

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

**Roll Call:**

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

**Absent** – Schneider

**Others Physically Present** – Jeff Craver & Mike Peterson– Rock Island County Forest Preserve, Greg Kerner, JD Schulte – Hutchison Engineering, Sharon Lefever, Ron Green, Stephanie Caskey, Sarah Fisher, Skylar Hall, Carrie & Rick Riley, Attorney Mason, Treasurer Barber, Clerk Housenga, Chris Cooper – MSA entered at 7:31pm.

**Others Virtually Present** – None.

A quorum was physically established.

**CONSENT “Omnibus” Agenda:** Robertson motioned to approve 10/10/2023 Regular Meeting Minutes, 11/2023 Monthly Bills totaling \$161,942.63 and Treasure’s Report presented by Barber for 10/2023; Fiems seconded. All board members voted yes, motion passes.

**PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:** Jeff Craver of the Rock Island County Forest Preserve addressed the board with Mike Peterson of RICOFP and JD Schulte of Hutchison Engineering requesting permission to connect to the Village’s sanitary sewer main. The changes are warranted as the Rock Island County Health Department has stated the Forest Preserve can no longer use the septic system currently in place now that improvements are being made to the restroom facilities and campsites. Bump will need to talk with East Moline concerning volume capacity and talk with the EPA to ensure compliance and permitting procedure. Discovery discussion took place which identified the main is a force main; possible charge for connection; requirement of liability insurance by the Forest Preserve plus an installation of a back flow valve; and finally, responsibility. Craver will provide Clerk Housenga with a copy of other intergovernmental agreements they have with other municipalities. The Village Board will need to discuss this matter at a future meeting and will communicate with Craver.

Chris Cooper of MSA clarified Pay Application # 3 to Pheonix Corporation in the amount of \$28,667.34 which consists of charges derived from work completed for the 13<sup>th</sup> Street Culvert Replacement Change Orders 1 through 5. Fiems motioned to approve payment of \$28,667.34 to Phoenix Corporation for work completed on the 13<sup>th</sup> Street Culvert Replacement. Fowler seconded the motion, all present board members voted yes. Motion carries.

MSA Professional Services presented Invoice #11 for engineering services during the 13<sup>th</sup> Street Culvert Replacement Project in the amount of \$880.00 which Rankin motioned to approve. Fiems seconded the motion, all present members of the board voted yes; motion carries.

Sharon Lefever addressed the board to give positive complements and feedback relating to the 17<sup>th</sup> Street Project. Mire and the Board thanked Ms. Lefever for her patience and her understanding during the construction process.

**PRESIDENT – Mire:** President Mire and the Board of Trustees approved and presented Lucky Charms Daycare with a Resolution commending the daycare on their honor of being awarded Illinois’ Silver Circle of Quality Designation.

Mire reviewed with the Board three options presented by Califf and Harper PC for providing legal services for the Village of Rapids City as Mason and Scott PC will be no longer representing the Village as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. Rankin motioned to approve option # 2 which consisted of monthly meeting attendance at the flat rate of \$250.00 and representation on all other matters at a rate of \$250.00 per hour. Fiems seconded the motion, all present board members voted yes; motion carries.

**POLICE REPORT:** Report as presented.

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

**FIRE REPORT – Chief Carey:** Report reviewed as provided.

**DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:** Report as presented.

**INFRASTRUCTURE – Rankin:** Rankin motioned to approve Change Order # 5 related to the 17<sup>th</sup> Street Project in the amount of \$25,355.45. Robertson seconded the motion, all present members of the board voted yes; motion carries.

Rankin motioned to approve Pay Application #3 in the amount of \$585,864.05 for work completed on 17<sup>th</sup> Street payable to Centennial Contractors. DeMarlie seconded the motion, all present board members voted yes; motion carries.

Rankin motioned to approve Pay Application #4 in the amount of \$372,626.05, for work completed on 17<sup>th</sup> Street payable to Centennial Contractors. DeMarlie seconded the motion, all present board members voted yes; motion carries.

Fiems motioned to approve Axiom Consultants invoice #5356 in the amount of \$12,028.75 for engineering services provided in relation to the 17<sup>th</sup> Street Project. Rankin seconded the motion; all present members voted yes; motion carries.

Rankin reviewed an email received from the Greens which expressed concerns on the visibility leaving 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 17<sup>th</sup> Street, the hill of their yard grading, and the left-over tree stump. Bump noted a final walk through is scheduled and the items will be noted.

**PARKS, RECREATION & CEMETERY – Robertson:** Nothing to report at this time.

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS, EVENT PLANNING & PUBLIC SAFETY – Fowler:** Fowler Reminded everyone of the Senior Thanksgiving Luncheon on November 16<sup>th</sup>, starting at 11am.

Fowler announced that Santa will be coming to town on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Candy canes, hot cocoa and Hershey's Kisses will be passed out by Santa during the event.

**ORDINANCE & LICENSES –Fiems:** Fiems motioned to approve the prepared ordinance amendment to add permitted diagonal street parking, Title II, Chapter 3, Article 1, Section 2. Robertson seconded the motion, all present board members voted yes; motion carries.

Fiems motioned to approve the prepared ordinance amendment to the Beer and Liquor Ordinance removing the portion pertaining to signage of the businesses restricting use of the word "Bar", Title II, Chapter 6, Article 7. Rankin seconded the motion, all present board members voted yes; motion carries.

**PERSONNEL & FINANCE – Schneider:** Mire tabled all agenda topics on the agenda for the December meeting when hopefully Schneider could attend.

**ELECTIONS – Mire:** Nothing to report.

**BUILDING, ZONING & PLANNING – DeMarlie:** No report provided this month.

**VIDEO GAMING – Robertson:** A rough draft of addition plans have been approved for the room addition on to BP for video gaming area.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Mire noted he had approved a donation to the Rapids City Fire Protection District's Halloween event in the amount of \$250.00.

**NEW BUSINESS:** A letter from IDOT was received requesting the informational sign at the entrance of the Village be removed. Mire requested Clerk Housenga provide a copy of the letter to the Village Attorney for review with a recommendation on how to proceed. Bump stated that a permit was obtained and an inspection was completed on the sign after installation.

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION:** Greg Kerner provided an engineered sketch of a proposed retaining wall for consideration at Thai Town Cafe. Bump will meet with Kerner on sight for verification of utilities.

At this time Rankin motioned to enter into Closed Session to discuss law enforcement contract discussions. Fowler seconded the motion at 8:47pm. All other board members agreed.

At 9:05pm Open Session resumed. Mire noted that no votes or discissions were taken or made during Closed Session. Roll Call was conducted, Rankin, Fowler, DeMarlie, Fiems and Robertson were physically present along with Clerk Housenga, Schneider was absent.

With nothing further to discuss, Fiems motioned to adjourn this Regular Board Meeting at 9:05pm. Rankin seconded the motion, all members of the Board concurred.

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Missy M. Housenga  
Village Clerk