

**ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**December 21, 2015**

Chairman Winters called the regular meeting of the Administration Committee to order at 5:30 pm.  
Members present: Dale Adams, Pat Hoey (by telephone), John Peterson and Dave Winters  
Staff present: Steve Dickson, Tricia Diduch, and Scott Fridly

Motion by Mr. Peterson, second by Mr. Hoey, to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of December 7, 2015. All ayes. Motion approved 3-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**THE MAYOR – DALE ADAMS**

Mayor Adams stated that he received six letters of complaint from the Board of Review to lower property taxes. Mayor Adams said that some of the properties are owned by Fat Wallet, Chemtool and Jim Athens. Mayor Adams stated that the letters could be addressed later in the Budget & Finance Committee meeting, but that he wanted the Administration Committee to be aware of this.

**PUBLIC SAFETY & LEGAL – DAVE WINTERS, CHAIRMAN**

None.

**ADMINISTRATION & BUDGET – JOHN PETERSON**

Mr. Peterson stated that he is looking into the bands for the Rockton River Market next year. Mr. Peterson advised the Committee that a few of the bands, such as Pablo and Harlan Jefferson, would like more than the budgeted \$500 for the event and that these bands have drawn in larger crowds. Ms. Diduch stated that the total budget for the bands this past year was \$6500. Mr. Peterson said that he can try to negotiate with the bands, but that he can also find bands that won't be as expensive.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – PAT HOEY**

Mr. Hoey discussed Resolution 2015-126: A Resolution of the Village of Rockton, Illinois Approving a Policy for Approving Tax Increment Financing District and Business District Agreements. Ms. Diduch explained the timeline that is outlined in Exhibit A and stated that the RFP can be released in January instead of April. Ms. Diduch also explained that the resolution is a guide. Mayor Adams added that nothing is written in stone. Mr. Peterson questioned if a clause could be added that states that they are not allowed to protest their property taxes. Mayor Adams said that he thought there could be a clause added and that it's worth looking into.

The Committee also discussed the property that the State currently owns on Blackhawk Boulevard (Apron Strings), which used to be the old dry cleaners. Mayor Adams stated that the property was going to auction. Mr. Fridly questioned if the Village has to pay the fair market value. Mayor Adams stated that he didn't think anyone was interested in the property and that the Village would like to expand their parking if the property is purchased by the Village in the future.

Ms. Diduch discussed the Business District billing with Ehlers. Ms. Diduch stated that the contract that the Village agreed to with Ehlers was in the amount of \$18,000. Ms. Diduch said that there was an additional fee of \$3,600 for a compilation of a mailing address list. Ms. Diduch advised the Committee that in the contract it states that if there are any additional costs that Ehlers would present the charges to the Village for approval. Ms. Diduch said that she was never advised of any such charges and that she spoke with Maureen Barry from Ehlers and that she didn't have any documentation of this as well. Mr. Hoey advised Ms. Diduch to send Ehlers a letter stating that the Village was not going to pay the additional fees. Ms. Diduch added that she and Mayor Adams looked at the budget and that the Village doesn't have the funds to pay for the additional charges.

**THE CHIEF – STEVE DICKSON**

Chief Dickson stated that the police department hired another officer and that he was going to be sworn in at the Village Board meeting on December 22, 2015.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS ALLOWED BY LAW**

Mr. Winters questioned what the Village would need to do to make sure that the property being auctioned off by the State (Apron Strings) can only be used as a parking lot. Mayor Adams said that the State is demolishing it and Ms. Diduch added that it's not buildable property.

**ADJOURN**

Motion by Mr. Hoey, second by Mr. Peterson, to adjourn at 5:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Stewart  
Village Clerk