

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

Roll Call:

Physically Present – Rankin, Fowler, Robertson, DeMarlie and Fiems

Absent – Schneider

Others Physically Present –Treasurer Barber (entered at 7:01pm), Clerk Housenga, Attorney Nick Mason, Jim Taylor of Carpentier, Mitchell and Goddard, Captain Erickson, Jim Perkins, Barbara, and Rebecca Kline

Others Virtually Present – Sarah Ford

A quorum was physically established.

CONSENT “Omnibus” Agenda: Robertson motioned to approve 09/13/2022 Regular Meeting Minutes, 09-20-2022 Committee of the Whole Minutes, 09/27/2022 Committee of the Whole Minutes, 10/2022 Monthly Bills totaling \$82,296.81 and Treasure’s Report presented by Barber for 09/2022; Fiems seconded. All present members voted yes, motion passes.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: James Taylor of Carpentier, Mitchell and Goddard Company, LLC reviewed the village audit with the board from FY2021/2022. Taylor noted the village has a very strong financial standing at this time. Fiems motioned to approve the representation letter after a review period ending October 21st, 2022 with no objections. Rankin seconded the motion. All present members of the board voted yes, motion passes. Barbara and Rebecca Kline addressed the board requesting assistance with mold abatement of their home located at 320 14th Street. The home is located along Sulphur Creek and the property occasionally floods when heavy rains occur. Kline proposed the village purchase the property and demolish the home. Kline states she was never told about water issues when she purchased the home. When Mire asked Rebecca Kline stated she had never cleaned out the creek bed. Mire noted that the creek runs through her property, further noting trees, vegetation and debris needs to be cleaned out to avoid blocking water flow and then coming out of its banks. Each homeowner needs to take responsibility of their property. No action was taken as this is private property issue.

Jim Perkins a member of the River Cities Rotary requested support from the village for World Polio Day on October 24th, 2022. River Cities Rotary presented a World Polio Day Proclamation which Robertson motioned to approved. Rankin seconded the motion. All board members voted yes, motion carries.

PRESIDENT – Mire: Nothing to report currently.

POLICE REPORT: Report as presented.

ATTORNEY – N. Mason: Nothing to report currently.

FIRE REPORT – Chief Carey: Report reviewed as provided. Mire had Erickson clarify a new law concerning trespassing.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: No report provided.

INFRASTRUCTURE – Rankin: Chris Cooper of MSA Professional Services provided a bid summary of all bids submitted for the 13th Street Culvert Replacement Project. Cooper noted the lowest responsible bidder was Phoenix Corporation with a bid of \$251,423.00. Robertson motioned to approved and awarded Phoenix Corporation to complete the 13th Street Culvert Replacement Project. Fiems seconded the motion. All present members voted to approve the motion. Motion carries.

A field report was provided by MSA Professional Services concerning the Waterloop Project. No updates on the 17th Street Project.

Robertson motioned to approve Maguire Iron to perform cleaning of the water tank in the amount of \$2,500.00. Fiems seconded the motion. All present board members voted yes, motion passes.

The roof for the cold storage building has been constructed, electrical needs to be added. Art-O-Lite provided a bid for \$5,550.00. Boring is projected to cost \$3,000.00 which could be completed by Subsurface. Rankin motioned to approve Art-O-Lite to complete the electrical work for the cold storage building in the amount of \$5,550.00. Fiems seconded the motion. All present members voted yes, motion carries. Rankin also motioned to approve Subsurface to bore electrical to the cold storage building not to exceed \$3,000.00 after all other options for providing power have been evaluated. DeMarlie seconded the motion. All present board members voted yes, motion carries.

Repairs to the I80 Sewer Lift Station have been made, but further repairs will need to be planned for the future.

Fiems motioned to approve the Neptune software and support renew in the amount of \$3,927.40. Fowler seconded the motion. All present board members voted yes, motion carries.

PARKS, RECREATION & CEMETERY – Robertson: Robertson stated after he reviewed the budget that he would not recommend purchasing park equipment this year. Robertson would like to hold a Parks and Rec Committee meeting to make a three-year plan for the purchase of equipment.

Discussion took place as to replacing concrete at the boat ramp. With the low river levels, it has been identified that the concrete of the ramp, which is normally underwater, has deteriorated so much that the rebar is now exposed. An estimated cost of replacement has been received in the amount of \$21,200.00. Bids will be needed obtained due to the projected cost. Further discussion will be had once budget planning occurs.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS, EVENT PLANNING & PUBLIC SAFETY – Fowler: Halloween bags with candy will be passed out by Fowler and Housenga on Halloween evening throughout the Village's neighborhoods.

ORDINANCE & LICENSES –Fiems: A draft of an ordinance amendment was presented for review. Fiems will be in contact with Dan Murphy to come up with a Planning & Zoning change request, objections, and withdraw an objection form. More information will be coming at the next meeting.

PERSONNEL & FINANCE – Schneider: Fiems motioned to approve a donation to the Rapids City Fire Protection District for the annual Halloween Party. Fowler seconded the motion. All present board members voted yes except for Rankin who abstained from the vote. Motion carries.

Mire authorized a donation of \$100.00 to 2023 Project Graduation.

Rankin motioned to approve the renewal of the Risk Management Insurance through IML in the amount of \$24,314.91. Fiems seconded the motion. All members present voted yes. Motion carries.

ELECTIONS – Mire: All board members agreed to change the regular board meeting to November 14th, 2022 at 7pm due to the next meeting being scheduled on Election Day.

BUILDING, ZONING & PLANNING – DeMarlie: DeMarlie reported five general construction permits and one plumbing permit were issued last month.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Robertson motioned and requested an ordinance be approved for the board to consider to a nonbinding question to the ballot concerning video gaming, then nonbinding question to be stated as "Shall Video Gaming be allowed in Rapids City?". Fiems seconded the motion. Robertson noted the additional income could possibly hold off increases in property taxes and help pay for additional future projects. With four board members yes votes and one no vote the motion passes.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION: None.

With nothing further to discuss Robertson motioned to adjourn this Regular Board Meeting, Fiems seconded the motion. All Board Members of the Board concurred. President Mire closed this Regular Board Meeting at 8:54pm.

Missy M. Housenga
Village Clerk