

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

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting held February 20, 2017**

A Regular Board Meeting was Called to Order at the Village Hall in Milledgeville at 7:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Roll was Called with Bill Stage, Gene Behrens, Bryan Trotter, John Helms and Wayne Sprecher all replying "Here".

Others Present: Jeff Hackbarth, Doug Delhotal, Tammy Schryver, Deb Bailey, Bill Brown, Jim Pozzi, Jen Duncan, Jozlyn Castro, and Dean Hollewell.

MOTION was made by Helms, sec. by Trotter to approve the Minutes from the February 6, 2017 Regular and Special meeting. Motion carried (5-0) by omnibus vote.

MOTION was made by Stage, sec. by Sprecher, to pay all current bills as listed. Motion carried (5-0) by omnibus vote.

MOTION was made by Stage, sec. by Sprecher, to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried (5-0) by omnibus vote.

Old Business: The Board went over Chapters 15-301 through 15-303. There were no changes.

MOTION was made by Stage, sec. by Helms to ratify the Motion to hire Brown Construction to reconstruct Main Ave. this summer. The Motion was approved (5-0) by Roll Call vote. The Motion was made at the February 6, 2016 meeting illegally and needed to be ratified.

Recycling in town was discussed next. The Board heard that there were two bidders for recycling. Moring Disposal was the more expensive company at \$5.15 per home and had a 32 gallon container that was a garbage can style container and the lid would not come with it. They did offer other smaller sizes of the same style container. Republic was the other company and had a quote of \$4.50 per month for each resident. They would also supply a 96 gallon container with a hinged lid and wheels. They also offered other smaller size containers of the same style container. The Trustees asked if the dumpster was off the table. The Board discussed the extra cost to build the steps and walk way for the sides of the bin and they also asked how we felt about paying an additional charge on our garbage bill for the out of town people to recycle their items also. We would have to pay to have it dumped even if the residents didn't put anything in it. Helms was worried that someone would fall and the Village would have a lawsuit. Stage said regardless, it is about half the price of curbside recycling. The increases in cost for both companies were the same but one contract was for three years and the other was 5 years. At this time Galen asked if anyone had an opinion on recycling one way or other. Tammy Schryver told the Board that she is in favor of recycling as the Board knows. Helms said he is 74 and on a fixed income. He does not want it and the people he has talked to are in similar circumstances as him and do not want it either. He agrees it's a good thing but it costs. Gene Behrens thought it should be done. Stage agreed it is a good thing but the cost may be a problem for some people. Sprecher said he felt the Village should pick up the cost for it as we are doing things that aren't ours to do like the steps for the businesses in town. Trotter said he feels we should try it for three years and then put it up for bid and maybe the price will come down if someone is doing both garbage and recycling. The recycling companies both said that may be a possibility as they would be coming to town for two items, not one. Jen Duncan and her

daughter Jozlyn were present and are in favor of recycling. Jen said where she used to live they had to purchase the bins as if someone took it or it was broken they were responsible for the cost. She said her and her daughters do the electronic recycling and would definitely do recycling. She said she drives by the landfill every day on the way to work. She works at a nursing home and says she understands that medicine does cost a lot so she understands. She still feels like we need to do this. Jim Pozzi said he feels that the residents will see their neighbors recycling and they will participate also. He reiterated that their company would like to partner with the community also. They will do what they can to help the community. He also agreed that people want to purchase homes and go into communities that recycle. Bill thanked both companies for their time and proposals. He said they have gone to a lot of trouble and he appreciated it. At this time MOTION was made by Stage, sec. by Trotter, to hire Republic for a three year recycling contract. Motion carried (4-1) by Roll Call vote. Helms voted no to the Motion. Jim Pozzi said they would order the bins and get them to the residents so we can start recycling hopefully by April. Tammy and Jen thanked the Board before they left.

The snow plow was next on the agenda. Stage said they had talked about it at the committee meeting earlier and the recommendation was to purchase a new one and trade in the old one. Behrens asked some questions about the need for the blade as he is not on the committee and he also agreed with the purchase. MOTION was made by Stage, sec. by Trotter to purchase the blade and trade in our old one, the total cost will then be \$5738.31. Motion carried (5-0) by Roll Call vote.

