**VILLAGE OF MILLINGTON BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Monday, July 13, 2015**

**Call to Order**: Mayor Doug Holley called the regularly scheduled meeting of the board of trustees to order at 7:00 PM.

**Roll Call/Establishment of Quorum:** Present: Mayor Doug Holley. Also present were Trustees Terry Lobdell, Pat Aloisio, Jordan Thibault, Kevin Jensen and Brad Pekoc. Sandy White/Treasurer present. Lenee Kissel, Clerk present. Derke Price, Attorney, present. Jason Patterson absent. Letter of resignation for Jason presented to the Board.

Jeff Pasakarnis, Planning and Zoning Commissioner, absent. Derke stated that new Board member couldn’t be appointed tonight because it is not on the agenda. Pat stated that he thought it would make sense for the Mayor to appoint the person with the most votes who did not get elected for the open position and Jordan agreed. More discussion regarding this topic.

**Minutes for June Meeting**: Clerk read the minutes. A few corrections made. Kevin made a motion to accept the minutes from the June meeting with corrections. Pat seconded, motion carried unanimously.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Read by Sandy. June had a net income of $133.05. Year to date net income of -$64.12. Kevin made a motion to accept the June treasurer’s report. Pat seconded, motion carried unanimously.

**Bills to Pay**:

Lenee Kissel 110.75

S. White 119.61

B. Holdiman 88.60

County Line Hauling 1,350.00

Larson Insurance 100.00

Ancel Glink 2,612.50 for 2 months

Lenee Kissel 28.53 (postage)

S. White 5.24

Newark BP 79.55

MCI 33.36

Illinois Department of Revenue 13.50

Department of Treasury 41.32

AT&T Internet 48.00

AT&T 249.14

Ameren IP 584.74

Record Newspapers 12.00

Office Depot 73.57

Waste Management 51.25

Total From General Checking 5,264.81

The bills were read out loud by Sandy. Doug asked about a charge to Ancel Glink to discuss snowplow driving licensure requirements. Doug stated that the insurance company would have given us the same information for free and didn’t feel that expense needed to be incurred. Kevin stated that there should be discussion amongst the Board before money is spent. Brad stated that he wants to have trust amongst the Board to be able to call the attorney if there is a question. Brad wanted to know why there is such animosity amongst the Board. Discussion continued regarding procedure for reporting and paying bills. Kevin stated that the President should be asked before money is spent. Jordan restated that Doug needs to be contacted before the lawyer is called. Kevin asked about the legal fees on the bills to pay. Sandy said that she has a breakdown. She will provide it to Kevin to look at. Doug stated that he felt the bill was fine. Terry made a motion to pay the bills. Jordan seconded, motion carried unanimously.

**Building Report:** Brian Holdiman introduced himself – He has issued two permits already this month.

**Police Report**: Deputy Harl was in attendance today as Mrozek was not able to attend. Vehicles being broke into is on the rise. There have also been residential burglaries. He advised people to lock their cars and houses. Two new deputies have been hired. A mounted unit has also been started. Resident asked if the burglaries were in Millington and Deputy said no, with the exception of the road signs.

**Citizen’s Comments:**

* Dave Ewing wanted to discuss if any expenses beyond calling the attorney happened without knowledge. Asked about gas expenses from last year. Discussed wasteful spending. Stated he wants an investigation of gas spending.
* Gary Lechowicz – stated the red truck is too big for the town’s streets and perhaps it should be sold. Also wanted to discuss the Board members calling the Attorney. Discussed wanting to get digital service from Comcast. Wants to look into pushing Comcast to upgrade the equipment. Kim Lobdell stated that discussions with Comcast have uncovered that Village would be responsible for 50% of the cost of upgrading the equipment. Also wanted to know if we can afford police protection if we are in a deficit. Also stated we need road repairs. Board stated that roads come out of the motor fuel tax. Spoke against police protection.
* Tim Mlsna spoke regarding the bridges in town. Discussion regarding the property and bridges in town. Mr. Mlsna asked if Gary L. got a permit to fix his bridge. Gary L. stated that he got all of his proper permits. Mr. Mlsna also stated that he has spoken to Brian to get him up to speed. He also stated, regarding his litigation that his lawyer spoke to Derke’s associate. Derke stated that the discussion with Mr. Mlsna’s attorney was productive. Derke restated the permit requirements. Mr. Mlsna stated that pier timeline is difficult because the river is up. Discussed old letter from Jim Smith and the requirements that were stated in that letter. Gary Lechowicz discussed electric requirements. Mlsna agreed to fund a special meeting to appoint a new Board member.
* Dave Ewing asked about getting a break down of the gas bill.

