

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

Minutes from the August 15, 2016 Board Meeting

The Village Board meeting was Called to Order at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall in Milledgeville. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Roll was called with the following Trustees responding as "Here", Bill Stage, Gene Behrens, Bryan Trotter, John Helms and Wayne Sprecher.

Others Present: Jerry Yoeckel, Lee Gibbs, Mike Mudge, Jeff Hackbarth and Dean Hollewell.

MOTION was made by Stage, sec. by Behrens to approve the Minutes from the August 1, 2016 Board 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 Trotter to approve the June and July Treasurer's Reports. Motion carried (5-0) by omnibus vote.

Old Business: Galen went through the Ordinance book at Chapter 8-2 and the Board accepted everything as it was. There are no changes at this time. Galen asked the Trustees to read the next chapter and that way he won't have to read it aloud at the next meeting.

New Business: The generator at the sewer plant has been replaced and Jeff said we can sell the old one. He has someone looking for someone to buy the other but before we sell it we need to declare it as surplus property. MOTION was made by Stage, sec. by Trotter to declare the sewer generator surplus. Motion carried (5-0). We will put it up for bid. Sealed bids will be accepted until September 19, 2016 at 4:30 p.m.

Lee Gibbs was here for a donation for flags. The American Legion needs to replace some each year and John Helms and Wayne Sprecher were asked to remember this at budget time. MOTION was made by Stage, sec. by Sprecher, to approve donating \$200.00 this year. Motion carried (5-0) by Roll Call vote. Christy wondered where she should pay this from as it wasn't budgeted for. Previously a Trustee left his pay for donations to clubs but there is not \$200.00 in that anymore. Stage said she should take it out of streets and alleys somewhere.

The Village had a resident that had a tree branch break off in a wind storm one night. It ripped the power line off his house and caused some siding damage to his home. He had asked the Village to pay his deductible as it was a Village tree. We received a letter from our Village Insurance Company stating that the claim will not be paid as they found no negligence on the Village's part that was the cause for the damage.

Mike Mudge was present and said there has been a problem with getting out of the contract with Nordic energy for the Village street lights and water and sewer power. He thought it would cost the Village about \$800.00 to break the contract but will actually cost \$2849.00. He said we could break the contract and it would cost the difference in savings so it would be a wash, or we can wait until December and then go with Dynergy. Stage asked why we couldn't just wait until December and then

bid out with electric companies. Galen said we already signed a three year contract with Dynergy. MOTION was made by Trotter, sec. by Helms to wait until December to switch to Dynergy. Motion carried (4-1) by Roll Call vote with Stage voting No.

The paymaster machine was next on the agenda. Christy talked to the gentleman who services the machine and the contract would be a two year contract for \$339.50 to protect against forgery and check alteration. The auditors said that we really don't need this machine so Christy is not to renew the contract with paymaster as most the checks are printed out directly from the computer.

Galen read a Thank You note that the Village received from Wanda Rohn for a gift certificate and card she received for her retirement.

Galen said he sent letter of support to all the taxing bodies for the TIF extension recently and we will wait to get those back, Matt Keegan should have been in contact Brian Stewart to see what paperwork he needs. Brian will then introduce it in January in the Illinois house. It should be voted on by April or May. If all goes well it should be on the Governor's desk by the end of May 2017. Brian Stewart said he will forward it to Tim Bivens so that this will be introduced in the Illinois senate at the same time.

Committee Reports: Helms had nothing and Geirnaeirt was not present at this time.

Stage said the sidewalk is progressing slowly and the water looping project is also progressing slowly. He said the guys are doing these projects while doing their normal chores also. He said they have also been working by JSP Mold on some ditch work. Stage asked if Galen knew how Brown is going to work the sidewalk by the Credit Union and Galen said Gary from Brown's will talk to the Credit Union when they are ready to fix their area.

Any Other Business: Galen reminded the Board that the court date the Village has is Monday, August 22, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. He also wanted to let the Board know that he and Jim Haag got a subpoena to be at court for the trial.

With No further business, MOTION was made by Trotter, sec. by Stage, to adjourn at 8:11 p.m. Motion carried.

Approved Minutes Taken By
Village Clerk, Christine A. Ottens