

This Regular Board meeting was called to order by President Mire at 6:30pm

Roll Call:

Physically Present – Robertson, Rankin, Fowler, Polenske.

Absent – DeMarlie, Fiems

Others Physically Present – Clerk Housenga, Tara Walters and Angel Jacobs of MSA Professional Services, Ben Barber, Attorney James Zmuda, Public Works Director Bump, Rock Island County Officers Williams and Summers

Others Virtually Present – None.

A quorum was physically established.

CONSENT “Omnibus” Agenda: Robertson motioned to approve 10/08/2024 Regular Meeting Minutes, 11/2024 Monthly Bills totaling \$116,623.93 and Treasure’s Report for 10/2024; Rankin seconded. All present board members voted yes, motion passes.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: Tara Walters of MSA Professional Services addressed the board to explain and answered questions related to the IEPA’s SLRF Program opportunities, processes and next steps if the board would desire to move forward with applying for the loan program to improve and rehabilitate the water system. Mire requested a drafted agreement detailing the scope and costs in preparing for the SLRF program, Walters will plan to provide this information at the December 2024 meeting. Walters excused herself from the meeting at 7:05pm.

PRESIDENT – Mire: Rankin motioned to approve the tax levy rate of .538492 which would allow for a total tax collection amount of \$180,678.00 which is broke down as such:

Corporate	\$ 81,569.00
IMRF	\$ 20,000.00
Police	\$ 24,484.00
Cemetery	\$ 4,900.00
Audit	\$ 8,745.00
Liability Insurance	\$ 24,085.00
S.S.	\$ 16,895.00
Total	\$180,678.00

The rate is lower again due to the equalized value of properties going up again this year. If a higher rate is requested a truth in taxation hearing would be required. Fowler seconded the motion, Rankin, Fowler and Polenske voted yes to approve the motion; Robertson voted no. Motion carries.

ATTORNEY – Califf & Harper P.C.: Nothing to report at this time.

FIRE REPORT – Chief Carey: Reports as presented. The Fire Protection District expressed their appreciation for the donation given by the village of their Halloween festivities.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Bump provided his report verbally.

POLICE REPORT: No report was presented.

INFRASTRUCTURE (Public Works, Water, Sewer & Garbage) – Robertson: Nothing to report at this time.

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

VIDEO GAMING, COMMUNITY RELATIONS & EVENT PLANNING – Fowler: Fowler reported gaming revenues received this last month were \$560.79. Mire requested a different report layout for future meetings, Clerk Housenga will ensure the format is executed.

Fowler reported that Fiems and herself handed out the filled Trick or Treat bags on Halloween. Everyone appeared to be having a great time and enjoyed their bags.

The Senior Thanksgiving Luncheon will be held on November 20th, 2024 from 11am to 1:30pm.

Fowler also reported that Santa will once again be coming to town on December 7th, 2024 from 11am to 1pm. This event is being held in conjunction with the Rapids City Fire Protection District.

ORDINANCE, LICENSES, BUILDING, PLANNING & ZONING – Rankin: Once again Clerk Housenga provided to the board a proposed Camping Ordinance with the mark ups that were requested at the October 2024 meeting. Rankin motioned to approve the Camping Ordinance as presented amending Title XI of the Village of Rapids City Code of Ordinances. Polenske seconded the motion, all present members voted yes; motion carries.

Rankin reported 4 general building and 1 demolition permits were issued in the month of October.

FINANCE – DeMarlie: Clerk Housenga reported for DeMarlie in his absence. The first matter was the allocation of the offered annual donation of \$500.00 from MidAmerican Energy. The board decided to use the donation for the purchase of park swings that need to be replaced.

Robertson motioned to approve the presented engagement letter from Odoni Partners, LLC with the modification of the removal of the preparation of the Annual Treasurer's Report, total services not to exceed \$30,000.00 for the years ending 2023 and 2024. Rankin seconded the motion, all present members voted yes; motion carries. Mire noted

Lohman Companies provided renewal options for employee medical, dental and vision insurance. Rankin motioned to take the renewal option for medical insurance from United Healthcare DYGI w/K35S with a monthly cost of \$2,525.25; Delta Dental will provide dental insurance at a cost of \$72.82 each month; Delta Dental will also provide vision insurance at a cost of \$15.18 per month. Fowler seconded the motion; all present board members voted yes; motion carries.

Clerk Housenga has verbally discussed with the Dante from Odoni Partners, LLC intergovernmental loans the Village currently has from the improvements to the water system during the 17th Street Project, no written information was provided by Odoni Partners. Clerk presented Ordinance A11-2024 which would forgive the intergovernmental loan from the General Fund to the Water Fund in the amount remaining of \$145,973.12. Clerk Housenga also provided a payback schedule for the intergovernmental loan from Sewer Fund to Water Fund. Mire out of caution and protection of the Village Clerk and Village Board wants Odoni Partners to provide all repayment and forgiveness information in writing with the associated statues prior to approval of forgiveness and repayment schedule.

Rankin motioned to approve the annual IMLRMA insurance renewal option number 1 in the amount of \$26,671.11. Fowler seconded the motion, all present members voted yes. Motion carries.

PERSONNEL & PUBLIC SAFETY – Fiems: MUNICES report was reviewed by the board.

ELECTIONS – Mire: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

NEW BUSINESS: None.

With nothing further to discuss, Rankin motioned to adjourn this Regular Board Meeting at 7:48pm. Fowler seconded the motion, all members of the Board concurred.

Missy M. Housenga
Village Clerk