

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

**Minutes from a Regular Meeting held April 18, 2016**

A Regular Board Meeting was Called to Order at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall in Milledgeville by Galen Wirth. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Roll was Called with the following Trustees responding as "Here", Bill Stage, Gary Geirnaeirt, John Helms, Wayne Sprecher and Bryan Trotter.

Others Present: Jim Haag, Jeff Hackbarth, Dean Hollewell and Dale Hamilton.

MOTION was made by Geirnaeirt, sec. by Stage, to approve the Minutes from the April 4, 2016 Board Meeting. Motion carried by omnibus vote.

MOTION was made by Stage, sec. by Geirnaeirt, to pay all current bills as presented. Motion carried by omnibus vote.

The MOTION was made by Geirnaeirt, sec. by Trotter, to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried by omnibus vote.

Old Business: Galen opened the bids the Village Hall received for the 1999 pickup and snow blade. There were 5 bids received ranging from \$752.00 to \$4001.01. Jim Haag placed the highest bid and MOTION was made by Geirnaeirt, sec. by Stage, to accept the \$4001.01 bid from him. A Roll Call vote was taken and passed (5-0).

Dale Hamilton was present with the new plans for the two Main Ave. sidewalks on the south end of Main. He went over them in great detail for the Trustees. He pointed out that there will be a slant to them of 8%. He said the slant that the Trustees weren't happy with was a 14% slant for comparison. The Trustees thought this would be fine. He had the engineering plans for removing the concrete, adjusting awning poles, removing and replacing the storm sewers and all the other aspects of the project. When asked what we were going to do about the ramp/stairs in front of J.J.'s and it was stated that we are cutting around them as they were just done recently. MOTION was made by Stage, sec. by Geirnaeirt, to approve the engineer's plans. Motion carried (5-0) by Roll Call vote.

New Business: Galen got a quote from Clifton, Larson, Allen LLP. for the audit for this year. They will perform the Village audit for not more than \$11,500.00. MOTION was made by Stage, sec. by Geirnaeirt, to accept the proposal. Motion carried (5-0) by Roll Call vote.

Galen asked Gary Geirnaeirt if there was anything to report about the budget meeting held before the Board meeting tonight. Gary said there were some major dollar line items that were changed and we got through the whole budget. It will be ready to be approved at the next Board Meeting.

The Village will be flushing hydrants from May 2 through May 6<sup>th</sup>. This is a reminder for residents to run water and make sure it's not rusty before doing laundry etc.

Galen said that there is word going around town that, after the last Board meeting, one of the people at the meeting went and got baby chicks in direct defiance of the Ordinance. Their yard was measured and

there is not enough distance from the neighbors' residence for them to have the chickens. The chicks are currently not outside so Galen thinks they are in the house. He said at some point they will have to bring them outside and he then wants them fined. He said we need to get this Ordinance settled at the next Board meeting. Haag said he is concerned that there is currently no limit if they do have the distance to have the chickens. Galen said we will take care of this and discuss other birds at the next Board meeting on May 2, 2016.

Jeff had wanted to discuss the Well 4 & Well 5 wire communications with the Board but the company has not quoted him any prices yet. He said the lightening hit the building again and we lost another surge protector. He wondered about going to wireless and is in the process of getting costs for doing that. He will get two different options for the Board but thinks one may be more than the Village needs. Galen will add it to the next agenda.

Galen pointed out that the end of the fiscal year is the end of this month. He asked the Board if they thought Christy should pay the final bills on April 29<sup>th</sup> to make the audit easier. The Trustees said that Christy should do that.

MOTION was made by Geirnaeirt, sec. by Stage, to approve the liquor licenses and dance permits for JJ's and The Other Bar and the liquor licenses for Casey's. Motion carried by Roll Call vote (5-0).

Committee Reports: Gary Geirnaeirt said we were finished with the budget and it will be typed up for approval at the next meeting.

Stage said a resident called about a rotten tree they want removed from their property. Stage said we are starting to get to the busy time for our employees and wondered about having Tree Top Tree Service do the work instead. We do have a budget for tree removal and said he thinks our guys are just too busy. The quote was \$900.00 for the entire removal process. The Trustees decided that it was best to have the tree service do it so there are no problems for the home owners.

Greg Miller sent a request to the Board for permission to have the fire rescue and the E.M.T's practice rescue procedures on the water tower. They would like to be ready if there was ever a problem. The Trustees said they have no problem with that. Greg also wondered if the fire department could use the tripod and winch the Village owns. He said the fire department would store it and maintain it if the Village would let them use it. Stage said he just wants to make sure the Village could get it if we need it. Haag said he has a key to the fire department if we couldn't get ahold of Greg for some reason. The Board agreed to let the fire station use, store and maintain the winch and tripod.

John Helms said he feels, after the chicken problem, that we need to go over the Ordinance book and see what needs to be updated. He asked if the lawyers need to be involved and wondered why we need to have codifiers go over the changes. He asked why we couldn't just have a three ring binder for the changes. Jim Haag said we have looked at other communities Ordinances and adapted them to fit for our Village. He asked if all the Trustees could bring their books and we could do one chapter at a time and we would get through it in no time.

Any Other Business: Christy said she was contacted by Bryan Hollewell and her 4-H group about weeding the mural area and the area by the four way stop on Main. The Board is grateful for their help.

Galen said Christy received a call from Mark and Lisa Wiersema wanting to be on the agenda for the next meeting. They would like to set a spring cleaning date and he said they probably want to extend

their contract with the Village. He said he feels we should put it out for bid like we decided. We are very happy with their service but he feels there are some items like construction materials and limits on the numbers of cans that we need to discuss. Recycling is another topic also that we need to go over. He said if we are going to bid it out we also need to get what we want to say in the paper figured out.

Helms asked if Galen has started anything to extend the TIF for the Village yet. Galen said not yet. Helms said he feels people don't understand the TIF and we should explain it better. Galen said he may do an editorial like he has before. He said he will do it in the next couple of months.

With No Further Business, MOTION was made by Sprecher, sec. by Trotter, to adjourn at 8:22 p.m.  
Motion carried.

Approved Minutes Taken by  
Christine A. Ottens, Village Clerk