**New Business:**

* Revision of fee Ordinance – demolition permit fee in question. $1000 is in the ordinance. It was felt that it should be $100.00. Motion to change to $100 made by Kevin. Pat seconded, motion carried unanimously. Terry discussed the golf cart fee expense, which has been changed to $50 for inspection and $25 a year for the annual fee. This has been changed to reflect having Brian do the inspection as Terry will no longer be doing them. Jordan asked if there are extra stickers. Terry stated he will inspect and sticker Rick Peplinski if he goes through with it as he has already started it. Jordan had a question about the annual fee. Terry said that there are only 3 legal golf carts in town. Brad made a motion to adopt Ordinance **07-01-15**, “**An Ordinance Amending the Schedule of Fees for Inspections in the Village of Millington.”** Jordan seconded, motion carried unanimously.
* Revision of fence ordinance - Primary purpose of this to allow the owner to declare what is the front and what is the side yard. Terry stated that he worked with the Attorney to get this done. Pat made a motion to adopt Ordinance **07-02-15, “An Ordinance Amending the Regulation of Fences in the Village of Millington, Illinois.”** Jordan seconded, motion carried unanimously.
* Police – Doug stated that he had a meeting with Terry. Newark stated that they are paying 57 ½ cents per mile. Doug’s understanding is that they are working with Newark because they are a long-standing customer. Hourly rate was approximately $42.00 per hour. There is a $2 equipment fee per hour that is included in the $42.00. Newark is doing a lot of the work to save money. The equipment on the Village car is outdated and it would be cost prohibitive to update the equipment. Terry asked if residents want police protection. Kevin asked where the money is coming from to pay for police. Terry stated that he asked Sandy about a budget which was determined to be $1000 a month. Doug would like to see if LaSalle would work with us also. Terry stated that Kendall could only patrol LaSalle if they are on our dime. Resident discussed problems that happen late at night in town. Once you figure the mileage expense the Village’s budget would allow for approximately 10-20 hours a month of patrolling. Scott reminded everyone that $675/month would be available to pay for police protection when the truck payment ends which is coming up shortly. Kevin suggested that Doug talks to Sheriff Templeton in LaSalle and put the item back on the agenda for next month. Resident asked about neighborhood watch. Doug stated he would check in with LaSalle and put it back on the agenda.

**Old Business:**

* Tree Removal – Terry stated that the company that he was working with has had a death (the owner passed) and he didn’t think it was appropriate to talk to the son (who is taking it over) at that time. Terry asked to table it until next month to allow time to get the quote. Jordan asked if any of the trees are an emergency, or immediate need. Doug stated Mr. Flowers is concerned about some leaning trees. Sandy had concern over a tree as well. Discussion about the bidding process. Terry stated that his bid was $1160 less. Brad suggested we take down the immediate need trees and put the bid on next month’s agenda. Doug stated that Mr. Flower’s has two trees leaning and one at the house across from Scott’s house that has the outcropping and the white husky. Jordan asked if the trees in question were in the bid from Stephens. Stephen’s had a bid of $1055 for 209 Church and $2360 for three trees at Flowers property. Doug stated that only 2 of the trees need to be done at Flowers as an emergency need. Attorney stated that the Board should authorize emergency action to spend $1000 to remove the dangerous limbs and then work on the bid. Attorney stated that ash trees need to be disposed in a certain way. Board disputed this if the trees are dead. Jordan made a motion to take down and remove the two worst trees at Flower’s house not to exceed $2000. Brad seconded, motion carried unanimously. Bids will come back next month. Derke stated this does not have to be prevailing wage because it maintenance.
* What to do with squad car – Doug stated it isn’t working well enough to even call Tonica about purchasing it. Jordan said to offer it in private auction to get it off the books. Attorney said that it could be donated to the high school. Mr. Schick said he would donate his time to try to get it fixed. Mr. Lechowicz said he would help him try to diagnose and fix it so it can be sold on the open market. Board agreed to let Mr. Schick look at it. Attorney suggested making a motion to allow the mayor to spend up to $500 to fix the car. Brad made a motion to allow the mayor to spend up to $500 on parts to fix the squad car, with volunteer labor. Terry seconded, motion carried unanimously.
* Clean up day – three dumpsters were used. Fourth one was sent back. Several people helped. Doug had trouble with the recycling place. Complete Sanitation took everything for nothing this time around. Just a few computer towers left. Doug said they charged us $450 instead of $400. Scrap was loaded into Jordan’s truck and Village made $233.60. Doug thanked everyone that helped. Doug stated that his friend David came and helped for twelve hours. Bill Hendrickson, a resident, drove around and picked up stuff all day.
* Tall grass and weeds 307 Sycamore Street – Doug has been there once to mow. Needs to get in there with a bush hog. He stated that he would charge for one time mowing and two hours of cutting up brush. Doug would like to bill for $100 for mowing and $200 for labor. Sandy will create an invoice and give it to the Clerk to send certified mail to the bank that owns the property.

**Trustees Comments:** Kevin thanked the citizens who have showed up and offered to help. Pat thanked people for coming to the meeting. Pat thanked Doug for the concrete work and bike racks and garbage cans in front of the Village Hall. Jordan thanked Pat’s wife for making sandwiches. Sandy stated that Belle Rive residents are coming to her and complaining that a few lots need mowing.

Mayor’s Comments: Doug thanked people for coming to the meetings. Also stated that Brenda and Paul Wilmsen donated garbage receptacles and bike racks. She told Doug that she could get playground equipment at cost. Doug stated there is mulch at the co-op property, and that people need to let Doug know if they want to pick it up.

Jordan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Pat seconded, motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:12 pm.

Lenee Kissel, Village Clerk