

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 7, 2011

Chairman Winters called the regular meeting of the Administration Committee to order at 5:30 pm. Present were: Dave Winters, Joshua Brown, Trisha Davey, Mayor Adams, and Attorney Galluzzo. Also present Scott Fridly.

Motion by Mr. Brown, second by Ms. Davey to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of February 21, 2011 as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

THE MAYOR

The Mayor shared with committee members that the village could acquire the old dry cleaners for \$10,000. The mayor talked about the possibility of purchasing it and tearing it down to put in a municipal parking lot. He had Gino talk to the owner of Sam's Pizza about possibility of donating some of his land for additional parking. The combination could possible make for a 30 to 40 spot parking lot. The committee members talked about the idea and about the cost. They talked about maybe needing to do a Phase I and Phase II environmental study on the land before they purchase it so the village would be aware of any potential liability issues. Attorney Galluzzo said when you buy the property you by the liability. Mr. Brown said he there was dry cleaning equipment that would need to be removed. He said he knew of someone who would come and remove the equipment at no cost, but there would be a cost to remove the chemicals. Mr. Brown said that he had a copy of a water test taken after the dry cleaners had closed that did not show any problems. Committee members talked about trying to get grant money to cover the cost of the Phase I and Phase II studies.

The mayor talked to committee members about taking the \$100,000 that they took out of the general fund and put in streets last year and in next year's budget, use it on one of three different projects. 1) A possible parking lot downtown. 2) Purchasing land for a new public works building or 3) Bringing water to the athletic fields. He said the village could take \$100,000 out of MFT next year rather than the general fund to spend on streets.

The Mayor also asked about sending any additional people to the Northern Illinois Mayors Association Meeting on March 17th. Mr. Brown made a motion to authorize sending up to three additional people to the NIMAs meeting @ \$15 each.. Ms. Davey second. Roll Call 3-0.

The Mayor shared with the committee that he had met with people from Blains Farm and Fleet and that everything seemed agreeable for them to locate a new store next to Wal-Mart. They might possible be asking for a sign variance, a parking lot variance and also to be allowed to do landscaping similar to Wal-Mart. They are hoping to move everything through the zoning and planning committee approval process and be able to bring it to the village board by the end of April or early May. The committee talked about wanting to do a PR promotion of Farm and Fleet coming to Rockton once everything get approved.

ATTORNEY

Attorney Galluzzo asked if they village had signed a new contract for the management of the pool with the YMCA for this year. Committee members stated that it had not been done yet.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND LEGAL –Mr. Winters

AM Audit Approval

Mr. Galluzzo explained that he had looked through the AmAudit contract and that he had he did not feel the village should do the health insurance part of the audit since they had just completed changing health insurance companies. He stated that the village might want to make sure that any agreement doesn't include any future taxes the board might put into place. He also felt the village might want to cap the total amount of money they could possibly have to pay AmAudit for any savings they find. Gino said he had made some notes on the contracts regarding recommended changes that he had sent on to AmAudit. He said the village might also not want to include anything regarding income from Charter if the village is already working the issues out regarding payment for phone service from them. Committee members decided to table approving any agreement with AmAudit until their March 22nd meeting.

Addition to Village of Rockton Employee Benefits Policy Section 20

Other Benefits for Police Officers

Mr. Winters shared that Chief Dickson would like to add a section to the police benefits policy that would clarify in writing how officers get paid for court time. It would just be putting in writing what they are currently doing.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT –Ms. Davey

Rock River Trails Signs

Ms. Davey talked to the committee about wanting to install several Rock River Trails signs. The signs would be provided free of charge, but would need to be installed. Committee members asked Ms. Davey to bring back a list with the number of signs and the locations where she would like to see signage installed.

Ms. Davey moved. Mr. Brown second to adjourn at 6:29pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Warren
Office Manager