

VILLAGE OF ROCKTON
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
JULY 19, 2011

Mayor Adams called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Present were: Mayor Adams, Mr. Brown, Ms. Davey, Mr. Winters, Mr. Magnus, Mr. Baker, and Mr. Peterson. Also present: Atty. Galluzzo.

Motion by Winters second by Peterson to waive the reading of the July 5, 2011 Village Board Meeting minutes. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

Mr. Baker asked to include verbatim public comments from Gary Sands and Dean Moring from the July 5, 2011 meeting in the minutes. Motion by Brown, second by Davey to include the verbatim public comments in the minutes pending board review for accuracy. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

Motion by Winters second by Peterson to approve the July 5, 2011 Board Meeting Minutes as amended pending board review of public comments for accuracy. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Loren Floto - addressed the village board in regards to the Rock River Sweep. He talked about the cleanup effort last year and informed the board that the event will be held this year on Saturday, September 10th from 9am to noon. He thanks several organizations for their participation.

Brian Jones - addressed the board with claims that Mayor Adams had asked Rock Energy to exempt three businesses from having to pay the Rockton Maintenance Fees. Mayor Adams stated that this was absolutely untrue and asked for the name of the person at Rock Energy who had stated this. Mr. Jones could not provide a name.

Kathy Gustafson - Shared an update with the board regarding the Rockin 4 Rockton Event scheduled for Saturday, July 30, 2011. She asked for volunteers to help out with the event. She also requested the use of the bathrooms in the pavilion, the ability to have parking for the event on Haywick Street, and stated she was meeting with Roger regarding the placement of banners. Mayor Adams asked Ms. Gustafson to coordinate her requests with the Police Chief and the Public Works Manager.

MAYOR ADAMS

1. Request by the Rockton Fire Protection District to hold their “Fill the Boot” Event on August 27, 2011

Motion by Winters, second by Baker to approve Rockton Fire Protection’s request to hold their “Fill the Boot” Event. Motion Approved 5-0 with one abstention.

2. MFT Resolution 2011-109 (MFT Audit)

Motion by Winters, second by Peterson to approve MFT Resolution 2011-109, a missing resolution needing to be passed in order to comply with the MFT Audit. Roll Call. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

3. MFT Resolution 2011-110 (MFT Audit)

Motion by Winters, second by Peterson to approve MFT Resolution 2011-110, an additional missing resolution needing to be passed in order to comply with the MFT Audit. Roll Call. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

4. Correspondence

Mayor Adams read village correspondence including an invitation for local officials to attend the Illinois State Fair, and a request from the Rockton United Methodist Church to use the gazebo in Settler's Park to show a Christian Film on the evening of September 10th. Mayor Adams passed the request on to Trustee Davey. The Mayor also shared that the village has an opening on the Zoning Board. If people are interested he asked that they contact him.

ZONING

1. Variance – Setback Variance Request for 109 Bridgewood Lane

Motion by Baker, second by Peterson to approve the Setback Variance request for 109 Bridgewood Lane. Roll Call. All Ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

COMMITTEES

Public Safety and Legal – Mr. Winters

Mr. Winters commended the Rockton Lions Club, the Village's Public Works Department, the Police Department, Officer Camacho, and Bruce Werrbach for an exemplary job putting on Old Settler's Days.

Community Development - Mr. Baker

1. Rockton for Rockton Update

Mr. Baker shared additional information regarding Rockin 4 Rockton and encouraged people to become a sponsor of the event.

Buildings and Parks - Ms. Davey

Ms. Davey talked to board members about the possibility of establishing a Historic Preservation Ordinance. She had distributed a sample ordinance and other information regarding the historic homes in Rockton. She asked that the trustees read the information she provided.

Ms. Davey also thanked Loren Floto for his work with on Rock River Sweep.

Streets and Walks - Mr. Magnus

1. Award Bid for Prairie Street Improvements

Motion by Magnus, second by Peterson to award the Prairie Street Improvement Project to Rockton Road Company with the low bid of \$463,297.36. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0. Payment for the project will come out of the MFT Fund.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Baker asked if there is a law regarding whether or not a village trustee can place an item on the board meeting agenda. Attorney Galluzzo said that if there is not a village policy covering this then you would have to look at past practice. Attorney Galluzzo stated that it was his understanding that it is past practice for the Village of Rockton for the Village President to create the board agenda, but that items can also be placed the board agenda by coming through committees. Mrs. Warren said that according to Village Ordinance items are supposed to start out in committee first.

Mr. Baker also asked questions regarding the Village's attempt to acquire the rights to gas/electric service from Rock Energy. Attorney Galluzzo explained how the village would have purchased the assets and by owning them the village would have had the distribution rights.

Mr. Baker had questions regarding the Wagon Wheel TIF. Attorney Galluzzo gave a detailed history of the Wagon Wheel site and how the village pursued getting it cleaned up and then turned it into a TIF district.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

1. Motion by Winters, second by Peterson, to pay bills in the amount of \$280,936.14
Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

Hearing no further business, motion by Winters, second by Baker to adjourn at 7:53pm. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Warren
Village Clerk