

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

Roll Call:

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

Absent – DeMarlie and Polenske

Others Physically Present – Clerk Housenga, Treasurer Ben Barber, Attorneys James Zmuda, Kathy Peschang and Holly Bialski of River Valley Library, Sheriff's Deputy Valencia left the meeting at 6:55pm, Nick Peschang entered the meeting at 6:50pm.

Others Virtually Present – None.

A quorum was physically established.

CONSENT "Omnibus" Agenda: Rankin motioned to approve 01/14/2025 Regular Meeting Minutes, 01/21/2025 Committee of the Whole Minutes, 02/2025 Monthly Bills totaling \$103,714.91 and Treasure's Report for 01/2025; Fiems seconded. All present board members voted yes, motion passes.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: Kathy Peschang and Holly Bialski of River Valley Library approached the board to seek partnership with a document shred event planned to take place April 26th, 2025. At this time the library and the Village of Port Byron are hosting the event together and would like to invite Rapids City. The total cost for the event would be \$900.00 [;is miscellaneous feeds. Library Representatives requested 1/3 of the costs associated with event if the partnership were to occur. Fiems motioned to join the River Valley Library Shred Event, donating \$300.00 towards the event. Rankin seconded the motion, all present members of the board voted yes. Motion carries.

PRESIDENT – Mire: Mire briefed the board on the events that have taken place concerning the arbitration proceedings associated with the Waterloo project.

POLICE REPORT: Report was presented.

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

FIRE REPORT – Chief Carey: Reports as presented.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Report as presented.

INFRASTRUCTURE (Public Works, Water, Sewer & Garbage) – Robertson: The board reviewed rate increases materials that were accompanied with the East Moline sewer processing bill for the entire village. At this time an increase to the sewer rate is not required. Discussion also took place concerning the water billing rates due to unstable federal funding opportunities and the need for the water tower needing painting inside and out an increase is going to be required. Mire would like to see the monthly minimum go from #35.00 per month to \$40.00 per month. Mire requested the agenda for the February 18th Committee of the Whole Meeting be modified to allow for discussion of a rate increase on the water portion of the utility bills The garbage rate will go up in July as determined by the refuse contract.

After the infrastructure budget meeting held in January Robertson had remembered a grant was awarded to complete Phase 1 of rehabilitating Schuler's Shady Grove Park. Clerk Housenga updated the budget consideration worksheet to reflect the improvement and expense.

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 \$2822.24.

Fowler also announced the date for the Village Easter Egg Hunt will be on April 12th, 2025 between 10:30am and 12pm. Details of the event will be posted for the residents.

ORDINANCE, LICENSES, BUILDING, PLANNING & ZONING – Rankin: Reported 1 demolition permit was issued last month.

FINANCE – DeMarlie: Nothing to report at this time.

PERSONNEL & PUBLIC SAFETY – Fiems: Fiems reviewed with the board the MUNICES Financial Report as presented.

ELECTIONS – Mire: Nothing to report at this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

With nothing further to discuss, Rankin motioned to adjourn this Regular Board Meeting at 7:20pm. Fowler seconded the motion, all members of the Board concurred.

Missy M. Housenga
Village Clerk