

December 8th, 2020
Village of Rapids City
Rock Island County, Illinois

This Regular Board meeting was called to order by President Mire at 7:00p.m.

Roll Call:

Physically Present – Clark, Fiems

Telephonically Present – Mire, Rankin, Fowler and Robertson

Absent – Schnieder

Others Physically Present – Treasurer Barber, Clerk Housenga, Chief Tone, and Public Works Director Ryan Bump.

Others Telephonically Present – Sarah Ford, Attorney Mason

A quorum was physically established.

CONSENT “Omnibus” Agenda: Robertson motioned to approve 11/10/2020 Regular Meeting Minutes, 12/2020 Monthly Bills and Treasure’s Report presented by Barber 11/2020. Rankin seconded. All present board members voted yes, motion carries. Mire requested a review of the Waste fund accounting to verify income and expenses, Barber and Housenga will review.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: Git-N-Go emailed the Village requesting a reduction in water and sewer charges on the previous month’s utility billing. Clerk Housenga gave a brief history on the account, explaining she was told repair of a backflow valve was made. Public Works Director Bump stated the Village was unaware the business had a backflow valve therefore inspections were never requested from the business. Going forward annual inspection of the backflow valve will be required as required by ordinance and a report is to be provided to the Village. After discussion and identifying the leak was not due to faulty Village equipment, Roberson motioned to allow a Git-N-Go to pay the amount of \$1,226.04 in 3 installments and paid in full by 02/28/2021 without late penalty as long as all charges. Rankin seconded. All present board members voted yes, motion passes.

PRESIDENT – Mire: Mire reported the overwhelming turnout of the drive-thru Thanksgiving Luncheon. Mire was incredibly pleased to announce the Village fed 90-95 residents. Mire noted many thank you notes were received from residents concerning the luncheon. Mire was also very happy to announce Clerk Housenga talked with Silvis HyVee Catering Manager, due to delays in delivery of food and communication issues all charges for food provided by HyVee was refunded completely. Mire thanked all those that were involved in making the event a success.

POLICE REPORT – Chief Tone: Report as presented. Compliments on the new format of the report were expressed. Tone noted some identifying markers have been redacted to protect individuals.

ATTORNEY – N. Mason: Nothing to report at this time. Fiems inquired upon the status of the property in litigation on 17th Street, Mason stated no new information is available at this time.

FIRE REPORT – Chief Carey: Report as presented. 51 Fire calls were reported this last month. As always, the department needs volunteers.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Report as presented. Bump reported he was finally able to order a new truck, total cost was \$20,638.00, the truck purchase coming in almost \$5,000.00 under budget. A new plow will be needed for the new truck. No cost estimates were able to be provided at this time for the plow, but it is projected to cost less than \$9,000.00. To offset any pending any emergency issues regarding snow removal Fiems motioned to approve a cost not to exceed \$9,000.00 for the purchase of a snowplow for the newly ordered truck. Clark seconded. All present members of the board voted yes, motion passes. Bump also touched base on the cost of the sewer processing charges from East Moline on the current bill listing. The meter is owned by us, East Moline has it tested and inspected but it is our responsibility to fix or replace the meter if it is determined faulty. Bump requested guidance from the board on how they would like water meter repairs with COVID-19 being an issue. The list of meters that need to be changed out is becoming lengthy. Mire and the board requested proper PPE be ordered for the Public Works Department, a questionnaire, approved by legal, be drafted and given to each resident prior to the appointment and the day of the appointment. Mire stressed Bump to use his judgement prior to entering a home, if he does not feel comfortable then he is not required to complete the work in the home.

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BUILDING, ZONING & PLANNING – Fiems: Fiems reported 1 general permit was issued last month.

PERSONNEL & FINANCE – Clark: Clark motioned to approve a Christmas bonus of \$250.00 for employees Barber, Becht, Bump, Housenga and Misfeldt. Fiems seconded. All present members voted yes, motion carries.

Medial, dental and vision insurance for employees was then discussed. Lohmann Companies provided several options for medical insurance. Applicable employees have reviewed the options and agreed on United Health Care Insurance plan BRLB w/651, this plan would save the Village 4.69% annually. Delta Dental of Illinois notified the Village the cost for dental and vision insurance will stay the same for the next year, no comps were provided. Clark motioned to approve for year 2021 BRLB w/851 insurance plan provided by United Health Care at a cost of \$2,481.69 and Delta Dental of Illinois to provide dental and vision insurance, cost \$117.84 monthly. Rankin seconded. All present board members voted yes, motion carries.

INFRASTRUCTURE – Rankin: Rankin informed the board of the request for payment from MSA Professional Services for the investigation and evaluation of the 13th Street Culvert, requested payment is \$4,150.00. Rankin motioned to approve the payment of \$4,150.00 to MSA Professional Services for the initial work on the 13th Street culvert. Fiems seconded. All present members voted yes, motion passes. The board would like to investigate other options for engineering companies for future projects. In the future Fiems would like to see billing statements further detailed and itemized beyond what has historically provided.

ELECTIONS – Mire: Mire reminded everyone election packets need to be turned in between December 14th and 21st, 2020.

PARKS, RECREATION & CEMETERY – Robertson: Nothing to report at this time.

ORDINANCE & LICENSES – Schneider: Nothing to report at this time.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS, EVENT PLANNING & PUBLIC SAFTEY – Fowler: Fowler reported the Children's Christmas Drive thru with Santa last Saturday. Stockings and Santa were available for a brief visit. Left over stockings will be available at Village Hall for children to pick up at a later date. Fowler thanked Don Clark for his donation of a Santa suit, Mike Housenga for participating in the event. Mire thanked all that made the event happen. announce a tentative date for the highly requested eWaste Event of October 17th, 2020. Hours for the event will be 9a.m. to 12p.m. Two independent persons will be paid \$10.00 per hour to help Trustees and staff with the event. Additional information is to come on this event.

OLD BUSINESS: Fiems clarified the status of the police contract. Mire has given Hampton and Rock Island County the opportunity to provide bids by the 4th of January. Once bid are received they will be emailed to trustees for review prior to the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: It was requested Zoom services be provided for future meetings for a smoother meeting process. All members will have an option of in person attendance or telephonically

PUBLIC DISCUSSION: None.

With nothing further to be discussed, Fiems motioned to adjourn this Regular Board Meeting; Fowler seconded. All members of the Board concurred. President Mire adjourned this December 8th, 2020 meeting at 8:31p.m.

Missy M. Housenga
Village Clerk