

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

**Roll Call:**

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

**Absent** – None.

**Others Physically Present** – Attorney James Zumuda, Treasurer Barber (exited at 8:14pm), Clerk Housenga, Director Bump, Tara Walters and Scott Duckett of MSA Professional Services (exited the meeting at 8:08pm), Sherriff's Officers Prine and Miller, Greg Kerner of Thai Town Café entered the meeting at 7:44pm and exited the meeting at 7:42pm.

**Others Virtually Present** – Barber entered the meeting again at 8:43pm

A quorum was physically established.

**CONSENT "Omnibus" Agenda:** Rankin motioned to approve 03-12-2024 Regular Meeting Minutes, 03-21-2024 Committee of the Whole Minutes, 03-26-2024 Committee of the Whole Minutes, 04/2024 Monthly Bills totaling \$75,214.47 and Treasure's Report presented by Barber for 03/2024; Robertson seconded. All board members voted yes, motion passes.

**PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:** Clerk Housenga explained the complaint resident Ferguson wanted to speak to the board about. Ferguson has concerns with patrons visiting Thai Town Café when the parking lot is full and now parking on the road, now that there is curb and gutter, they can no longer park on the street. Ferguson would like to see no parking signs added to 17<sup>th</sup> Street below the hill. The matter was tabled so board members and police may watch the situation over the next month. The matter will be addressed in May.

Greg Kerner of Thai Town Café appeared once again requesting permission for a retaining wall to be constructed on the business property as previously presented. Zumuda explained as to why the retaining wall could not be constructed as currently designed. A motion was made to approve the construction of the retaining wall as currently engineered by Rankin, Fiems seconded the motion. All board member except Polenske (who abstained) voted no, to not allow construction of the retaining wall. Motion fails to pass. Kerner has agreed to meet with his engineer and Bump at the property to identify best placement for the wall outside of the utility easement.

Tara Walters and Scott Duckett of MSA Professional Services addressed the board to explain funding capacity agents and programs. MSA representatives presented a packet of different grants they can and will assist municipalities with the application process and documentation. Interest in the BAAD grant was expressed by the board as there is a 0% match requirement and the boat dock parking lot and roadway need to be replaced and repaired. Arrangements for Walters to appear at the April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 Committee of the Whole Meeting to provide a proposal for grant writing for the BAAD grant were discussed.

Colby DeBlaey, Coach of the Raging Rapids Softball Team, requested a new first base plate for Shadow Hill. The base would be equipped with an orange safety bag, which is designed to prevent collisions between runners and first baseman. DeBlaey provided pricing for the double first base from Amazon which was \$113.95. No board members objected to the placement of the new first base and as this cost is under Bump's spending limit, he will purchase and install.

**PRESIDENT – Mire:** Announced new committee appointments for next fiscal year.

**POLICE REPORT:** Report as presented. Mire noted one of the calls on the presented report involves an active and ongoing investigation therefore no discussion may take place on the topic at this time.

**ATTORNEY – Califf & Harper P.C.:** Zumuda had nothing to report.

**FIRE REPORT – Chief Carey:** Reports provided for November and December.

**DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:** Report as presented. Bump reported a small sink hole located in Eagle Pointe Subdivision. Repair costs should be minimal. Bump also reported a clogged storm drain on 52<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and 14<sup>th</sup> Street. DeMarlie noted another sink hole may have been identified on 15<sup>th</sup> Street and 52<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Bump will investigate.

**INFRASTRUCTURE – Rankin:** Rankin stated there punch list items that still need to be completed on 17<sup>th</sup> Street project.

A new water system control panel is needed as our current one is failing. Final cost of a new panel is \$50,482.00, Bump requested that be placed in next fiscal year's budget.

Bump also obtained pricing for annual water tower inspections and repairs. A 3 year maintenance agreement would be \$132,600.00 per year. A 5 year maintenance agreement would be \$89,860.00 per year. At this time the information provided is just informational, Bump would like to discuss at the next budget meeting.

**PARKS, RECREATION & CEMETERY – Robertson:** Rankin motioned to approve Mulchscapers to top off the Riverbend and Sulpher Creek playgrounds and the exercise equipment down by the boat dock in the amount of \$3,648.00, work is to be billed and completed by April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Fowler seconded the motion, all board members voted yes, motion carries.

