

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JANUARY 18, 2011

Mayor Adams called the regular meeting of the Village of Rockton Board of Trustees to order at 7:02 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 waive the reading of the January 4, 2011, Village Board minutes. All ayes. Motion carried 6-0. Motion by Winters, second by Peterson to approve the January 4, 2011, Village Board minutes as presented. All ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

MAYOR ADAMS

2. Public Hearing-Zoning Map Amendment Woodlands Lot 322. Mayor Adams opened the public hearing at 7:03 PM. He stated that Lot 322 is currently zoned commercial and we want to rezone it to parks and cemeteries. He also stated that we hoped to put a walking path there from the park to Williamson Parkway. We applied for a grant for that 2-3 years ago, but did not get the grant; and there are no plans at this time to do anything with it. Mr. Lemke asked that if a path is placed that it be kept as far away from the homes as possible. Mayor Adams agreed and stated they would leave as many trees as possible. This was made commercial as the owner, Stu Hall, wanted to add holes there for the Red Barn Golf Course making it 18 holes. We wanted to clean up the zoning map to indicate that it is a recreational area. Public hearing closed at 7:05PM.

1. Resolution #2011-101 Honoring Jarrett Heck. Mayor Adams read the Resolution 2011-101 honoring Jarrett Heck of Troop 619 for his successful completion of requirements for the National Eagle Scout Court of Honor.

3. Public Hearing Annexation Part of the Rt. 251 ROW consisting of 17.82 acres. Mayor Adams stated that this is the off ramp coming off of Rt. 251 to Rockton Road, the southwest corner. The Public Hearing was opened at 7:08PM. The State will retain ownership and continue to maintain that portion of the intersection but it will be in the Village limits. Hearing no public comment, the public hearing was closed at 7:09PM.

4. Public Hearing amending Section 152.256 of the Rockton Code of Ordinances-Security for Public Property. The public hearing was opened at 7:09PM. Atty. Galluzzo explained that this is amendment to our zoning code

which requires a bond be placed by anyone who is improving a new lot, new construction for work they are actually performing in the right of way especially curb cuts. There are subdivisions in the Village where the letters of credit on those properties have expired and would have to be renewed for many years to come in order to get to the 80% developed prior to roads being turned over. There are issues in these subdivisions because the roads have not been turned over. Instead of having developers continue to renew letters of credit and our having to monitor them, we decided when there is work done on a vacant lot to ask for a bond. The bond protects the city in the event of damage to the public property. The bond is \$5,000 for residential and \$10,000 for commercial. It allows us to accept roads and finish them out sooner and continue to provide top quality service for those residents. Hearing no public comment, the public hearing was closed at 7:12PM.

5. Public Hearing-Sewer Rate Increase. Mayor Adams stated that the sewer rate increases have been published. The public hearing was opened at 7:13PM. Mr. O'Meara stated that in view of Governor Quinn and the legislature raising personal and corporate income taxes, he feels it is unfortunate, albeit necessary, to put another load on the residents of Rockton. Mr. Richard Stewart questioned how much flowage can we grow to if we have more development on Rockton Road? Mayor Adams commented that the village is in a unique situation in that anything east of Dorr Road is in the Rock River Water Reclamation District. Any growth that would occur on this side of Dorr Road or south or southwest would go to our treatment plant. We have 40% capacity left at our treatment plant. Mr. Winters stated that there is not a lot happening in the growth area for our plant. Mayor Adams stated that our rates even with the increase are less than Rock River Water Reclamation is charging. To increase our capacity would involve mostly minor changes. In our system, most of our equipment is 50 years so there is a lot of upgrading and maintenance which is ongoing whether we have homes hooking on or not. Mr. Winters noted that when the Village took over the Sanitary District, customers were paying more than this new rate. Hearing no further public comment, the public hearing was closed at 7:15PM.

PUBLIC SAFETY & LEGAL – MR. WINTERS

1. Employee Leave of Absence. Motion by Winters, second by Peterson, on the advice of Chief Dickson, to grant an employee an unpaid leave of absence. All ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

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Motion by Winters, second by Peterson to pay bills in the amount of \$95,213.35. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Winters, second by Brown to adjourn at 7:20 P. M. All ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Rossi
Village Clerk