

VILLAGE OF ROCKTON
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
January 19, 2016

Mayor Adams called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Present were: Mayor Adams, Mr. Fridly, Mrs. May, Mr. Peterson, Mr. Winters and Atty. Szeto

Staff present: Chief Dickson, Tricia Diduch, and Gordy Nygren

Absent: Mr. Hoey and Mr. Magnus

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Winters, second by Mr. Fridly, to waive the reading of the January 5, 2016 Village Board meeting minutes. All ayes. Motion approved 4-0.

Motion by Mr. Winters, second by Mr. Fridly, to approve the January 5, 2016 Village Board meeting minutes. All ayes. Motion approved 4-0.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Mr. Winters stated that he will take the item under Mr. Hoey. Mr. Fridly stated that he will take the item under Mr. Magnus. Ms. Diduch requested that the item under zoning be tabled. Motion by Mr. Peterson to approve the amendments to the agenda, second by Mr. Winters. All ayes. Motion approved 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

MAYOR ADAMS

Mayor Adams read a letter from Chief Kirk Wilson complimenting the professionalism of the police department while assisting at a house fire on W. Union Street last week.

Mayor Adams also commented that he received an email from New York Financial Technology Company stating that the Village of Rockton is ranked #9, up from their rank of #24 in 2015, for its Healthiest Housing Markets Study. Mayor Adams provided a copy of the email to the Village Board.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY

None.

ZONING

None.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND LEGAL – MR. WINTERS

Motion by Mr. Winters to approve the Walmart Fuel Station liquor and tobacco license, second by Mr. Fridly. Mr. Winters stated that it's the same person holding the licenses as the Walmart Store. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 4-0.

Motion by Mr. Winters to approve the RAEDC contribution plan for two years at a cost of \$5,000/year, second by Mr. Peterson. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 4-0.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – MR. HOEY

None.

WATER, SEWER, AND GARBAGE – MR. FRIDLY

Motion by Mr. Fridly to approve the proposal from McMahon Engineering to engineer the grit chamber at the sewer plant at a cost of \$46,000, second by Mrs. May. Mr. Nygren stated that he spoke with Mr. Bronn and the cost of the first year is going to be between \$10,000 and \$15,000 and the rest of the cost is going to be later. Mayor Adams verified that the full cost is being approved. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 4-0.

Motion by Mr. Fridly to approve ordinance 2016-1: Approving the Sale of a 2001 ¾ Ton Truck, second by Mr. Peterson. Mr. Fridly explained that this would be a sale to an employee of the Village and that Atty. Szeto advised that it was okay to sell the vehicle to an employee. Mr. Fridly stated that a sale price hasn't been determined yet. Mr. Fridly added that he wasn't in favor of this even if it's legal due to the perception it would have. Mrs. May stated that the vehicle cannot be sold to the public and that the vehicles generally go to auction. Mrs. May explained that the vehicle can be a direct sale or go to auction. Mrs. May questioned that if it's a direct sale should the vehicle be offered to all employees or should they direct the employee to the auction. Mr. Peterson questioned if a vehicle has ever been sold to an employee and Mr. Fridly stated that they never knew that it was an option. Mr. Peterson inquired how a price would be determined. Mr. Fridly stated that Mr. Nygren spoke with someone at Finley and they gave him a range of what they thought the truck was worth, but they didn't visually inspect the truck. Mr. Nygren also looked up the value of the truck online. Mr. Peterson questioned when a vehicle goes to auction if they get close to what the vehicle is worth. Mr. Nygren stated that it depends and sometimes they are surprised by what they receive for a vehicle. Mayor Adams added that the auctioneer that the Village has used in the past is no longer in business. Mr. May stated that Mr. Magnus suggested posting that the vehicle is for sale so that all employees of the Village can see it and take it from there. Chief Dickson suggested that the Village honor the highest sealed bid on the vehicle if its advertised in the newspaper and Atty. Szeto stated that this could be done as well. The Village Board questioned why this is being discussed right now if the vehicle is still in the fleet. Mr. Fridly and Mr. Peterson rescinded their motion to approve the sale. Motion by Mr. Fridly to table the sale of the vehicle at this time, second by Mr. Peterson. All ayes. Motion approved 4-0.

ADMINISTRATION AND BUDGET – MR. PETERSON

None.

BUILDINGS AND PARKS – MRS. MAY

None.

STREETS AND WALKS – MR. MAGNUS

Motion by Mr. Fridly to approve the purchase requisition for William Charles Electric in the amount of \$1,142.44 to repair the street light at Highway 2 and Union Street, second by Mrs. May. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 4-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mr. Winters to adjourn into executive session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(C)(11) to discuss pending litigation at 7:13 pm, second by Mr. Peterson. All ayes. Motion approved 4-0.

Motion by Mr. Peterson to return to regular session at 7:41 pm, second by Mrs. May. All ayes. Motion approved. Roll call at 7:42 pm. Mr. Winters, Mr. Fridly, Mr. Peterson, Mrs. May, Mayor Adams and Atty. Szeto were present.

ACTION ON ITEMS ARISING OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Mr. Winters, second by Mr. Peterson, to pay bills in the amount of \$87,224.37. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 4-0.

ADJOURN

Hearing no further business, motion by Mr. Winters, second by Mrs. May, to adjourn at 7:43 pm. All ayes. Motion approved 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Stewart
Village Clerk