

VILLAGE OF ROCKTON
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
September 20, 2011

Mayor Adams called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Present were: Mayor Adams, Mr. Brown, Ms. Nelson, 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 September 6, 2011 Village Board Meeting minutes. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

Motion by Winters second by Brown to approve the September 6, 2011 Board Meeting Minutes. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

No amendments to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Scott Fridly - addressed the board and shared that he had submitted a FOIA request to the Village to obtain information regarding any companies who were exempted from paying the Village of Rockton Maintenance Fees on their Rock Energy bills. The information he was provided showed no companies in the Village of Rockton are exempted from paying these fees. Mr. Fridly asked Mr. Baker to reveal where he had heard information to the contrary.

Gary Sands - brought to the board's attention that a semi-trailer is parked on the property line between his property and the Village's Athletic Fields. He stated that they are also chunks of concrete from the village's back stops on his property. He would like both of these items removed before winter. Mayor Adams asked the Public Works Director to take care of this request.

Budd Andrews - shared with the board that he had informed the village about a month ago of some grass that needed mowing by the Sonoco Plant. He was just wondering why it had not been mowed yet.

Rich Spanton - addressed the board regarding the fact that his name had been mentioned at the previous board meeting and he wanted to be present if his name was mentioned again. He stated that if anyone had any questions for him about his belief about what should happen in Rockton they should contact him. The Mayor told Mr. Spanton that his name had been brought up before as having said that he would not do any business in Rockton as long as "Dale Adams was Mayor". Mayor Adams asked Mr. Spanton if there was any truth to that statement. Mr. Spanton said no there is not any truth to that statement. He stated that he has ideas for his future in Rockton, but they do not have anything to do with who or is not the mayor. Mr. Brown shared that is was business owner Karri Small who had stated that Trustee Magnus and Trustee Baker were that ones who had told her the Mr. Spanton was not going to do anything while Dale Adams was office.

MAYOR ADAMS

1. Governor's Home Town Award

Mayor Adams informed the board that the Village of Rockton will be receiving a Governor's Home Town Award for the Rockton Remembers Memorial Bench Project. The group that entered the project has been invited to the Governor's Mansion for an award's reception that will be held on October 26, 2011. A press release will be sent out at that time.

2. Water Operator of the Year Award

Mayor Adams announced that Frank Saladino had been named runner up for the 2011 Water Operator of the Year Award in Illinois. There are 1800 water operators in the state of Illinois. Frank thanked his boss, Gordy Nygren for entering his name into the hat for this contest and that said that it was a real honor for him to receive this award.

3. Correspondence

Mayor Adams read part of a letter of resignation from Dave Davison who is resigning from the Police Pension Board because of time constraints. He will stay on the board until a replacement is named. The Mayor will be looking for someone with a financial background to fill this position.

The Mayor shared a thank you note from Loren Floto regarding the great turn out for the Second Annual Rock River Sweep. Mr. Floto sent a special thank you to Trustee Nelson, Trustee Peterson, Trustee Brown and Trustee Winters for participating in the event.

Mayor Adams read a proclamation declaring the Month of October to be Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the Village of Rockton

Mayor Adams also shared a letter from Hononegah High School requesting assistance from the Village with their annual Homecoming events and seeking approval for their annual parade. Motion by Peterson, second by Winters to approve the request by Hononegah High School's requests for assistance with their homecoming events and to hold their traditional parade. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

COMMITTEES

Public Safety and Legal – Mr. Winters

1. Replace Damaged Police Car

Motion by Winters, second by Peterson to authorize the replacement of a damaged police car with a new leased vehicle with total payment equaling \$14,641.06. Chief Dickson's car was totaled in an accident when a car pulled out in front of him. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

Community Development, Mr. Baker

Mr. Baker addressed the board regarding the comments made earlier in the meeting. He stated that he had gotten the information he had brought up during his election campaign regarding the exemptions from paying the Rock Energy Maintenance Fees from Shane Larson at Rock Energy. He said that he had talked to Dale afterwards and that Dale had told him that it was not the case so he had never brought it up at any meeting. Mr. Baker also invited Mr. Spanton back to the next board meeting. Mr. Baker said he would have the situation put on agenda so it could be addressed and he hoped Mr. Spanton would be present to hear it. Mr. Baker then stated that he did not know what the plan was, but if anyone thinks they are going to scare him off the board, good luck, because it is not going to happen.

Buildings and Parks, Mrs. Nelson

1. Rockton's Haunted Treasure Island

Mrs. Nelson informed the board that the Public Works committee approved a request from Marianne Mueller to use Settler's Park on October 22, 2011 from 2 to 6pm to host an event called Rockton's Haunted Treasure Island. The expenditure of \$300 was approved for the event.

Sewer, Water & Garbage – Mr. Peterson

1. Ratify the Consensus to Approve Payment for Repair to 5-Yard Truck

Motion by Peterson, second by Brown to ratify the consensus to approve payment of \$1,162.68 to Diesel Engine Specialists for repair of the 5-Yard. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

Mr. Peterson also updated that board with regard to the New Well Test Bores and said they felt they had hit a good layer of water out at the Athletic Fields and are just waiting now for the water tests to come back.

Streets and Walks, Mr. Magnus

1. Wheeling Light Bar

Motion by Magnus, second by Peterson to approve the payment of \$3,431 to install a wheeling light bar on the 1991 Top Kick Dump Truck. Roll call. All Ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

2. Hononegah Wrestling Team Can Day

Motion by Magnus, second by Peterson to approve the request by the Hononegah Wrestling Team to hold its annual Can Day on November 19, 2011 from 8am to 1pm. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Winters, second by Peterson, to pay bills in the amount of \$89,439.28.
Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

Hearing no further business, motion by Winters, second by Brown to adjourn at 7:25pm.
All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Warren
Village Clerk