

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

**Roll Call:**

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

**Absent** – DeMarlie

**Others Physically Present** – Clerk Housenga, Tara Walters and Steve Haring of MSA Professional Services, Ben Barber, Attorney James Zmuda entered 6:34pm, Public Works Director Bump, Officer Ndiaya - left the meeting at 7:25pm.

**Others Virtually Present** – None.

A quorum was physically established.

**CONSENT “Omnibus” Agenda:** Robertson motioned to approve 12/10/2024 Regular Meeting Minutes, 12/13/2024 Committee of the Whole Minutes, 01/2025 Monthly Bills totaling \$67,506.45 and Treasure’s Report for 12/2024; Fiems seconded. All present board members voted yes, motion passes.

**PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:** Tara Walters of MSA Professional Services presented to the board a revised professional services agreement for the preliminary engineering report need to apply for IEPA’s SLRF Program. The scope included in the agreement labeled MSA Project Number: 00443039 includes project administration and client meetings, existing facilities evaluation, proposed alternatives, as well as the preparation of the preliminary engineering report. Total cost for services to be executed by MSA in Project Number: 00443039 was \$18,500.00. Mire updated the board of the projected estimated costs of interest if a traditional loan/bond was obtained to complete the water tower painting and repairs, \$224,000.00 which is a rate of 5% with Blackhawk Bank and Trust. Fowler motioned to approve to enter into the Professional Services Agreement 00443039 in the amount of \$18,500.00 with MSA Professional Services. Rankin seconded the motion, all present members voted yes, motion carries.

**PRESIDENT – Mire:** Mire updated the board of the intentions of QC Mart applying for a grant to install two EV charging stations. As there were no objections from the board, Mire will be sending a letter of no objection to QC Mart for the placement of the EV charging stations to submit with their grant application.

**POLICE REPORT:** Report was presented.

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

**FIRE REPORT – Chief Carey:** Reports as presented. A fund-raising Bingo event for the Fire Department will be held on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.

**DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:** 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 \$2,404.23.

**ORDINANCE, LICENSES, BUILDING, PLANNING & ZONING – Rankin:** Discussion took place as to the purchase of new building code books. The Board and Village Attorney Zmuda directed Clerk Housenga to purchase a pdf version of the International Building Code Books.

**FINANCE – DeMarlie:** No donation requests were received.

The Village auditor emailed the office relaying the FY23 and FY24 audits will be completed by the end of February.

Intergovernmental Fund Loans were discussed. No communication was received from the auditor once again this month related to these loans. Clerk Housenga did speak with Brad Cole at the Illinois Municipal League concerning the loans. Water Fund loans can be forgiven with an ordinance from the General Fund, not State Statute is dictating this it is within the Corporate authorities to dictate its funds. Although, funds loaned from the Sewer Fund to the Water Fund cannot be forgiven and must be repaid to Sewer Fund. Currently, the Water Fund owes the

remaining \$143,973.12 out of total funds loaned in the amount of \$163,973.12 to the General Fund. The funds were loaned for the costs related to the water improvements related to water system improvements related to the rehabilitation of 17<sup>th</sup> Street. Ordinance A01-2025 was presented which forgives the remaining money owed to the General Fund in the amount of \$143,973.12 from Water Fund. Rankin motioned to pass and approve Ordinance A01-2025 with the removal of "as determined by Illinois State Statute" in the "Now, Therefore" section of the ordinance. Fiems seconded the motion, all present members voted yes, motion carries. The original amount loaned was \$163,973.13 from Sewer Fund to Water fund for water improvements related to water system improvements related to the rehabilitation of 17<sup>th</sup> Street. Rankin motioned to approve the repayment of the total remaining balance owed to Sewer Fund of \$143,973.13 from the Water account; total term for the loan would be 7 years. Polenske seconded the motion, all present members of the board voted yes, motion carries. The Village has already paid the Sewer Fund from the Water Fund a total of \$20,000.00 over the past 20 months. The total term remaining for the \$143,973.13 will be 64 months with payment each month being \$2,249.58 effective February 2025.

Fiems motioned to approve the Central Square/ Vadim Municipal Software Inc. provided renewal of municipal utility billing software and support renewal in the amount of \$1780.18. Robertson seconded the motion, all present board members voted yes, motion carries.

**PERSONNEL & PUBLIC SAFETY – Fiems:** Nothing to report at this time.

**ELECTIONS – Mire:** Nothing to report at this time.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

At 7:30pm Rankin motioned to enter into Closed Session to review and discuss the details of Arbatraion for the Waterloo project. Fiems seconded the motion.

At 7:41pm the Open Session of this Regular Board Meeting resumed. In attendance were Mire, Fiems, Robertson, Rankin, Fowler, Polenske, Attorney Zmuda and Clerk Housenga. Mire noted no votes were taken during Closed Session.

With nothing further to discuss, Fiems motioned to adjourn this Regular Board Meeting at 7:41pm. Fowler seconded the motion, all members of the Board concurred.

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Missy M. Housenga  
Village Clerk