

Village of Rapids City  
February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
Committee of the Whole Meeting

Committee of the Whole Meeting to discuss:

- 2024/2025 Budget Planning Meeting – Parks, Recreation, Cemetery, Public Safety and Public Relations
- Rock Island Forest Preserve Sanitary Sewer Contract
- Blackhawk Bank & Trust Pledge
- Bicycle/Pedestrian Access on I80 Mississippi River Crossing 3
- Proposed President, Trustee and Clerk Compensation

President Mire called the meeting of the Committee of the Whole to order at 6:00pm.

Roll Call:

Physically Present: Fowler, Polenske, Robertson DeMarlie and Mire  
Absent: Fiems and Rankin.

Others:

Physically Present: Clerk Housenga, Public Works Director Bump, Treasurer Barber, JD Schulte  
Virtually: None

Mire opened this Committee of the Whole Meeting by first addressing the matter of the Rock Island County Forest Preserve Contract. The Village Attorney in conjunction with Village Staff drafted a proposed contract for the sewer connection for Illiniwek Campground. Estimated costs for drafting of the sewer contract is \$719.00 by Legal Counsel. Robertson motioned to approve the drafted contract for sewer connection with the Rock Island County Forest Preserve District as well as the cost of expenses to draft the contract be divided equally between the District and the Village. DeMarlie seconded the motion, all present members voted yes, motion carries.

Mire then reviewed a letter from Blackhawk Bank & Trust received by the Village Office. The letter is requesting the pledge amount be lowered as the amount of funds needing to be insured is now lowered due to the reduced balance in village accounts. Fowler motioned to approve lowering the pledge market value of \$1,423,564.76. Robertson seconded the motion, all present members voted yes, motion carries.

Mire then announced Robertson, Bump and he will be attending a meeting to discuss pedestrian access over the Mississippi River on March 4<sup>th</sup>. Mire wanted to obtain feelings and thoughts towards maintenance and upkeep of the bike path on I80 Bridge. Cons of taking on maintenance and upkeep of a path that is not within our jurisdiction include added liability and reduction of services and manpower within our own village. All board members like the idea of pedestrian access on the bridge but feel it is not our responsibility to maintain it as the bridge is not within Rapids City.

A proposed amendment to the Administration Ordinance, Article 2 Compensation was presented. Mire is proposing compensation for Trustees in Section 1 to be changed from \$75.00 per meeting to \$100.00 per month and \$50.00 per meeting attended; Section 2 would be modified the Village President pay by changing compensation from \$125.00 per meeting to \$200.00 per month and \$50.00 per meeting; Section 3 would be modified for the Clerk from \$100.00 per meeting to \$125.00 per meeting. The proposed changes would not go into effect until fiscal year 2026 for those eligible per statute. Fowler motioned to approve amendments to Title I, Chapter 2, Article 2, Sections 1, 2, 3. Robertson seconded the motion, all present board members voted yes motion carries.

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The meeting then progressed to meeting planning for 2054/2025. Robertson compiled quotes for parks equipment, mulch and equipment for the Community Center and Village Hall. A police protection contract was not available for review and budgeting. Fowler noted pricing for events and donations for budgeting as well. Throughout discussions all items listed below are to be placed in the budget.

<b>Grounds and Buildings</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>
Playground Equipment - Shadow Hill	\$20,000.00
Mulch - Riverbend & Sulpher Creek	\$6,000.00

<b>Equipment</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>
Locking Cabinet – C.C.	\$170.00
First aid kits - V.H. & C.C.	\$60.00
Fire/Smoke Detectors - V.H. & C.C.	\$60.00
AED w/ training	\$2,500.00

<b>Payroll</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>
Infrastructure Seasonal Helper	\$10,000.00

<b>Donations/Events</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>
Military & First Responder's Luncheon	\$1,500.00
Senior Luncheon	\$2,000.00
Halloween - Candy, RCFPD & RICO Sherriff's Dept.	\$650.00
Christmas	\$300.00
Easter	\$300.00
Donations	\$2,000.00
E-Waste Helpers	\$150.00

With no further business to conduct DeMarlie motioned to adjourn this Committee of the Whole Meeting; Fowler seconded. All members of the board concurred, motion passes. President Mire adjourned by consensus of the Board at 7:22pm.

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Missy M. Housenga  
 Village Clerk