

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

**Roll Call:**

**Physically Present** – Robertson, Rankin, Fowler, Fiems, Polenske.

**Absent** – DeMarlie, Fiems

**Others Physically Present** – Clerk Housenga, Tara Walters and Angel Jacobs of MSA Professional Services, Ben Barber, Attorney James Zmuda

**Others Virtually Present** – None.

A quorum was physically established.

**CONSENT “Omnibus” Agenda:** Robertson motioned to approve 09-10-2024 Regular Meeting Minutes, 10/2024 Monthly Bills totaling \$91,164.95 and Treasure’s Report for 09/2024; Rankin seconded. All present board members voted yes, motion passes.

**PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:** Tara Walters of MSA Professional Services introduced Angel Jacobs as new team member. Walters also congratulated the board on the approval of the BAAD Grant and reviewed the next steps in the grant process. IDNR will draft a grant agreement and provide further information on the execution of the grant and reporting within the next month or so. The timeline for full design of the project is looking like 3-4 months, this would allow time for construction in the summer of 2025. As for the length of time needed to construction of the project this is unknown at this time.

Walters as touched base on SLRF opportunities, which Mire was very interested in the details of the program. Walters will email a list of requirements in order to apply with the IEPA for the SLRF program for the repainting of the water tower. Once the application is submitted it is good for five years. Maximum loan amount is determined by the total amount of applications and ranking of each applicant’s project, typically around 1.4 to 2 million dollars. Principal forgiveness qualifications include a hardship rate or small community’s rate. A hardship rate must meet one of the following criteria 1. At 100% statewide median household income (which the Village is not), 2. At one point above the state unemployment rate, or 3. The Village’s user rates meet a certain threshold. If one hardship qualification is met then loan forgiveness could be a maximum of 60%. Walters projects that it could take up to 8 months to prepare and apply for the SLRF. Walters and Jacobs left at 7:03pm.

**PRESIDENT – Mire:** Nothing to report at this time.

**ATTORNEY – Califf & Harper P.C.:** Nothing to report at this 3time.

**FIRE REPORT – Chief Carey:** Reports as presented. The Fire Protection District is now taking donations via their website for funding their new building.

**DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:** Report as presented. Watermain break repairs were made on 12<sup>th</sup> Street by Shadow Hill Park this last week. There is a water leak suspected by the Public Works Shop on 17<sup>th</sup> Street, more information will come once Bump can uncover the issue. Park equipment at Shadow Hill Park is installed, mulch just needs to be blown in to open the park. Once the mulch is installed at the park then the swings will be installed, and caution tape will be removed.

**POLICE REPORT:** Report as presented.

**INFRASTRUCTURE (Public Works, Water, Sewer & Garbage) – Robertson:** The Storm Siren has been inspected this last month with minor repairs made under warranty. Rankin would like to see the siren moved higher to avoid residential distribution while the siren is tested or goes off.

Robertson motioned to approve the meter reading software renewal from Neptune proposal presented in the amount of \$4,226.67. Fowler seconded the motion, all present members voted yes. Motion carries.

Clerk Housenga is to send an ordinance letter to a resident and the estate of the property located at 1134 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue to repair their curb box as it is malfunctioning and in need of repair.

**PARKS, RECREATION & CEMETERY – Polenske:** Polenske motioned to approve the previously estimated mulch installation (#10787) for the new park equipment area at Shadow Park, total cost not to exceed \$5200.00. Fowler seconded the motion, all present members voted yes. Motion carries.

**VIDEO GAMING, COMMUNITY RELATIONS & EVENT PLANNING – Fowler:** Fowler reported gaming revenues received this last month were \$704.44. Bar 84 has been granted their license from the IGB. BP is still waiting on their inspection from the IGB in order for them to be granted their license.

Halloween will be held on October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024 from 5pm to 7:30pm. Trustees Fowler and Fiems are going to be passing out filled treat bags on Halloween Night. Fowler motioned to approve the purchase of candy for the event not to exceed \$400.00 and a donation of \$250.00 to be made to the Rapids City Fire Protection District. Robertson seconded the motion; all present board members voted yes. Motion carries. Harold will communicate with the Sherriff's Dept. to see if they will be handing out candy as well.

The Senior Thanksgiving Luncheon will be held on November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Rankin motioned to approve the meal to be catered by Smokin Butt BBQ and all other supplies to be purchased by the Village with a cost for the event not to exceed \$2,000.00. Robertson seconded the motion, all present members voted yes. Motion carries.

**ORDINANCE, LICENSES, BUILDING, PLANNING & ZONING – Rankin:** With Attorney Zmuda's guidance Housenga provided to the board a proposed Camping Ordinance based off of the IML model ordinance. With the amended ordinance as presented 5.2 – C. explains the allowed uses of motorized vehicles on the bike path. Prior to passage the ordinance needs to be updated to be ADA compliant. The matter was tabled to allow time for Village Attorney Zmuda to review current Bi-State Regional Commission and Great River Trail Committee's allowed vehicles on the recreational trail. Clerk Housenga will provide the revised ordinance at the next regular meeting.

Rankin motioned to approve the final payout of \$12,234.13 to Greiner Buildings for the Public Works Shop roof installation. There was an increase from the original bid of \$2,359.14 for rotted eave girt and several purlins and snow guard trim. Polenske seconded the motion, all present board members voted yes. Motion carries.

**FINANCE – DeMarlie:** Mire approved the donation of \$200.00 to Riverbend Food Bank.

Rankin motioned to approve the annual IMLRMA insurance renewal option number 1 in the amount of \$26,671.11. Fowler seconded the motion, all present members voted yes. Motion carries.

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

**ELECTIONS – Mire:** Mire reminded everyone to vote during the November elections.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION:**

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

At this time Rankin motioned to temporarily adjourn Open Session to allow for Closed Session Minutes Review in Closed Session as allowed by 5 ILCS 120/2(C)(21). The motion was seconded by Polenske. All present members concurred at 8:06pm.

Mire resumed this Regular Board Meeting in Open Session at 8:16pm after reviewing Closed Session Minutes in Closed Session. Roll call determined Mire, Robertson, Rankin, Fowler, Polenske, Attorney Zmuda and Clerk Housenga were still present. No votes were taken during Closed Session.

Rankin motioned to approve the release of Closed Session minutes from May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Robertson seconded the motion, all present members voted yes. Motion carries.

With nothing further to discuss, Rankin motioned to adjourn this Regular Board Meeting at 8:18pm. Fowler seconded the motion, all members of the Board concurred.

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Missy M. Housenga  
Village Clerk