Village of Rapids City May 13th, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Rock Island, County, Illinois

This Regular Board meeting was called to order by President Mire at 6:30pm

## **Roll Call:**

<u>Physically Present</u> – Rankin, Robertson, Fiems, Polenske, DeMarlie Absent – Fowler

Others Physically Present – Clerk Housenga, Treasurer Ben Barber, Public Works Director Bump, Attorney Jim Zmuda, Kathy Overton, Nick Peschang, Clark Volkers, Charles Harrington, Angel Jacobs of MSA Professional Services, Robert Hawkins, 6:36pm Deputy Pena Others Virtually Present – None.

A quorum was physically established.

CONSENT "Omnibus" Agenda: DeMarlie motioned to approve 04/08/2025 Regular Meeting Minutes, 04/16/2025 Public Hearing/Committee of the Whole Minutes, 04/30/2025 Committee of the Whole Minutes, 05/2025 Monthly Bills totaling \$88,508.13 and Treasure's Report for 04/2025; Fiems seconded. All present board members voted yes, motion passes. During Barber's Treasurer's report he verbally stated the on the financial status of the Village which has finished the fiscal year with overall total fund balances in the positive.

## PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: None.

**PRESIDENT – Mire:** Mire read the Official Abstract of Votes from the election held on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025. Mire noted Fowler has a family member needing her at this time due to health issues, Mire a that everyone to keep her and her family in their thoughts during this rough time.

<u>POLICE REPORT:</u> To be presented after the new board has been sworn in. Deputy Pena had introduced himself to the board. Clerk Housenga requested Deputy Pena to monitor the intersection of 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 17<sup>th</sup> Street as there have been complaints of vehicles not stopping at the stop sign and speeding.

**ATTORNEY – Califf & Harper P.C.:** Nothing additional to report at this time.

FIRE REPORT – Chief Carey: To be presented after the new board has been sworn in.

<u>DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:</u> Report as presented verbally. Bump and Meier has been working on water tower and well issues since the water control panel has failed. The Summer Helper for mowing and miscellaneous work is starting next week. Mire inquired on the 14<sup>th</sup> Street culvert clean out, Bump is thinking this will be completed in June.

<u>INFRASTRUCTURE (Public Works, Water, Sewer & Garbage) – Robertson:</u> Robertson explained calibration of the sewer meters is to be completed by East Moline on Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. Once read the billing will be reviewed and it is the hopes a credit will be issued.

Well # 2 pump has failed, Bump is waiting on quotes to rehabilitate or replace the pump.

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

<u>VIDEO GAMING, COMMUNITY RELATIONS & EVENT PLANNING – Fowler:</u> Clerk Housenga reported there was approximately 20 children that attended the Easter Egg Hunt. Housenga noted Hoodjer, Robertson, Fiems, Fowler and several volunteers were in attendance to ensure the event went smoothly.

<u>ORDINANCE, LICENSES, BUILDING, PLANNING & ZONING – Rankin:</u> Nothing to report at this time.

**FINANCE – DeMarlie:** Nothing to report at this time.

**PERSONNEL & PUBLIC SAFETY – Fiems:** Nothing to report at this time.

**ELECTIONS – Mire:** Nothing to report at this meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION:** Clark Volkers addressed the board as a resident living at the corner of 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 17<sup>th</sup> Street. Volkers is concerned about drivers not stopping at the stop sign, not just vehicles but bicycles, motor bikes, golf carts and UTVs. Charles Harrington, a once

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resident of Rapids City, also attested the validity of the situation. Volkers states he has a camera monitoring the traffic at the intersection, noting there is 430 cars per day that travel through the intersection. Deputy Pena stated he will have officers monitor the situation. Fiems appreciates the expression of Volkers concerns. Mire also thanked Volkers and explained if a special detail to monitor the situation is required that there would be an additional cost. Additionally, Mire stated alerts and notices are posted every year to alert residents of the pedestrian traffic during the summer months and school breaks to make people aware of the extra foot traffic.

## **NEW BUSINESS:** None.

Mire also took this opportunity to thank and praised Trustee Greg Rankin for his time serving this community for the past 20 years. Rankin served as Trustee from 2005 to 2009, Village President from 2009 to 2017 and again as Trustee from 2017 to 2025. The board members also thanked Greg for his dedication during his time served.

Mire requested a motion to adjourn sine die which in turn Rankin moved and Fiems seconded. At 7:11pm the board concurred to adjourn May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025 meeting sine die.

Missy M. Housenga Village Clerk