

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

Minutes from a Regular Meeting held March 6, 2017

A Regular Board Meeting was held on March 6, 2017 at the Village Hall in Milledgeville. It was Called to Order at 7:30 p.m. and The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll was Called with the following Trustees responding as "Here", Bill Stage, Gene Behrens, Bryan Trotter, John Helms and Wayne Sprecher.

Others present: Curt Eubanks, Scott Foltz, Jeff Hackbarth, Deb Bailey and Dean Hollewell.

MOTION was made by Stage, sec. by Behrens, to approve the Minutes from the February 20 2017 regular and committee meetings. Motion carried (5-0) by omnibus vote.

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

Old Business: Chapter 15 sections 304-306 were discussed from the Ordinance book. No changes were made.

Galen wanted to talk again about a committee for downtown beautification. He said they would not dictate what needs to be done. It would include residents and business owners and he hopes it would help create pride and get the community involved. Stage said he doesn't like the idea. Curt Eubanks said he doesn't think they are asking for standardization, but currently all the business have new stairs and we have street lights that are all the same. He said it looks nice. He said he would like to see the downtown preserved and pride return. Trotter said he liked the idea if it was for an advisory purpose only. Sprecher said it may bring the town together but he doesn't think the Village should have any input in the committee. Behrens said the store owners have their own tastes and feels we shouldn't dictate what they do. Helms asked what we will do about the empty buildings. He said we have to notify the empty building owners that there may be funds available soon. Galen said he will see about getting the Committee put together.

Galen went over the specifics of the recycling contract. He said their bill will come to us on the 20th and pick-up times for the recycling will be from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Galen said he felt they would be in our town around 7:00 a.m. He said the pick-up day will be on a Wednesday. They will bring everyone a 96 gallon container and would like everyone to use it for 2 months. After that time, if you need a smaller container, they will have two smaller sizes they can swap out. If you need a second container, you will be able to rent a second bin from them at the cost of \$3.50 per month. The contract runs from April 1, 2017 to August 31, 2020. If at that time we want to cancel the contract it will need to be in writing 90 days in advance.

New Business: Galen said he had talked to Brown Construction and the engineers and they think it would be a good idea to install two drop boxes and tubing when we redo Main Ave. One box would be by the Brethren Manor Apartments and the other by the Bank. It would take care of the drainage issues that are there. Galen doesn't have a price from Brown Construction for that yet.

Galen said the electrical aggregation is coming up and Rock River Energy has given Galen some information. He would like to group Milledgeville with other communities to get a better rate.

Galen asked the Board about allowing the businesses that currently have dumpsters to get recycling along with the residents. He wondered if the Board wanted to extend that to them and at what cost. The Board thought they should pay the \$4.50 per month and then they could be billed on their water bill as the residents will. Christy is to call the businesses and see if they would be interested in that. At this time Galen said he has the contract with Republic and he wanted to see if the Trustees were ready to approve the contract. The Trustees agreed that they were agreeable with the contract and Galen signed the contract and will send it back to Jim Pozzi.

The Il. Dept. of Transportation Resolution was next on the agenda. Christy said it is a form we fill out each year in order to spend the Motor Fuel Allotments that we receive. MOTION was made by Stage, sec. by Sprecher to approve the Resolution for \$55,000.00 for the 2016 calendar year. Motion carried (5-0) By Roll Call vote.

Resolution # 779 which is to combine towns for the electric aggregation was next on the agenda. MOTION was made by Trotter, sec. by Helms, to accept the resolution. Motion carried (4-1) by a Roll Call vote. Stage voted against the resolution.

Two representatives were here for two separate businesses. Curt Eubanks was first and he said he wondered if the Board could earmark some funds for him. He has bought three buildings on Main Ave. and would like to eventually like to redo the fronts of all three buildings. He said he wondered if the Village could help out at all. It will be in the near future, maybe 6-9 months down the road but he wanted to request it before the work started. Galen said we gave the Masons about \$798.00 to fix the front of their building and Curt said whatever we could do to help him would be greatly appreciated.

Scott Foltz was next and he represented the Milledgeville State Bank. He said Dan had spoken to Galen and they are doing a remodel at the bank around April. They are getting a new roof and it will cost \$42,000.00. He said the last roof was put on around 1999. He said they are just requesting the funds ahead of time just like the other business. He said he would like to see as many businesses as possible get some assistance. MOTION was made by Stage, sec. by Helms to give each business no more than \$1000.00 per store front pending approval from the lawyers to be paid in 2018. Motion carried (5-0) by Roll Call vote.

Curt Eubanks wondered if the TIF gets extended, would the Village raise the \$1000.00 cap they've placed and Scott Foltz wondered if a business could come multiple times for assistance. Galen said we would have to work out the particulars.

Committee Reports: Stage said they have the new snow plow on and the pressure washer is in but hasn't been delivered yet. The mud flaps have been installed on the truck and the mower is in, it again, just has to be delivered and they will get the old one. Stage also said the guys would like permission to go to an all-day class in East Dubuque on the 16th of March. It will cover some of their education hours. He said they are still working on trees also.

Helms said he has talked to Jim Haag about body cameras and Jim said they are still working the bugs out of them so he would like to hold off on getting new cameras for a while.

Galen asked about the sump pumps hooked up that we were checking years ago. He wondered if they ever got them all checked. He said he thought Jeff and Chris were to go to each house and make sure it was done correctly. Jeff said they did some and he thought the problem was solved. He said we lined the manholes and that took care of the biggest portion of the water.

Galen also asked the guys if they had a chance to talk to Luke Koett about the tree trimming yet and Stage said they've been too busy and haven't had a chance yet.

MOTION was made by Stage, sec. by Helms to adjourn at 8:32 p.m. Motion carried.

Approved Minutes Taken By
Christine A. Ottens, Village Clerk