

November 12th, 2019

Village of Rapids City
Rock Island County, Illinois

This Regular Board meeting was called to order by President Mire at 7:03p.m.
All present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present – Mire, Clark, Fowler, Rankin

Absent – Robertson, Fiems, Schnieder

Also Present – Attorney Mason, Clerk Housenga, Sarah Ford, Treasurer Barber, Doug & Colby Deblaey and minor children, Officer Patterson

Feims motioned to allow President Mire to vote for the proposes of establishing a quorum for this evenings meeting. Rankin seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries Rankin confirmed in the IML Handbook this was allowed under law, Attorney Mason agreed.

CONSENT “Omnibus” Agenda: Rankin motioned to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes 10/08/2019, Committee of the Whole Minutes 10/23/19, Committee of the Whole Minutes 11/06/2019 Monthly Bills 11/2019, Treasurers Report 10/2019. Feims seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: Girl Scout Troup 4322 presented environmental reasons to have all Rapids City businesses switch to paper straws. Printed materials were given to the Board and posters were also displayed supporting their cause. The Troup has spoken with local business and is asking the Rapids City Village Board to ban all plastic straws to be used within the Village. All present Board Members commended the girls on their efforts. The Board is allowing the Troup to display their posters at Village Hall until December 2nd when they present their cause at another location.

PRESIDENT –Mire: nothing to report at this time.

POLICE REPORT –Chief Engle: Report as presented. On Halloween night the Department passed out over 100 candy bars to children. Rankin noted a vehicle break in on Sunday, November 9th. Fowler stated rolls of toilet paper found in her neighborhood on Halloween night. Feims reiterated if you see something suspicious report it to the police.

ATTORNEY – N. Mason: Nothing to report at this time.

FIRE REPORT – Chief Carey: Report as presented.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – Bump: Report as presented. Clerk Housenga explained the white truck needs repairs totaling \$1,300.00. Housenga pointed this is the truck that was budgeted to replace this fiscal year at \$25,000.00. Rankin motioned to repair the white truck at a cost not to exceed \$1,300.00 in preparation to trade for a new vehicle. Fowler seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries. Feims motioned to approve the purchase of a new pick-up truck not to exceed \$25,000.00. Fowler seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries. A new plow will be needed for the new truck Mire will have Public Works Director Bump get costs for a replacement plow and present at a future meeting.

BUILDING, ZONING & PLANNING – Fiems: Feims asked the Planning and Zoning Head add a date to hearing minutes in the future.

PERSONNEL & FINANCE – Clark: Housenga explained Clark authorized a donation of \$100.00 to be given to the Hampton Police Department for Halloween candy and also to the Rapids City Fire Protection District.

MidAmerican Energy has offered a \$500.00 grant to the Village. The Board agreed to start the process of changing out the Christmas banners on Route 84 with the grant money.

Mire asked that all discussions concerning employee medical insurance be postponed to the November 19th, 2019 Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Fowler motioned to approve a Christmas Bonus for employees Bump, Misfeldt and Housenga in the amount of \$250.00 and \$125.00 for employee Becht. Rankin seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries.

INFRASTRUCTURE – Rankin: Rankin reported the trees located in the vicinity of Sulphur Creek on 14th Street have been removed. The cost for Hymes Tree Service was \$7,000.00. Mire noted Bump will be removing the stumps and the Fire Department will be spraying out the culvert tubes. The storm siren has been installed. The signal controller for the siren signal controller is not compatible with the upgrade Rock Island County just completed. Rankin and Housenga will be attending Rock Island County meeting to request for funding by Rock Island County 911 to pay for a

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INFRASTRUCTURE – Rankin Continued: new multi-directional controller unit that will make our siren compatible, the controller cost is approximately \$7,200.00.

Rankin explained while Water Superintendent Bump and Assistant Water Superintendent was at water classes in Rockford they received an alarm indicating distress with the water tower, after driving back it was found this was a false alarm. Rankin stated Bump and himself will be looking at some type of camera system to remote in to view equipment control panels to avoid unnecessary trips due to false alarms.

Feims and Rankin will be attending a flood control meeting on November 21st in Riverdale, IA.

Refuse pickup will be delayed to Saturday due to weather related issues.

Rankin took part in a National Weather Service conference call, there is a 50% chance of 2020 flooding being identical to 2019 flooding.

Mire explained Rankin and he met with Cooper of MSA Professional services, they revisited the design of the culvert replacement. The design has been modified to reduce costs. One item to be changed is the new culvert would be changed from a 3'x10' to a 2'x10', this will reduce the costs as the culvert would be precast rather than poured in place.

ELECTIONS – Mire: Nothing to report at this time.

PARKS, RECREATIONS & CEMETERY – Robertson: Housenga reported Schuler's Shady Grove exercise equipment has been delivered.

ORDINANCE & LICENSES – Schnieder: Clerk Housenga presented an amendment to the water ordinance to handle account responsibility in case of account holder death. Rankin motioned to amend Title 7, Chapter 1, Article 2, Section 1 inserting 1.7 In the event the applicant falls deceased a new responsible party will need to apply for services. A grace period of 90 days will be given from the notification date to allow a transfer of service to the new responsible party. If service is not transferred to a new responsible party water services shall be turned off until a new application is received. In the event no new responsible party is available any charges incurred prior to death with need to be paid by any new property owner prior to connection of water service. Feims seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS, EVENT PLANNING & PUBLIC SAFETY – Fowler: The Senior Thanksgiving Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, November 20th, 2019 from 11:30am – 1:30pm. and the Children's Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, December 8th, 2019 from 2-4pm.

OLD BUSINESS: Mire has talked with Cornmesser concerning parcels 06-935-13 and 06-935-14, the Village is still continuing to take action on the abandonment of the parcels.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION: Sarah Ford has explained the Dispatch will no longer be covering small town stories. Mire was disheartened by the news but thanked Ford for continuing to write stories for the Review.

With nothing further to be discussed, Feims motioned to adjourn this Regular Board Meeting; Fowler seconded. All members of the Board concurred. President Mire adjourned this November 12th, 2019 meeting at 8:23pm.

Clerk