Fowler motioned to purchase playground equipment for Shadow Hill Park from Play and Park Structures Quote 716-165467 in the amount of \$15,599.22. Rankin seconded the motion, all board members voted yes, motion carries.

Fiems motioned to move in the Recreation Fund budget \$7,000.00 from line item 5365 to 5367. Rankin seconded the motion, all board members voted yes, motion carries.

Robertson also presented pricing to extend the outfield fencing at Shadow Hill. Netting was quoted at \$5,894.35 and chain link fencing came in at \$22,220.00. Further discussion will take place at the budget meeting.

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS, EVENT PLANNING & PUBLIC SAFETY – Fowler:** Fowler reported the Easter Egg Hunt went very well this year and the Easter Bunny played by Polenske was fantastic with the children.

Fowler also reported the River Valley Library will be holding a shred event on April 20<sup>th</sup> from 8am – 2pm.

An e-Waste event will be held April 27<sup>th</sup> from 9am -11am here at Village Hall.

Lastly Fowler reported the Active/Reserve Military, Veterans and First Responders Luncheon will be held from 11:30am to 1:00pm.

Fowler motioned to approve the luncheon to be catered by Smokin' Butt BBQ at a cost of \$1,012.50 plus gratuity. Rankin seconded the motion, all board members voted yes, motion carries.

**ORDINANCE & LICENSES –Fiems:** Water and Sewer tap on fees were discussed. Clerk Housenga provided a study of surrounding municipalities tap on fees for review. The board is to take time to review the information and discuss the matter at the next meeting.

**PERSONNEL & FINANCE – Fiems:** Reallocation were first discussed as Barber needed to leave the meeting. Fiems motioned to reallocate of funds from one line item to and other line item included:

General Fund:

Administration -

\$2,500.00 from 5122 to 5140

\$1,000.00 from 5162 to 5165

Streets –

\$15,000.00 from 5265 to 5267

\$5,250.00 from 5272 to 5271

Cemetery –

\$800.00 from 5565 to 5522

Water Account:

\$25,000.00 from 5167 to 5127

\$1,000.00 from 5167 to 5132

\$1,000.00 from 5167 to 5161

\$5,000.00 from 5167 to 5162

Sewer Account:

\$6,500.00 from 5152 to 5125

\$15,000.00 from 5165 to 5127

Garbage Account:

\$100.00 from 5160 to 5040

Robertson seconded the motion, all board members voted yes, motion carries.

Annually, fund transfers are made to save for large projects and high dollar maintenance items. Barber noted he did not recommend transferring money from the Water Account to the Water System Maintenance Account, as simply the funds are not there to transfer. Fiems motioned to approve transfer funds from the General Fund to the 17<sup>th</sup> Street Rehab Fund in the amount of \$30,000.00 and transfer from the General Fund to the Schuler's Maintenance Account in the amount of \$10,000.00. Robertson seconded the motion, all board members voted no, motion dies.

Fiems approved a donation to Riverdale Unified Boosters in the amount of \$150.00 and \$100.00 to Tug Fest.

Fiems motioned to approve wage increases for all employees, Barber, Bump, Hoodjer, Housenga and Meier by 4% effective May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 and a one time bonus for Bump and Housenga of 6% and a 4% bonus to Hoodjer and Meier, bonuses are to be paid by April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024. DeMarlie seconded the motion, all members voted yes, motion carries.

Fiems motioned to approve migrating to Quickbooks Enterprise Gold in the amount of \$1922.00 annually. Robertson seconded the motion, all board members voted yes, motion carries.

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

**BUILDING, ZONING & PLANNING – DeMarlie:** DeMarlie reported 3 general building permits were issued last month.

**VIDEO GAMING – Robertson:** Village portion of the Video Gaming Revenue was \$161.12 for gaming activity in February 2024.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

With nothing further to discuss, Fiems motioned to adjourn this Regular Board Meeting at 9:00pm. DeMarlie seconded the motion, all members of the Board concurred.

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Missy M. Housenga  
Village Clerk