

VILLAGE OF ROCKTON
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MAY 18, 2010

Mayor Adams called the regular meeting of the Rockton Village Board of Trustees to order at 7:00 P. M. Present were: Mayor Adams, Mr. Brown, Ms. Davey, Mr. Winters, Mr. Fridly, Mrs. Bloodworth, and Mr. Peterson. Also present: Atty. Galluzzo.

Motion by Winters, second by Fridly to waive the reading of the May 4, 2010, Village Board minutes. All ayes. Motion carried 6-0. Motion by Winters, second by Peterson to approve the Village Board minutes of May 4, 2010, as presented. All ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

AMENDMENTS

- Mr. Fridly – Add a consensus for the ice hockey rink
- Mayor Adams – Table the Winnebago County Fine Collection Agreement

Motion by Fridly, second by Peterson to approve the amended agenda. All ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Art O'Meara. Mr. O'Meara stated that it is his understanding that the Village has embarked on a lawsuit against Rock Energy seeking specific performance to the Memorandum of Understanding. Should the Village lose at the trial level of the Circuit Court of Winnebago County, he would urge, implore the Village not to appeal such an adverse result.

MAYOR ADAMS

1. Liquor License-3 Sheets Pub. Motion by Winters, second by Fridly to approve the liquor license for 3 Sheets Pub at 122 W. Main St. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

2. American Cancer Society Relay for Life. Motion by Peterson, second by Bloodworth to approve the noise variance for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life at Hononegah High School on June 5th and 6th with the stipulation that it will be a reasonable amount of noise. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

3. Public Hearing-Annexation-4638 Rockton Rd. Public Hearing was opened by Mayor Adams at 7:07 P.M. for an annexation of 8.2 acres at 4638 Rockton Road by Rockton Investments LLC. Mr. George Ruff and Steve Schwartz along with their attorney, Chris Logli, presented their development plan for 4638 Rockton Rd. The development is on the northwest corner of Rockton Road and Quail Trail, kitty corner from the Wal-Mart. Zoning requested is Commercial Highway which was approved by the Zoning Board. Three of the acres have been divided for three business places for potential fast food and a financial institution. They propose to use the intersection which was built at Quail Trail when the Wal-Mart was developed and a right in, right out on Rockton Road. He stated that they are restricted right now from any left turn from the property because of the raised median on Rockton Road. There was considerable discussion about the median whether it should be raised, painted or full curb and concrete median as requested by the Village and included in the annexation agreement which could be amended. Mr. Ruff stated that with the drive over median that if there was enough space they could do some landscaping in the median. Mr. Schwartz spoke to the issue with the median, access on Quail Trail and the service road, the designated area for an off premises sign to comply with Village sign ordinance for the back portion of the parcel. Mr. Schwartz stated that the sales tax was very important to their development. This parcel has been vacant for some time and not part of your overall development plan. He feels that it is important from day one to place the service roads and utilities in the development. They are working strongly with a party for the far western lot but it is not finalized. Retailers like to congregate where there are successful intersections and successful developments. Mr. Schwartz stated that he has been in retail development for 15 years and developed properties in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Missouri. He feels this property is the perfect place to develop. Putting the infrastructure in will go a long way to creating not only temporary construction jobs but long term jobs throughout this intersection and corridor and bring people to downtown and other parts of Rockton also for shopping. Without the development agreement, he did not feel this development would be able to be launched at this particular time because of all the costs required up front. He stated that his partnership owns the property free and clear. He feels the development will enhance the tax base and bring sales tax dollars to the municipality. The first year of sales tax revenue from the opening of the first business will flow to the Village and thereafter would be split 50/50 for a period of time. Hearing no public comment, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:20 P. M.

4. Ordinance 2010-109. Motion by Winters, second by Fridly to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2010-109 an Annexation Agreement for approximately 8.2 acres at 4638 Rockton Road with Rockton Investments LLC. Mr. Fridly commented that we need to keep the right in, right out as a full curb. He feels that anything less would create a hazard. The developer's suggestion is to have a median with rumble strips. Mr. Fridly stated that on the previous annexation agreement, the median was painted; however, the Village Engineer was very insistent that it be a full curb. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried 6-0. Mr. Schwartz stated that they will have their engineer take another look at the median situation. Mayor Adams pointed out that the agreement is written with the raised curb in there, but felt that the engineers could work this out before the 2nd reading of the ordinance in June.

5. Ordinance 2010-110. Motion by Winters, second by Fridly to approve a first reading of Ordinance 2010-110 an ordinance annexing approximately 8.2 acres at 4638 Rockton Road. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

6. Ordinance 2010-111. Motion by Winters, second by Fridly to approve a first reading of Ordinance 2010-111, an ordinance zoning approximately 8.2 acres at 4638 Rockton Road. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried 6-0. Mayor Adams noted that the CH Zoning was approved by the Zoning Board.

