

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

June 6, 2011

Chairman Winters called the regular meeting of the Administration Committee to order at 5:30 pm. Present were: Dave Winters, Zachary Baker, Mayor Adams, Attorney Galluzzo, and Chief Dickson. Also present Gail Beach, Cory Magnus, John Peterson and Daniel Owen. Joshua Brown was absent.

Motion by Mr. Winters, second by Mr. Baker to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of May 16, 2011. Motion carried 2-0.

CHIEF DICKSON

Purchase Police Patrol Rifles

Chief Dickson talked to the committee about a request for two new tactical rifles. One is an addition, the other is a replacement. One will be paid for with a Crime Stoppers Grant the other will be paid for out of drug funds. They will cost \$1,000 each. They are on the agenda for approval at the board meeting.

Purchase Replacement Radar Units

Chief Dickson also talked to the committee about a request to purchase two refurbished radar units at a cost of \$695 each. These will be paid for out of DUI funds. This is also on the agenda for approval at the board meeting.

THE MAYOR

Land Acquisition

Mayor Adams talked to the committee about the opportunity to purchase 7 acres of land next to the Rockton Athletic Fields. The purchase of this land would be contingent upon the seller being able to purchase some acreage on McCurry Road and the current owner of the land on McCurry being allowed to change the zoning of some adjacent land to R-M. The Mayor is looking for direction from the trustees as to whether or not to proceed further with this opportunity. The committee members discussed the issue and it is on the agenda to be discussed at the board meeting.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND LEGAL – Mr. Winters

New Rate for Attorney

Mr. Winters talked to the committee about a request from the village's attorneys to raise the hourly rate they are paid. Their current rate is \$90/hour and they have been at that rate since they started working for the village in 1999. Attorney Galluzzo explained to the committee that if his firm had been given a 3% increase over the last ten years they would be at \$120.95/hour today. He is asking to increase their rate to \$120/hour. Gino made some inquiries into what municipal attorneys are being paid in other communities and shared the following rates: Caledonia \$135/hour, Winnebago \$140/hour, Machesney Park \$125, Cherry Valley \$135/hour and Roscoe is at \$110/hour. Attorney Galluzzo feels very comfortable asking for \$120 given what other people are charging. Trustee Baker stated that he will like to see some of the billing history before considering an increase. Attorney Galluzzo shared their hours have been decreasing over the last year by having the village internalize some of the processes. The requested

increase is not on the agenda for board for approval at this time and Gino encouraged village trustees to call him with any questions they might have.

Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Development Agreement Between the Village of Rockton, Illinois and Rockton-R, LLC.

Mr. Winters talked to committee members about the resolution on the board agenda to authorize the execution of a development agreement between the Village of Rockton and Rockton-R, LLC. This agreement will turn the control for the maintenance for the berms and trees on the west side of the future Farm and Fleet over to the village.

ADMINISTRATION & BUDGET – Mr. Brown

New Computer for Code Enforcement Officer

This item was tabled until the next meeting.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – Mr. Baker

Rockin 4 Rockton Youth Concert

Mr. Baker talked to the committee about the progress in organizing the Rockin 4 Rockton event. They have held two meeting so far and are having an issue with who the donation and expense checks should be written. The committee members discussed the issue and said that perhaps sponsors could make their donations to the Lions Club and in turn the Lions could write one check to the village and the village could take care of the bills for the event with the excess being used for the Rockton Athletic Park. Mr. Baker shared that Rossetti's Pizza wants to do a pizza tent, and he asked the Mayor if he could contact Wal-Mart for a donation similar to what they gave last year. Mr. Baker said he was working with the group to get the cost down. The Mayor suggested that Mr. Baker have Chief Dickson sit in on his next planning meetings. Mr. Baker said there are items that the group wants to order to sell at the concert that would need to be ordered soon. Mr. Baker made a motion to authorize up to \$500 as seed money for Rockin 4 Rockton for approved expenses. Mr. Winters second. Roll Call All Ayes. Motion approved 2-0.

Mr. Winters moved. Mr. Baker second to adjourn at 6:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Warren
Village Clerk