

August 11th, 2020

Village of Rapids City

Rock Island County, Illinois

This Regular Board meeting was called to order by President Mire at 7:00p.m.

Roll Call:

Present – Rankin, Fowler, Robertson, Mire, Fiems

Absent – Clark, Schnieder

Others Present – Treasurer Barber, Clerk Housenga, Sarah Ford, Chief Tone

Present Telephonically – Attorney Mason

A quorum was physically established.

CONSENT “Omnibus” Agenda: Robertson motioned to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes 07/14/2020, Monthly Bills 08/2020 and Treasurer’s Report presented by Barber 08/2020. Fiems seconded. All present voted yes; motion carries.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: Heather Lindquist introduced herself to the Board. Ms. Lindquist informed the Board she is currently studying to be a counselor through Smart Recovery and elaborated on the program’s role in helping addicts. Once she completes the training and meetings can be held in person Ms. Lindquist would like to hold meetings in the Community Center. Ms. Lindquist asked the Board to consider donating the Center at no charge for her to help others. The Board requested more information concerning the program. Lindquist will follow up with Clerk Housenga.

Steve Haring of MSA Professional Services gave a brief update on the progress of the Water Loop Project. Haring announce the Canadian Pacific Railroad has approved the water main extension plans. Now the plans need to be approved by the Real Estate division of the Canadian Pacific Railroad. Haring also reported the 14th Street box culvert has been completely installed with the grating. MSA is awaiting response from Needham Construction concerning completion of seeding and mulching.

PRESIDENT –Mire: Mire asked the Board for thoughts on waiving late charges to help residents effected by COVID-19 financially. Rankin motioned to approve the notice of a waiver of late charges of any person who pays their bill in full by September 30, 2020 to be published on the September. Fowler seconded. All present members voted yes. Motion carries.

POLICE REPORT: Report as presented. Due to possible litigation Chief Tone did not elaborate on the allegations made by Channel 8 News concerning the deletion of body cam footage. Tone provided pictures of vehicles that are in violation of Village ordinances. Clerk Housenga is to send notices to the residents of the deficiency via certified letter. Tone and Clerk Housenga worked together and identified 3 DUI’s were collected by the Village since 2018. Chief Tone is stating the funds need to be kept in a separate fund to only be used for the enforcement and prevention of driving while under the influence of alcohol. Attorney Mason will verify the restricted law enforcement funds regulations and report back to the Clerk. Clerk Housenga will also verify accounting practices with the new auditor.

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

FIRE REPORT – Chief Carey: No report was presented at this time.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – Bump: No report was presented at this time. Mire noted the department has been busy with storm clean-up, erecting the exercise equipment and bicycle repair station. A trailer for the mini ex has been found and will be purchased soon. Chief Tone noted gate at the boat dock restrooms needs repair, Clerk Housenga will let Bump know.

BUILDING, ZONING & PLANNING – Fiems: Nothing to report at this time.

PERSONNEL & FINANCE – Clark: Clerk Housenga reported several residents have asked for e-billing and e-pay options. A quote for modules to add to the current billing system were provided for e-bill, e-pay and a cloud-based option. Clerk Housenga reviewed pricing for each option. The cost for moving to the cloud-based system is high and was not recommended. The board would like Housenga to verify annual costs with the vendor for e-bill and e-pay services and report back at the next meeting prior to making a decision.

INFRASTRUCTURE – Rankin: Rankin reviewed with the Board the progress of the 14th Street Culvert Project and the next steps to ensuring the proper flow of Sulphur Creek. The culvert under 13th Street is failing beyond repair which may possibly be a safety concern. Rankin motioned for MSA Professional Services to conduct a study to remedy the culvert issues under 13th Street. Fiems seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries. Rankin made the Board aware of EPA grants available. The grant may cover costs associated in installing permeable pavers for the aiding in drainage and paving issues for 17th Street. The application of permeable pavers as a parking lot at

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INFRASTRUCTURE – Rankin Continued: Village Hall may address drainage issues with hillside runoff, allowing waters to be absorbed prior to flowing to Sulphur Creek. Steve Haring with MSA provided pictures of the pavers being used in other municipalities. A concern of snow plowing were expressed an explanation was given that special plow blade is available to handle plowing rough surfaces. The grant could cover up to 75%. Each project would need to be shovel ready prior to applying for EPA grant moneys. Rankin also reported he was provided with an estimated cost of the dredging and cleaning of the boat dock in the amount of \$300,000.00. Robertson noted the culvert by the boat dock needs attention as well.

ELECTIONS – Mire: Mire encouraged everyone to vote in November.

PARKS, RECREATIONS & CEMETERY – Robertson: Robertson reiterated the exercise equipment and bicycle repair station has been installed and is very happy with result. He is planning on working with Sarah Ford to get a story in the Review about the new equipment.

ORDINANCE & LICENSES – Schnieder: Hampton Police Chief once again presented a vehicle impoundment ordinance for consideration. Chief Tone stated any funds recovered from this ordinance would provide training, equipment, and additional patrol hours in Rapids City, adding if the board wanted more cops up here and more time it would help immensely. Discussion took place voicing concerns of fee use and holding period, hearing officer authority, length of time a car is impounded prior to a hearing, Section 10 B, legality of imposing a penalty when the accused is found not guilty of the offense, It was explained DUI and driving revoked was explained as a misdemeanor. Fiems motioned to table the matter was once again as the ordinance needs to be reviewed by the Village Attorney and giving legal answers to all board concerns. Robertson seconded, all members concurred. The matter is to be discussed again at the September meeting.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS, EVENT PLANNING & PUBLIC SAFETY – Fowler: Nothing to report at this time. She is still working on getting the E-Waste Event rescheduled.

OLD BUSINESS: Mire reported the cannabis licensing awards have been stalled due to COVID.

NEW BUSINESS: Clerk Housenga briefed the Board of the Local Cure program and examples of items that may be covered.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION: None.

With nothing further to be discussed, Rankin motioned to adjourn this Regular Board Meeting; Fowler seconded. All members of the Board concurred. President Mire adjourned this August 11th, 2020 meeting at 8:34pm.

Clerk