

**VILLAGE OF ROCKTON**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES**

**November 5, 2019**

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

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

Also present: Dan Barber, Chief Dickson & Tricia Diduch

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Mr. Winters, second by Mr. Peterson, to waive the reading of the October 15, 2019 Village Board meeting minutes. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Winters, second by Mr. Peterson, to approve the October 15, 2019 Village Board meeting minutes. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**MAYOR ADAMS**

Motion by Mr. Winters to approve Resolution 2019-116: A Resolution Establishing Meeting Dates and Times for the Rockton Village Board and its Standing Subcommittees for the Year 2020, second by Mrs. Honkamp.

Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0

**VILLAGE ATTORNEY**

None.

**ZONING**

None.

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND LEGAL – MR. WINTERS**

None.

**ADMINISTRATION – MRS. HONKAMP**

None.

**WATER, SEWER, AND GARBAGE – MR. FRIDLIDY**

Motion by Mr. Fridly to approve the valve and hydrant payment request for Northern Illinois Service Company in the amount of \$73,033.83, second by Mr. Magnus. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND BUDGET – MR. PETERSON**

None.

**BUILDINGS AND PARKS – MRS. MAY**

Motion by Mrs. May to waive the bid process for the heat repair at Village Hall, second by Mr. Fridly. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

Motion by Mrs. May to approve the heat repair at Village Hall by Premier Heating & Air Conditioning in the amount of \$7,350, second by Mr. Peterson. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

## **STREETS AND WALKS – MR. MAGNUS**

Motion by Mr. Magnus to ratify the consensus for C.E.S. to complete topo and property borders for the parking lot in the 100 block of N. Blackhawk at a cost not to exceed \$3,500, second by Mr. Fridly. Roll call.

Ayes: Mrs. Honkamp, Mr. Fridly, Mr. Peterson, Mrs. May and Mr. Magnus. Nays: Mr. Winters. Motion approved 5-1.

Motion by Mr. Magnus to approve the manhole patch program payment request for Porter Brothers in the amount of \$41,292.76, second by Mrs. May. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0

Motion by Mr. Magnus to approve Ordinance 2019-21: An Ordinance Providing for and Requiring the Submission of a Proposition for Expenditures on Public Roadway and Sidewalk/Path Infrastructure Improvements Via a One Percent Non-Home Rule Municipal Retailers Occupation Tax and Service Occupation Tax by the Village of Rockton, Winnebago County, Illinois at the General Primary Election to be Held on March 17, 2020, second by Mr. Fridly. Mr. Magnus stated that Mr. Barber and the Mr. Bunge, Village Engineer, put together a 5 year plan for street repairs in the Village and it came in around \$2.6M. Mr. Magnus said that they have since looked at other street projects and that list came in just shy of \$10M. Mr. Magnus stated that if the 1% road tax passes then this would bring in approximately \$6.6M over 5 years. Mr. Magnus commented that no one wants a new tax, but that it will take a long time trying to pay for these projects using general funds. Mr. Magnus said that the 1% road tax isn't put solely on the citizens of Rockton and that this would free up money in the general funds to start putting money away. Mr. Magnus stated that everyone on the Village Board agreed on the budget and that all departments took cuts to make the budget work. Mr. Peterson stated that he was against this and that a 1% road tax should be a last resort. Mr. Peterson commented that the \$2.6M in street repairs has become a \$10M wish list and that another tax on people is the last thing that we need. Mr. Peterson explained that there are loan payments that the Village owes that will go away and free up funds that can be used for road projects. Mr. Peterson said that the governor of Illinois increased the gas tax to 19 cents/gallon and that the Village needs to explore other options. Mr. Fridly stated that if the ordinance passes to be placed on the ballot that we need to educate the residents about this. Mayor Adams stated that he is opposed to the 1% road tax as well. Roll call. Ayes: Mr. Winters, Mrs. Honkamp, Mr. Fridly, Mrs. May and Mr. Magnus. Nays: Mr. Peterson. Motion approved 5-1.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

## **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. Fridly, to pay bills in the amount of \$778,170.05. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

## **ADJOURN**

Hearing no further business, motion by Mr. Winters, second by Mrs. May, to adjourn at 7:18 pm. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Stewart  
Village Clerk