

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

Roll Call:

Physically Present – Robertson, Rankin, Polenske, Mire and Fiems entered at 6:49pm.

Absent – Fowler, DeMarlie

Others Physically Present – Clerk Housenga, Attorney Zmuda, Public Works Director Bump, Rock Island County Sherriff's Deputy Davila entered at 7:04pm and exited at 7:22pm.

Others Virtually Present – None.

A quorum was physically established.

CONSENT "Omnibus" Agenda: Robertson motioned to approve 06-11-2024 Regular Meeting Minutes, 07/2024 Monthly Bills totaling \$160,040.94 and Treasure's Report for 06/2024; Polenske seconded. All present board members voted yes, motion passes.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: Clerk Housenga reported for Sherri Martin who is the daughter of Marvella Andress. Ms. Andress has a leak behind the shower wall in the bathroom of her home. Ms. Andress is not currently living at the home and the leak went undetected for several months as the home is a slab home. Billing Clerk Hoodjer was estimating the usage thinking the meter was reading wrong. No water was processed in the sewer system from this leak. Rankin motioned to approve a water utility credit of \$558.30 and a sewer utility credit of \$1,274.79, total credit to be issued \$1,833.09. Per Attorney Zmuda it was ok for Mire to second the motion. Mire seconded the motion, all present board members voted yes. Motion carries. Going forward the board does not want to estimate large usage bills, therefore letting the large consumption bills bill out. Additionally, we should not be estimating any meter reading consumptions over three months. The board would like to come up with a policy to address utility water leaks concerning billing. Robertson does not agree with crediting the entire bill as plumbing is a homeowner's responsibility. Clerk Housenga will call other municipalities to see how they handle plumbing leaks within private property.

Greg Kerner of Thai Town Café requested to address the board to inform of a celebration he is planning to recognize their 5yrs in business in Rapids City along with another announcement as per the flyer he provided the Village. Kerner was not present to ask questions but per his flyer he plans to have live music, fireworks, news and media outlets at the event to be held on August 12th, 2024. Mire stated due to the limited knowledge the board cannot take a position on the matter, other than he should comply with all State, County and Municipal laws and to please make sure he reaches out to Fire Chief Carey. Further, the village cannot support or deny the event. Zmuda agrees with Mire's thoughts on this matter and elaborated communication with the Rock Island County Sherriff's Department should take place notifying of the event.

PRESIDENT – Mire: Nothing to report at this time.

POLICE REPORT: Report as presented.

ATTORNEY – Califf & Harper P.C.: Nothing to report at this time. Zmuda did touch base on the nuisance abatement at the home located on 3rd Avenue. Clerk Housenga informed all notices have been delivered, we are just waiting for the time limits as stated in Village Ordinances for each issue to move forward.

FIRE REPORT – Chief Carey: Reports as presented.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Report as presented. Bump updated the board of the flooding statistics for Rapids City.

INFRASTRUCTURE (Public Works, Water, Sewer & Garbage) – Robertson: Robertson explained to his knowledge contractors have completed the punch list items for 17th Street. At this time, we are waiting for final paperwork from Axiom to close out this project.

Curb damage did occur on the corner of 7th Avenue and 17th Street by a crew working on a new construction home. Repairs are to be made by the company that damaged the curb to correct the issue.

No additional information is available concerning water tower maintenance programs. Bump is looking into seeking additional bids for maintenance on the water tower as per our Attorney's recommendations.

Greiner Buildings has been notified of approval for the new roof. Bump ordered white metal roofing. Clerk Housenga paid 50% down as per the agreed bid. Bump requested a quote for new siding skins for the Public Works Shop while meeting with Greiner.

PARKS, RECREATION & CEMETERY – Polenske: Great River Trail grants are available through the Illinois Department of Transportation. A meeting to review grant details will be held with Bi-State Regional Commission on Thursday at Village Hall.

Mire noted we will be revising our ordinance for the bike path allowing for ADA accessibility. Mire would like to meet with Hampton and Port Byron to work on common wording to aid with enforcement.

VIDEO GAMING, COMMUNITY RELATIONS & EVENT PLANNING – Fowler: Housenga reported for Fowler the upcoming Community Yard Sales on August 10th, 2024. Residents should contact Village Office employees prior to August 6th to be added to the map listing.

Housenga reported gaming revenues received this last month were \$316.33.

ORDINANCE, LICENSES, BUILDING, PLANNING & ZONING – Rankin: Rankin reported 8 general and 1 plumbing permits were issued last month.

FINANCE – DeMarlie: No donation requests were received this month.

Blackhawk Bank and Trust is requesting an investment policy to be filed with them. Clerk Housenga provided an Investment Policy for review. Attorney Zmuda briefly reviewed and provided modifications. Clerk Housenga will draft a revised policy to present at the next meeting.

PERSONNEL & PUBLIC SAFETY – Fiems: IML Conference discussions were tabled until next meeting.

ELECTIONS – Mire: Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Mire noted the Paid Leave for All Workers Act needs to be complied with for our Seasonal Worker. Clerk Housenga will make sure all time is tracked.

With nothing further to discuss, Fiems motioned to adjourn this Regular Board Meeting at 7:38pm. Rankin seconded the motion, all members of the Board concurred.

Missy M. Housenga
Village Clerk