

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, Public Works Director Bump, Attorney Art Eggers, Jamie Greko, Robert Hawkins, Thomas Vandevoorde.

Others Virtually Present – None.

A quorum was physically established.

CONSENT “Omnibus” Agenda: Rankin motioned to approve 02/11/2025 Regular Meeting Minutes, 02/18/2025 Committee of the Whole Minutes, 03/2025 Monthly Bills totaling \$96,222.14 and Treasure’s Report for 02/2025; Polenske seconded. All present board members voted yes, motion passes. As Barber reported on the financial status of the funds, concerns over the balance of the Water Operation Fund was noted.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: Clerk Housenga presented an email drafted by Shannon Spence requesting assistance with a bench placement in memory of her mother at Schuler’s Shady Grove Park/ Boat Access Area. Shannon and her mother were residents in the village for many years. Even though Shannon no longer lives in the area when she visits her father, Jamie Greko, she would like a place to memorialize her mother. Robertson motioned to authorize placement of a bench at Shannon Spence expense, including labor, at Schuler’s Shady Grove. Fowler seconded the motion, all present members of the Board voted yes, motion carries. Bump will communicate with Ms. Spence in the future to discuss placement and plans for installation.

PRESIDENT – Mire: Mire reminded the board of the Town Hall Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss the financial state of the village funds, water and sewer rates and the needed upgrades to the water system. A Town Hall Meeting/Committee of the Whole Meeting was scheduled for March 31st, 2025 at 6:30pm.

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. Bump has been working on water tower issues since the water control panel has failed and they are waiting to receive new equipment.

INFRASTRUCTURE (Public Works, Water, Sewer & Garbage) – Robertson: Robert Hawkins is requesting a future road easement be vacated on his property located at the end of 7th Avenue A. Robertson noted a large ravine is located where the road would be placed if it were to be constructed. Per Bump no water or sewer is located on the land. Robertson motioned to hold a Public Hearing on April 16th, 2025 at 6:30pm to gain public input on vacating a road easement. DeMarlie seconded the motion, and all present members voted yes. Motion carries.

Robertson explained for information purposes only that the City of East Moline sent a sewer processing billing statement due on March 20th, 2025 in the amount of \$47,317.09. Clerk Housenga is holding the bill until calibration can be verified. Bump explained a malfunction occurred with the float system at the sewer lift station. In the past this same issue interfered with calibration. Clerk Housenga has communicated with East Moline concerning the bill and is holding payment until the issue is resolved.

Mire and Bump further explained the issues with the water system control panel. Prior to authorizing purchase of the equipment at a cost of \$54,897.00 Mire and Bump discussed as per the procurement policy the village has in place. Additional costs for boring a hard line for communication will be required for the new water control panel, estimated costs of boring are \$5,000.00. Mire also communicated individually with each Trustee prior to authorizing the purchase of the new equipment. Rankin motioned to complete all necessary water control panel replacement requirements with equipment to be provided by Automatic Systems and required upgraded communication lines with boring at a cost not to exceed \$60,000.00. DeMarlie seconded the motion, all present members voted yes, motion carries.

PARKS, RECREATION & CEMETERY – Polenske: Clerk Housenga was notified by IDNR that the BAAD Grant has been approved for the Village. Due to lack of audit the Village's GATA registration has not been completed. Mire Has been in communication with Dante Odoni of Odoni Partners and has been informed the FY23 and FY24 Audit Reports are going to be ready as of April 2nd. Mire also noted there is a shortage of Municipal Auditors in the state of Illinois, the State is aware of the issues as well. Once the audits have been completed Clerk Housenga can complete GATA questionnaire and submit all documents.

VIDEO GAMING, COMMUNITY RELATIONS & EVENT PLANNING – Fowler: Fowler reported gaming revenues received this last month were \$3,298.63.

ORDINANCE, LICENSES, BUILDING, PLANNING & ZONING – Rankin: Reported 6 general permits and 1 plumbing permit were issued last month.

FINANCE – DeMarlie: DeMarlie received a thank you from the Riverdale Education Foundation for the donation and continued support.

PERSONNEL & PUBLIC SAFETY – Fiems: Budget meeting at 6pm on March 13th, 2025 to discuss personnel. Mire would like everyone to look at the Personal Time and Vacation time of the Handbook for employees as he would like to discuss further on Thursday.

ELECTIONS – Mire: Nothing to report at this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

At this time Mire requested to enter Closed Session to discuss the arbitration with McClintock. Robertson motioned to enter Closed Session and Rankin seconded the motion at 7:19pm

At 7:28pm Mire reconvened this Open Session of the Regular Board Meeting. Mire noted no votes or decisions were made in Closed Session. Mire, Rankin, Robertson, DeMarlie, Fowler and Polenske were present. Others present were Eggers and Housenga.

With nothing further to discuss, Robertson motioned to adjourn this Regular Board Meeting at 7:29pm. Rankin seconded the motion, all members of the Board concurred.

Missy M. Housenga
Village Clerk