

April 14th, 2020

Village of Rapids City
Rock Island County, Illinois

This Regular Board meeting was called to order by President Mire at 7:02p.m.

Roll Call:

Physically Present - Robertson 7:11pm

Telephonically Present - Rankin, Fowler, Clark, Fiems, Mire

Absent – Schnieder

Others Physically Present –Treasurer Barber, Clerk Housenga

Others Telephonically Present - Public Works Director Bump, Carrie Riley

A quorum was established via phone as per Governor Pritzker's Executive order.

President Mire observed a moment of silence for former Police Chief Terry Engle. Mire and Trustees shared kind words in memory of Chief Engle. A private funeral was to be held for Chief Engle on Thursday, April 16th, 2020. A first responder processional will be held on Thursday as well once COVID19 restrictions are lifted and it is deemed safe to hold a memorial service will be held by the family.

CONSENT "Omnibus" Agenda: Fiems motioned to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes 03/10/2020, Committee of the Whole Minutes from 03/17/2020, Committee of the Whole Minutes from 03/23/2020, Monthly Bills 04/2020 and Treasurer's Report presented by Barber 03/2020. Barber noted after reviewing the budget the expense listed on the current bill listing for Andrew Kruckenberg will be changed to reflect \$13,000.00 payable from the water account and \$6250.00 payable from street and sewer accounts; Rankin seconded. All Board Member attendees voted yes; motion carries.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: None.

PRESIDENT –Mire: Mire first addressed Trustee and President Compensation for the first topic of discussion. Attorney Mason noted after further review the way the compensation ordinance is written the Board cannot vote to opt out for pay from the 03/23/2020 Committee of the Whole meeting. The ordinance may be amended to allow waiver of meeting pay. Mason elaborated each person may make a donation to the Village if they so choose. Mire, Clark, Robertson, Fowler, Fiems and Robertson all stated they will be making a donation of pay from the special meeting on 03/23/2020. Mire thanked all board members for their donation offers.

Mire explained to the Board residents have expressed thanks and appreciation via thank you notes concerning the reduction in sewer and garbage bills for the months of March and April with their utility bills.

Mire read the A04-2020 Budget Ordinance for fiscal year 2020/2021; all Trustees were presented with the full ordinance. Rankin motioned to approve Ordinance A04-2020; Fiems seconded. All Board Member attendees voted yes; motion carries.

POLICE REPORT – Chief Engle: Report as presented.

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

FIRE REPORT – Chief Carey: No report as presented. Rankin explained the Department's meeting has been changed to the 22nd due to COVID-19.

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

BUILDING, ZONING & PLANNING – Fiems: Clarification on doggie daycare center allowance for zoning district will be completed by the next meeting.

INFRASTRUCTURE – Rankin: Chris Cooper gave a brief update concerning two projects. Permitting has been received from IEPA and IDOT for the water main extension project. Additionally, comments were received from the Canadian Pacific Railroad requiring compliance with new geotechnical requirements established in February. Modifications to water main crossing plans were executed in order to avoid a long drawn-out geographical analysis and submitted. Cooper clarified if boring is done near the railroad right of way a Geotechnical Engineer is required to be on site, this will be an additional cost added in as a bid item for prospective contractors. Issues with a gas main in the replacement path of the 14th Street culvert have stalled this project. Meetings with MidAmerican Energy have taken place. It has been agreed MidAmerican Energy will plug the existing main on either side of the culvert; this will ensure Needham will not have to worry about a further liability while working on the culvert. Needham Excavating will need to provide a gas main sleeve so MidAmerican can reconnect under the culvert once the project is complete. A

change order has been submitted for the costs to the Village. Completion project date is expected to be May 22nd. Total cost with the change order # 2 is \$88,267.13. Rankin requested Cooper verify April 14th, 2020 (continued)
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with Needham that they have not additional concerns with issues of possibly incurring a loss of water during the project, especially with the COVID-19 issue at hand.

PERSONNEL & FINANCE – Clark: Fiems motioned to donate \$200.00 to Tug Fest; Fowler seconded. All Board Member attendees voted yes; motion carries.
Mire asked Clerk Housenga to attend a webinar and conduct research concerning the State of Illinois' Downstate Small Business Stabilization Program. Clerk Housenga gave a brief of the program to the Board on the grant including restrictions, requirements and financial liability. Clerk Housenga explained Bi-State Regional Commission stated another larger municipality was not going to participate due to the cumbersome nature of the grants. The grant documents note a county can apply for businesses if they so choose as well. Fiems noted the 62 pages of the grant guidebook provide by Clerk Housenga details documentation needed for each business wishing to apply. Fiems elaborated he feels only municipalities with a dedicated grant managers would be interested in applying due to the cumbersome nature of application and reporting requirements. Fiems further elaborated he does not want to see any business fail but see no benefit for the Village to participate in the program. Robertson stated he strongly feels the businesses in the Village are going to need help, but on the other side the Village cannot risk manpower and potential financial risk, further stating he would not like to see us get involved with this. Rankin stated he is on the same page with Fiems and Robertson. Rankin feels with the reporting requirements comes auditing this could extend to the businesses as well. Mire asked Mrs. Carrie Riley for comments. Riley states she feels she could gather 95% of the required documents in two days, she has volunteered to help with quarterly reports. Further stating she feels it would be very hard for a business in this town to deal with Rock Island County. This matter has died due to a lack of a motion to enter into the grant proceeding for the Small Business Downstate Stabilization Program. Mire asked Clerk Housenga to call Rock Island County to verify if they will be writing grants for the businesses.
Clark asked Clerk Housenga to review with everyone a quote to purchase a Dell Latitude 5590 Business Laptop Bundle from Amazon in the amount of \$2099.00. The current computers the office employees are using were purchased in 2015, since installing Windows 10 have become very slow and sluggish. Robertson would prefer to purchase hardware from a local Quad Cities business. Mire has asked Clerk Housenga to obtain an evaluation of our system and supply a quote to build a network with quality equipment.
Clark once again asked Clerk Housenga to brief the Board concerning the REBUILD Illinois grant opportunity. Additional information was requested concerning cost match requirements along with other requirements. This type of grant would be ideal in dredging the boat dock. Previous inquiries on dredging and adding a second dock were estimated around \$280,000.00. Additional information will be sought and presented at the next meeting.

ELECTIONS – Mire: Nothing to report at this time.

PARKS, RECREATIONS & CEMETERY – Robertson: Nothing at this time.

ORDINANCE & LICENSES – Schnieder: Nothing at this time.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS, EVENT PLANNING & PUBLIC SAFETY – Fowler: Due to COVID-19 concerns a burn ban was discussed. Other municipalities have imposed a ban for those that have respiratory issues caused by the virus. Through Board discussion lack of disposal services at this time require a need to dispose of yard waste to avoid a collection of yard debris which could cause a nuisance; therefore the matter died due to a lack of motion.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Mire asked the Board to present ideas for ways to memorialize Chief Engle at the next meeting.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION: None.

With nothing further to be discussed, Fiems motioned to adjourn this Regular Board Meeting; Fowler seconded. All members of the Board concurred. President Mire adjourned this April 14th, 2020 meeting at 8:40pm.

Clerk