything to the tree if they don't get the variance. Stage said another resident called and had a branch come down from their tree and they are worried the tree is dead. Jeff went and looked at it and they feel it does need to come down. Stage said when Jeff gets free he will work on it.

Galen told the Board that there was a meeting held at Village Hall pertaining to the Industrial Park interior roads and turn lane. Galen said they decided that the bid process will start in January with bids being due in February. Bio-Ag was present and said their company is building another plant so they are not sure how much money they will have to put toward the turn lane and interior roads. They will put it out for bid and go from there.

The Enterprise Zone is still moving forward. Galen said he signed a few more papers and sent them off for the extension.

The Insurance bill from the Illinois Municipal Risk Management company was next. Galen said we can pay it in one or two installments. MOTION was made by Geirnaeirt, sec. by Behrens to pay the bill in full as it will save the Village some money. Motion carried (5-0).

MOTION was made by Stage, sec. by Geirnaeirt, to go into executive session at 7:47 p.m. to discuss Personnel-Section 2(c)(1). Employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline and performance. The Board came out of Executive Session at 7:59 p.m.

There was nothing to discuss from the executive session at this time.

Committee Reports: Geirnaeirt had nothing at this time.

Stage said hopefully the water loopings will be done on Wednesday and the sidewalks are progressing. Galen said Hayen Electric had to dig up the sidewalk on the north side of Village Hall. He told Brown to replace it along with the sidewalk they are doing. Stage said he would like a bid before we do it and Wirth said it will hold up progress and should be done at the same time as the sidewalk they are currently working on. He felt it wouldn't be done if we wait until the next meeting to approve the bid. Stage said he still feels we need to know what it would cost before we just get it done. With said he will ask Brown Construction for a bid. Behrens agreed with Wirth and said we may not get it done this year if we wait and Helms said we should follow protocol. Stage said there is a system on place for a reason. He said Wirth can call the Board members with a price and they can ok it then.

Helms had nothing at this time but asked Haag if there was anything and Jim said he wanted to remind the residents to lock their car and home doors as we had some cars gone through and items taken.

Any Other Business: Stage said he was contacted by a resident who had a load of laundry in when Jeff flushed a hydrant. The load was covered with rust. Stage said because we failed to notify her we were flushing, he feels we should reimburse her the amount of \$9.21 that she had to spend for cleaners to remove the rust from her son's basketball uniform. The Board agreed and said that we need to look into the rust remover we used to have on hand here for those kinds of accidents. MOTION was made by Sprecher, sec. by Behrens to approve paying that. Motion carried (5-0).

With no further business, MOTION was made by Sprecher, sec. by Behrens, to adjourn at 8:04 p.m.
Motion carried (5-0).

Approved Minutes Taken By
Christine A. Ottens, Village Clerk