Village of Rapids City
September 8th, 2026 Regular Board Meeting
Rock Island, County, Illinois

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

Roll Call:
Physically Present – Polenske, Mire, Peschang, Fiems, Robertson
Absent – DeMarlie, Fowler
Others Physically Present – Housenga, Duty Kingsberry, Treasurer Barber, Kathy Sattizahn
Others Virtually Present – None.

A quorum was physically established.

CONSENT "Omnibus" Agenda: Fiems motioned to approve the Regular Board Meeting minutes from 08/11/2026, September 2026 monthly bills in the amount of $93,205.84; and the 08/2026 Treasurer's Report prepared by Barber. Polenske seconded the motion; all board members voted yes, motion passes. Barber is still concerned about the Sewer Fund in relation to the expense of the sewer processing billing. Bump does not believe the billing is wrong and has repeatedly talked with East Moline about the billing. Bump will continue to watch for proper calibration of the sewer meter. Ryan did note higher usage due to all the rain recently.

VENDORS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

PRESIDENT – Mire: Mire read special correspondence from Kathy Sattizhan that was presented at the previous month's Regular Board Meeting. Mire asked the board if they would like to take action on Sattizahn's request to grant an unlimited speaking time to voice her concerns, this request would deviate from the newly adopted meeting procedures. No motion or board interest was voiced.

Mire announced to the board that cost saving measures are being implemented after discussions with the staff members effective in October 2026. Payroll for employees will be issued bi-weekly and for Board Members will bi-yearly. Laptops will be looked at for the Board Members to reduce printing and paper costs; this will also give the opportunity to check village email on the village-owned devices and not personal electronics. A new printer will need to be purchased in the future as parts are no longer available for the current printer, a simple printer will be purchased that can perform all functions the office needs. Mire is also having Bump look into pricing for insulating the Public Works Building to reduce the cost of heating and cooling of the building.

Mire also requested a motion to increase the spending limit from $3,000.00 for himself, Bump and Housenga to $5,000.00. This will allow for a greater purchasing allowance for emergency expenses. Roberson motioned to approve the increased spending limit and updating the procurement policy. Fiems seconded the motion. All present board members voted yes, motion carries.

Mire read and approved a prepared Proclamation supporting MILLIE'S MOOvement Week. Mire proclaimed September 21st through 26th MILLIE's MOOvement Week.

POLICE REPORT: Report as presented. The Sheriff's Department has provided a standardized Complaint/Notice to Appear Form for review.

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

FIRE REPORT – Chief Carey: Report reviewed as presented.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Report as presented. Bump reviewed his report and the repairs that have been made to the water and sewer infrastructures this last month.

INFRASTRUCTURE (Public Works, Water, Sewer & Garbage) – Robertson: Robertson motioned approve the Ferguson Waterworks software renewal in the amount of$4,355.04; Polenske seconded the motion. All present board members concurred, motion carries.

Photos of water damage which is undermining of the curb and gutter and road on Deer Run Road were presented. Bump has tried to contact multiple contractors but was only contacted by Ironsite Construction to complete repairs with an estimate of $8,489.00. Robertson motioned to contract Ironsite Construction to repair curb and gutter damage on Deer Run Road not exceed $8,500.00. Peschang seconded the motion, all present board members voted yes, motion carries.

PARKS, RECREATION & CEMETERY – Polenske: Nothing new to report by Polenske. Mire asked all board members to contact Polenske for ideas of repairs or new equipment for the

parks for next fiscal year. Robertson is to help Polenske with applying for a grant from Republic Services for park improvements.

VIDEO GAMING, COMMUNITY RELATIONS & EVENT PLANNING – Fowler: Video gaming revenue for last month was $3,286.16 for the village share.

ORDINANCE, LICENSES, BUILDING, PLANNING & ZONING – Peschang: Peschang reported 6 general, and 1 plumbing permit issued last month.

FINANCE – DeMarlie: No donation request were received during the last month. Clerk Housenga presented tax levy samples and explained them to the board. One sample does not reflect a need for a Truth in Taxation Hearing the other sample does require hearing. The samples provided a rate of .5198 with an overall increase of 4.64% and the other had a tax rate of .6633, reflecting an increase of 33.51%. Peschang motioned to hold a Truth in Taxation Hearing reflecting the rate of .6633 reflecting a 33.51% increase the Hearing is to be scheduled within the parameters of the Illinois State Statue pertaining to Truth in Taxation procedures, Robertson seconded the motion. All present board members agreed and voted yes, motion carries. Clerk Housenga will determine the hearing date according to State Statue and provide notice.

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

ELECTIONS – Mire: Nothing new to report.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: None.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION AND/OR COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR: Kathy Sattizahn addressed the board as she believes she can prove anything stated in open session meetings. Sattizahn also stated she has a PerMar Security System as well as an Arlo system in place at her residence that she is currently dwelling in; she can see and hear all traffic and conversations on and near her property. She states she had a conversation with a neighbor “Tim” that recapped a conversation with Tim and Fiems. As per Kathy the conversation the two gentlemen had was about short-term rental and how to “keep riffraff out”, past experiences, thoughts on the matter. As per meeting procedure policy no response was provided to Sattizahn’s questions referred to Fiems.

NEW BUSINESS: Mire brought the board up to speed with issue within the village pertaining to construction projects within the village, noting staff, Sheriff’s and himself have all had to deal with resolutions between construction crews and residents.

With nothing further to discuss, Fiems motioned to adjourn this regular board meeting at 7:33pm. Robertson seconded the motion. President Mire adjourned by consensus of the Board.

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Missy M. Housenga
Village Clerk