

December 12th, 2017

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: Clark, Fiems, Fowler, Mire, Robertson
Absent: Rankin, Schneider

Also Present: Missy Housenga-Clerk, Ben Barber-Treasurer, Attorney Graham Lee, Officer McNeil, Sarah Ford.

A quorum was established.

CONSENT "Omnibus" Agenda: Fiems motioned to approve 11/14/17 Regular Board Meeting minutes, 11/2017 Treasurer's Report presented by Barber, 12/2017 Monthly bills, Robertson seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: None.

PRESIDENT-Mire: Mire presented and reviewed a Sexual Harassment Policy and Ordinance Number 2017-A-12, as required by Illinois General Assembly Public Act 100-0554. Robertson motioned to approve Ordinance Number 2017-A-12 as presented. Fiems seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries. Fiems noted if such violation of a person should occur he would like to see legal action taken as the items detailed in the policy are batteries, therefore an assault. Mire stated the legal action on the victim would be of their discretion.

Mire reminded everyone of the annual Village Holiday Party to be held at the Community Center on December 17th at 5:00pm.

Budget planning Committee of the Whole Meetings were scheduled as follows; Infrastructure, Public Works, Water, Sewer and Waste Management to be held January 16th at 6:00pm, Community Services, Police, Parks and Recreation, Personnel, Finance February 20th at 6:00pm, and finally a review of the rough draft of the budget on March 20th at 6:00pm. Final adoption of the budget will be at the Regular Board Meeting in April.

Mire touched base on the Senior Thanksgiving Luncheon; approximately 40 Seniors were in attendance. Mire feels the event will be bigger and better next year. The Village did receive a thank you note for the event from one of the attendees. Mire was thankful for the donations received covering the cost of the event.

Mire noted the Post Office parking area had been restriped and is looking very nice.

Thank you notes were received from donations previously made.

Mire brought the attention of rate increases notified to village from MediaCom.

POLICE REPORT - Chief Engle: Report as presented.

FIRE REPORT- Chief Carey: Report as presented.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – Bump: Report as presented.

ATTORNEY- G. Lee: No report.

BUILDING, ZONING & Planning – Fiems: Planning and Zoning Commission Minutes were available for all Board members to review. Fiems explained the circumstances of the request of a variance by the resident and due to the intent agricultural use of the building the Planning and Zoning Commission concluded under ordinance the building was permitted. The resident is requesting a refund of the permit he had purchased as Title IX, Chapter 1, Article 5, Section 2 where it is pointed out that no fee shall be charge for a building permit for any main or accessory building located on a farm. The permit fee paid was \$612.00. Through discussion with the Village Attorney and the Board, a conclusion was made as the building is located on an R-1 lot a permit is required to ensure proper construction in accordance with ordinance, therefore requiring inspection. The permit fee in question will be retained by the Village.

PERSONNEL & FINANCE - Clark: Fiems motioned to accept the employee insurance plan AVUZ w/300A medical plan with employees paying \$6.77 per paycheck, with dental and vision renewal option to be included. Robertson seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries.

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Clark motioned to give employees Bump, Hoodjer, Housenga, Misfeldt, and Treasurer Barber a Christmas bonus of \$250.00. Fowler seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries.

New donation requests received and Clark approved to give \$100.00 each to Riverdale Scholarship Fund and Riverdale Project Graduation. A donation request was received from River Action, the Village has not given to them in the past, at this time the Board decided not to give.

INFRASTRUCTURE - Rankin: Mire report a fire hydrant issue occurred December 11th and the issue has already been resolved.

Bump thanked the Board for the approval of the VFD Project stating it is complete and working great.

ELECTIONS - Mire: None.

PARKS, RECREATIONS & CEMETERY- Robertson: Robertson has received the bids for improvements to the playground equipment at a total of approximately \$42,000.00. Robertson has asked for a breakdown of the charges over a three year period. Once he received all information he will present all findings.

ORDINANCE & LICENSES – Schneider: None.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS, EVENT PLANNING & PUBLIC SAFTEY - Fowler: Fowler reminded everyone about the blood drive on Saturday the 16th at the Community Center.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Mire once again thanked Fiems, Fowler, Housenga, Hoodjer and Misfeldt for helping with the Senior Thanksgiving Luncheon.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION: None.

Having no further business to conduct at this time, Mire asked for motion to adjourn this Regular Board Meeting. Robertson motioned to adjourn, and Fowler seconded. The motion passed, and President Mire adjourned by consensus of the Board at 6:36pm.

Clerk