

February 12th, 2019
Village of Rapids City
Rock Island County, Illinois

This Regular Board meeting was called to order by President Mire at 7:00p.m.
All present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present – Fiems, Clark, Fowler, Mire, Rankin, Schneider – Robertson entered at 6:55pm

Also Present – Attorney Mason, Treasurer Barber entered 6:30pm, Public Works Director Bump entered 7:23pm, Chief Dave Perley, Julie Doty, Clerk Housenga

A quorum was established.

CONSENT “Omnibus” Agenda: Rankin motioned to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes 01/08/2019, Committee of the Whole Minutes from 01/15/19, Monthly Bills 02/2019 and Treasurer’s Report presented by Barber 01/2018. Clark seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: None.

PRESIDENT –Mire: Mire invited all active and reserve military personnel, veterans and first responders to a thank you luncheon on May 18th, 2019 from 11am to 1pm at the Rapids City Community Center. Mire also asked for trustees to consider volunteering to help set up, serve and clean up at the luncheon.

Fowler motioned to reschedule the May 14th, 2019 regular board meeting to May 1st, 2019 at 7pm to pass the 2019/2020 Budget. Rankin seconded. All present voted yes. New trustee will be sworn in at this time as well.

Mire acknowledged the receipt of thank you’s from Julie Doty and Riverdale Education.

POLICE REPORT – Chief Perley: Report as presented. Fowler commended the Police Department on their regularly updated Facebook page.

ATTORNEY – N. Mason: Nothing to report at this time.

FIRE REPORT – Chief Carey: None.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – Bump: Report as presented. Mire explained the Public Works Department was currently plowing, but gave acclimates for the timely clearing of snow throughout the season. Fiems added he has received several positive comments about our Public Works Department concerning street clean up this winter.

Rankin also explained a new load of salt has been delivered as we were running low.

BUILDING, ZONING & PLANNING – Fiems: 1 new construction of a business building with in the Village.

PERSONNEL & FINANCE – Clark: Nothing at this time.

INFRASTRUCTURE – Rankin: Rankin reported the Water Loop Project survey has been completed. No updates are available at this time for the grant applied that was applied for to the water loop. However Rankin did add the grant for Shuler’s Shady Grove Wellness Center was approved in the amount of \$6300.00. We are hoping to hear more about the Storm Siren and Water Loop grants this month.

ELECTIONS – Mire: Mire encouraged everyone to get out and vote at the April elections, also wishing all candidates luck.

PARKS, RECREATIONS & CEMETERY – Robertson: Mire touched base on the snow/ice policy for the Community Center. The Public Works Department has concerns about being pulled off the streets to clearing the parking lot for instructional classes at the Community Center. Mire will talk with the class instructor about canceling class if the local schools cancel activities.

ORDINANCE & LICENSES – Schnieder: Schnieder brought everyone’s attention to an amended parking ordinance for commercial vehicles as presented. Robertson entered the meeting at 6:55pm. Modifications to the presented ordinance will include a change of the title to

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be Parking of Commercial / Non Personal Vehicles; in the definition portion of the ordinance the addition of bus and/or school bus and the change of number of passengers from nine to fifteen. On call police officers with police units parked on the street will not be considered in violation of this ordinance. Fiems motioned to approve the presented parking ordinance with the amendments as noted. Rankin seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries.

PARKS, RECREATIONS & CEMETERY – Robertson continued: Robertson entered the meeting at 6:30pm. Robertson elaborated on the snow policy discussion earlier in the meeting. Mire will proceed with a conversation with the instructional class instructor.

Robertson announced the approval of the OSLAD the village applied for. Other grant opportunities are available for future projects; boat dock dredging, bike path lighting, and ball diamond improvements and cemetery improvements. Rankin will contact the DNR to see if additional lighting on the bike path is an option. Boat dock dredging grant would require a 30% project cost match. Mire feels higher priority projects that involve public safety take more precedence to a recreation project. Investigation into the grants for future project would be helpful for planning purposes. Clerk Housenga will verify applicability of the grants with Bi-State Regional Commission. Mire invited everyone to drive 17th Street hill to see erosion issues.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS, EVENT PLANNING & PUBLIC SAFETY – Fowler: Fowler reported the Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 13th at 1pm. Fowler asked for Bunny volunteers.

April 27th the Community Clean up and E-Waste Events will be held together at Village Hall. Anyone wishing to help with either event please meet at 9am at Village Hall. Clerk Housenga reported Gaylord boxes will be provided by Scott County Waste but picked up by Allied Waste and two roll offs provided by Allied Waste will be available for e-waste materials. All supplies for the Community Clean up will be provided as well as a snack and water. Mire asked Attorney Mason to draft a waiver for contracted help for the E-Waste Event.

Public Works Director Bump entered the meeting at 7:23pm. Mire once again commended the Public Works Department for their work on snow and ice clean up this year. Robertson asked the snow ordinance to be placed on the village website and Facebook page.

OLD BUSINESS: A Committee of the Whole Meeting concerning the Sulphur Creek Project was scheduled for March 26th, 2019 at 7pm.

NEW BUSINESS: Mire asked Bump to see about reflective tape to be placed on top of fire hydrants as a precaution against damage, Bump will research. Robertson asked for a notice to be added to Facebook to remove snow from around hydrants to make for a quicker response to resolving house fires.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION: None.

Mire explained the Board needed to go into Executive Session to discuss Waste and Floodplain matters. Rankin motioned to enter into Executive Session after a short personal break. Fowler seconded. Motion carries. 7:32pm

Mire announced at 7:53pm as the Board entered back into Open Session, no action had been taken in Executive Session.

With nothing further to be discussed, Schneider motioned to adjourn this Regular Board Meeting; Clark seconded. All members of the Board concurred. President Mire adjourned this February 12th, 2019 meeting at 7:54pm.

Clerk