**VILLAGE OF MILLINGTON BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Monday, December 9th, 2019**

**Call to Order**: Doug Holley called this meeting of the Village Board to order at 7:00 PM.

**Roll Call/Establishment of Quorum:** Present were Trustees Brad Pekoc, Mike Smith, Pat Aloisio, Beverly Casey, Brian Kehoe, and Yvonne Roller present. Mike Smith absent. Sandy White, Treasurer present. Lenée Kissel, Clerk present. Attorney Greg Jones present. Mayor Doug Holley present.

**President’s Comments:** Doug stated that Nicor gas is going to be adding some devices to everyone’s meter so they no longer have to send out anyone to read the meters. They will be sending out letters to residents about this. Doug also stated that Tim Mlsna is selling off all of his property in Millington. Doug has had a number of calls regarding the property at the end of Spruce Street. One question that he has been asked are if one could build a single house out there and put horses on the property. There are also developers interested in it. Janet Blue stated that there is an offer on the land. Doug has also been asked about putting pole barns on the land with no house. There was some discussion on enforceability of covenants. The Village has no authority to enforce restrictive subdivision covenants according to Greg. Fran Klaus stated that the bridge will be open to light traffic (5 tons) before Christmas. The detour signs will remain up for heavier traffic.

**Trustee’s Comments:** Brad asked about the house on Race Street which now has a collapsed roof. Bev stated that the attorney didn’t continue the work that was started on this several years ago. Sandy stated that she was advised a long time ago to take pictures. Greg stated that there is a procedure for the Village to take over the house, but there is an expense involved in doing that. Bev reviewed what happened and repeated that it did not get followed up on. Greg asked if the Board would like to move forward now. It is believed that Derke took care of it originally and didn’t follow through. Greg stated if their firm owes us paperwork, he is happy to take care of it. Greg will talk to Derke and see what is going on and follow up on this issue. Bev stated that both copy machines are down. Sandy stated that Kopy Kat was the store we worked with. They used to have a location in Plano but they don’t any longer. Brad suggested that it get fixed. Bev will call Kopy Kat and try to get it repaired. Greg stated that Doug has the authority to fix it up to $20,000.

**Citizen’s Comments:**  Keith wished everyone a Merry Christmas. It was noted that earlier, Stevens’ Tree Service delivered cookies. Rick Trevino from the Last Chance stated that he requesting an extended hour (until 1am, Wednesday January 1st) since it is on a Tuesday. This was supposed to be on the agenda but Doug stated that he had forgotten to include it. Greg said it could be ratified next month. It was suggested to make an amendment to the code allowing this in the future without being asked.

**Minutes for November 2019 Regular Meeting**: Bev made a motion to accept the November minutes with one change. Yvonne seconded, motion carried unanimously.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Read by the Mayor. Net income for the month of November was $6,211.75. Year to date net income $14,560.35. Checking has $176,776.59. Savings has $36,091.72. Playground fund has $32,724.53. Motor fuel has $17,036.22. Doug stated that Sandy should be back next month. Brad made a motion to accept the November treasurer’s report. Bev seconded, motion carried unanimously.

**Bills to Pay**:

Lenée Kissel 109.25

Ron Rithaler 166.06

S. White 109.25

Doug Holley 44.25

AT&T Internet ------

AT&T 81.27

Waste Management 59.33

Newark BP 100.00

Theodore Larson 100.00

Ancel Glink 543.75

Ameren IP 914.63

Illinois Department of Revenue 42.98

Department of Treasury 136.42

Total Bills From General Checking $2,388.74

Brian made a motion to pay the bills, Yvonne seconded, motion carried unanimously.

**Sheriff’s Report**: Deputy Briars stated there were no calls for service, 3 process service requests and one traffic stop. He stated that they participated in a fundraising event of no shave November to raise money for mental health education for officers. Resident asked how they will monitor the bridge weight limitations. Deputy stated that the citation for violating it would most likely be disobeying a traffic control device, rather than a really hefty fine for overweight vehicle (usually reserved for vehicles over 80,000 pounds).

**Building Report:** Board members reviewed it quietly. 3 active permits. Bev asked what happens to Mlsna’s permit if he sells his property, specifically the bridge permit. Doug asked if the permits would go on to the new owner. Greg stated no. Greg stated that a new owner would need new permits/applications but could use the previous drawings.

**New Business:**

* Set Dates for Board/Zoning Meetings 2020-Brad made a motion to adopt the Board meeting dates and Planning and Zoning Meeting dates. Yvonne seconded, motion carried unanimously.
* Pat made a motion to allow the Last Chance Saloon and Jimbo’s to stay open an hour later than the established hours for the New Years’ Eve Holiday (until 1am on Wednesday January 1st). Yvonne seconded, motion carried unanimously. This was not on the agenda so it will need to be ratified at the next meeting.

**Old Business:**

* Tax Levy – Pat made a motion to adopt “**Ordinance 12-01-19, Tax Levy**…..”, Brad seconded, motion carried unanimously.
* Attorneys/Discussion – Greg Jones from Ancel Glink spoke about his firm. He is a partner with the firm and they have been with the Village for about 7+ years. He reviewed some of their litigation work with us. He then spoke of the background and resumé of the firm. He stated that he was a city planner before he became a municipal attorney. Doug asked for the hourly rates. They have charged $190/hour which he states is among the lowest rates they charge, and that rate has not changed in the 7 years they have been there. He stated these rates have been reviewed and they have been held and there is no plan to raise them in the near future. Yvonne asked where the offices are. Greg reviewed this. Travel rates discussed. These were originally built in as billable hours. This has been changed to 30 minutes. Bev asked about court travel time. He stated 2 hours. Yvonne asked how often he goes to other meetings. Greg stated that most communities typically have them attend every meeting, although there are exceptions. More discussion about how often he needs to be there. Yvonne asked what his recommendation would be about how often he should attend meetings. Greg suggested that you can set up agendas to group legal issues. Bev reviewed with Greg that she started this process and stated that she reviewed records and felt things took too long. Keith asked what the phone rate is and Greg stated that it is billed and ¼ hours. A few more questions about the house on Race Street. Again, Greg stated that he would look into the past records and work on this.

No further business discussed. Pat made a motion to adjourn. Bev seconded, motion carried. Adjourned at 8:02pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lenee Kissel, Village Clerk