7. Resolution 2010-106. Motion by Winters, second by Peterson to table Resolution 2010-106 for economic incentive for the property at 4638 Rockton Rd. until the next meeting. This resolution only requires one reading and will be passed with the other ordinances at the next board meeting. All ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

8. Reappointments to Planning Board. Motion by Peterson, second by Brown to reappoint Ron Axon and Michelle Van Schelven to continue on the Planning Board. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

9. Tabled Approval of Winnebago County Fine Collection Agreement.

Mayor Adams read a request from the American Legion Auxiliary proclaiming that Poppy Days will take place on May 22 through May 25 in Rockton.

Mayor Adams reminded everyone that OSF St. Anthony and Rockford Health System are talking about merging. He received a letter stating that by combining these two entities they would be positioning Rockford as a regional destination for advanced medical care and thus boost the local economy creating centers of excellence in many clinical areas and rival the quality of the finest in Chicago, Madison, and Milwaukee. That would help us recruit the most highly skilled physicians across all specialties. This would be an advantage to have a large hospital complex like that in Rockford.

Mayor Adams also had a letter from the Winnebago County Soil and Conservation District announcing their 70th anniversary.

Mayor Adams reminded everyone of Saleing Rt. 75, the annual 40 mile garage sale, which will take place on June 4th and 5th.

Mayor Adams read a letter from Penny Cure along with Cory Magnus from the Fire Department who are planning the annual Police and Fire Bike Rodeo and Safety Fair and would like to request the use of 100 E. Chapel St., from Blackhawk Blvd. to Green for Sunday, June 13th from 11AM to 2PM. They requested the street be shut down at approximately 9AM until the event concludes. Motion by Fridly, second by Winters to block off Chapel St. for the Police and Fire Bike Rodeo and Safety Fair on Sunday, June 13th. All ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

ZONING

1. Petition #050610-1 Design Review-Rockton Fire Dept. Motion by Fridly, second by Peterson to table this petition until the next meeting because the information was not received by the trustees in a timely manner. This was approved by a vote of 5-0 by the Zoning Board. Roll Call: Ayes: Bloodworth, Peterson, Fridly, Davey, and Brown. Nays: Winters. Motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC SAFETY & LEGAL – MR. WINTERS

1. Ratify Consensus for Camera Purchase. Motion by Winters, second by Fridly to ratify a consensus to purchase a camera for the park at a cost of \$2,900. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

SEWER, WATER & GARBAGE – MR. FRIDLY

1. Truck Equipment Bid. Motion by Fridly, second by Peterson to authorize the contract with Monroe Truck Equipment to equip the new public works truck at a cost of \$28,089, paid out of the water fund. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

2. Water Testing Contract. Motion by Fridly, second by Peterson to authorize Mayor Adams to sign the annual contract with the Illinois EPA in the amount of \$13,532.34, for water testing. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

3. Hockey Rink. Mr. Fridly asked for and received a consensus to place a hockey rink at the boat launch location with local fireman Joe Marella volunteering his time to put this together, raising funds to make it happen and maintaining it. Through different conversations, it was decided that this spot at the boat ramp would be easier to maintain, policing would be easier, and it would be more accessible to residents. Getting a consensus tonight would allow Mr. Marella to move forward with his fundraising. The rink will be 150x75. This will be used for public access but be used for a roller hockey league on Saturday or Sunday, charging them a small fee to help with maintenance. Mr. Fridly stated that it was discovered that this location was not in a flood plain. We will still set up the other rink in Village Green Park. This will be ice hockey in the winter and roller hockey in the summer. It was noted that a bike path from the facility to the road to keep the kids off the road might be a safety measure to be included in their fundraising. The plan is to add lights eventually when funding is available. Mr. Marella stated that asphalt will cost about \$20,000 and lighting about \$6,000.

STREETS & WALKS – MR. PETERSON

1. Planters Downtown. Mr. Peterson reported that the planters and corners will be planted Thursday downtown and acknowledged the donation from Rockton Remembers for the obliques for the planters.

Ms. Davey reminded everyone that the Macktown Pageant is Saturday, May 22 at 1:00 P.M.

Mayor Adams stated that the board will go into executive session for the purpose of discussing litigation in regard to Rock Energy Coop.

Motion by Winters, second by Brown to adjourn to executive session at 7:54 P. M. All ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

Mayor Adams called the meeting back to order at 9:03 P. M.
Present were: Mayor Adams, Mr. Brown, Ms. Davey, Mr. Winters, Mr. Fridly, Mrs. Bloodworth, and Mr. Peterson. Also present: Atty. Galluzzo.

Motion by Winters, second by Peterson to pay bills in the amount of \$150,255.85. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Winters, second by Brown to adjourn at 9:05 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Rossi
Village Clerk