

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

Minutes of a Committee Meeting for Public Works and Buildings and Finance Committees

The committee meeting was brought to Order at 6:30 p.m. on February 6, 2017. Galen Wirth presided as Bill Stage and Gary Geirnaeirt were not present.

Roll Call: John Helms, Wayne Sprecher and Bryan Trotter were present.

Others Present: Deb Bailey, Jeff Hackbarth and Chris Shores

The first item Galen wanted to discuss was the process we need to go through if we want to hire Brown Construction to redo the two blocks of Main Ave. and the financial aspect of paying them to do the road. Sprecher asked why we are so focused on these two blocks. He feels there are other areas in town that need help and we have put enough money in focus on Main Ave already. He said the parking area at the post office is horrible and he said more people use that area than Main Ave. The Brethren Church area they use for parking is another problem. Galen said he thinks the Post Office area is theirs to repair and Wayne asked why we are responsible for the church area from the sidewalk out but not the post office from the sidewalk out. Galen said he had a point and we may need to talk to Jim Haag as the zoning officer and see where the property lines are for the Post Office. Galen said if we want to hire Brown we will need to waive the bidding process and hire them during the regular Board Meeting.

The snow plow blade was next. Jeff told the Board that he looked into a new blade through Bonnells and they would give us a trade in amount on our blade of \$1750.00 which would bring the new blade to \$5738.31. Jeff said it is carbide and 6 inches wider. It is also better built overall. The Board will consider it for the Regular Meeting.

A new skid loader was next on the agenda. He said he wanted to go over the numbers again as he thinks the Board needs to consider this more. He said there is a 2015 with 3 hours on it at Birkeys. It has less horse power but more lifting capacity and they will trade ours in. He said it may be better to sell ours outright though. He said Jeff had mentioned we will need new tires in the fall of 2017 and they are not cheap. He said if we have any problems with it they aren't going to be cheap to fix either and ours is 7 years old. He feels we will be better off to get a new one. If we wait, the price will go up 1 to 2% per year. The price with a trade in will be \$27,000.00.

There is a CD that the Village has for the debt service account that Galen said will be up for renewal on February 18 and it is getting .75% interest. The IEPA is charging us 2.5% interest. Galen said he feels we should cash out the CD, put \$38,000.00 toward the principal and deposit the remaining amount into the debt service account.

Recycling bids were next on the agenda. Moring Disposal and Republic had given bids for recycling curbside at the homes in town. The better price is from Republic and they will give each resident a 96 gallon bin with a lid and wheels. They will pick up the recycling every two weeks and will give each resident a schedule of pick up dates and a list of items they will take. Galen said the price is \$4.50 per month, per resident. He said our money we get from taxes could pick up part of that charge but the garbage rates will still go up. He said one option is raise the garbage amount from \$14.60 every two

months to \$20.00 every two months. The dumpster is also an option but John Helms feels there is a chance someone will get hurt on the steps or walkway.

Jeff had a problem with the sludge pumps at the sewer plant. Apparently a muskrat got in the area and was sucked through the pump. It caused \$3950.00 in damages. Christy said she has called the insurance company already. The Board will have to approve repairs in the regular meeting.

With nothing further, Motion was made by Trotter, sec. by Helms, to adjourn at 7:24 p.m.

Approved Minutes Taken by
Christine A. Ottens, Village Clerk