Stage said the committee talked about a new skid loader and they decided that we do not need to purchase one at this time.

Galen said after the last meeting when the question came up on who was responsible for the parking area by the post office. He asked Jim Haag and they found that the property is currently the Litwillers' and the Village in the 1980's, already blacktopped that area. It is to be treated like a residential driveway. The Village will blacktop it one time and from then on the owner is responsible for it. That means, at this point, the Litwiller's will have to fix the problems as they surface. Sprecher asked if we had to take care of the area by the church then and Stage said that is gravel. We have not blacktopped that area yet. Stage also said that may need to be redone as there is a drainage issue there also.

Ordinance #778 was next. It raises the water connection from \$250.00 to \$700.00 for residents. MOTION was made by Helms, sec. by Stage, to approve the Ordinance. Motion carried (5-0) by Roll Call vote.

New Business: Galen said Lois Simmons had called the Village Hall and talked to Christy about a few items. She thanked the Board for the sidewalks and street lights downtown. She said they are beautiful. She said she was thinking about a few things that need done though. She would like to see the mural fixed, she would like to see a color scheme developed for the town and would like benches and flowers downtown also. Christy said the flowers may not get watered by each business and we can't expect the Village employees to do that along with the other summer chores. Lois said she understands. She did tell Christy that the Village will turn 190 years old in 2024 and she would like to see it celebrated also.

On this subject, Galen asked how the Trustees felt about starting a beautification committee in town to help business owners to possibly pick out color schemes for the town and help if they wondered how they could make their businesses look better. Stage said we don't need people telling others how to fix up their businesses.

Galen asked if the Board would like to start considering how much money they can give business owners to fix up their store fronts. He wondered if we wanted to cap the amount we could give. The Board

thought \$1000.00 could go a long way and that is a good amount to give. Stage said he feels a few years ago we were not fair with a business owner who did an amazing job of fixing up their building. Galen said if we take money from TIF we have to follow TIF rules. Christy said for this one person we could use the General Fund contingency that we have budgeted. Trotter said he would talk to the business owner and see if they would come to the next meeting with the bills from the improvement.

Galen said he talked to David Gross with Com-Ed and David said sometime this year, homes in Milledgeville will be getting smart meters installed. This will eliminate the need to have meter readers.

Stage said in the committee meeting they discussed getting a new pressure washer. MOTION was made by Stage, sec. by Trotter, to purchase a new one with heat for \$3000.00 to \$3500.00. Motion carried (5-0) by Roll Call vote.

MOTION was then made by Stage, sec. by Behrens, to purchase mud flaps for the truck for \$450.00 installed. Motion carried (5-0) by Roll Call vote.

Galen had information from the engineers for the staking costs and those are \$2500.00 to \$3000.00 not to exceed \$3500.00 for staking. The revised plans to core the road and for the grade for the blacktop on Main Ave. will cost \$4000.00 to \$4500.00 not to exceed \$4500.00. Galen said it won't cost more than \$8000.00 for both. MOTION was made to hire Willett Hofmann for engineering by Stage, sec. by Trotter. Motion carried (5-0) by Roll Call vote.

Committee Reports: Stage said they are trimming trees and filling potholes at this time. Stage said there is a resident in town who is a forester who would like to meet with Jeff and Chris to give them pointers on tree trimming. Gene said he has a tree on the south side of his house that the guys trimmed and it's sap was running badly. He called Luke for his opinion and Luke told him to buy a product to paint on the tree so it would stay healthy. Stage said he and Jeff had talked to two tree services and they both said they aren't hurting the trees and they only have a short window of time to get them trimmed. Gene said it won't help if they kill the trees. Stage said they will see what Luke has to say but they need to find time to sit down with him.

With No Further Business, MOTION was made by Stage, sec. by Trotter to adjourn at 8:56 p.m. Motion carried (5-0).

Approved Minutes Taken By  
Christine A. Ottens, Village Clerk