

VILLAGE OF ROCKTON
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

December 6, 2016

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

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

Staff present: Dan Barber, Deputy Chief Matt Hollinger and Sgt. Russ Schaefer

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Winters, second by Mr. Fridly, to waive the reading of the November 15, 2016 Village Board meeting minutes. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Fridly, second by Mrs. May, to approve the November 15, 2016 Village Board meeting minutes. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Mr. Winters stated that he would like to remove Item #4 under himself. Mr. Fridly said that he would like to add a grit chamber consensus under himself. Mr. Peterson stated that he would like to remove Item #1 under himself. Motion by Mr. Winters to approve the amendments to the agenda, second by Mr. Peterson. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Barb Gustin, Ava Emroll, Leta Stewart, Daniel Hazzard, Chris Flueckiger and Barb Nozzi addressed the Village Board in reference to not supporting the asphalt plant being built in Rockton. Some of the reasons cited for not supporting the asphalt plant were: proximity to the asphalt plant, health and safety concerns, noise level, increased truck traffic, decreased property values, ground water contamination, air quality and perception of the asphalt plant being located next to the Village. Leta Stewart also submitted a letter to the Village Board on behalf of herself and her husband, Richard Stewart. Ginger Peterman inquired about the excavating taking place at the Sonoco property along the river. Mayor Adams advised that he is waiting to hear back from the EPA about an update on the property.

MAYOR ADAMS

Motion by Mr. Peterson to approve registering up to four Village staff members to attend the International Conference of Shopping Centers (ICSC) at a cost of \$500/person, second by Mr. Winters. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Winters to approve Resolution 2016-115: A Resolution Establishing Meeting Dates and Times for the Rockton Village Board and its Standing Subcommittees for the Year 2017, second by Mrs. May. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY

None.

ZONING

None.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND LEGAL – MR. WINTERS

Motion by Mr. Winters to approve the purchase requisition for Motorola for STARCOM radios at a cost of \$60,821.84, second by Mr. Hoey. Mr. Winters stated that this is a two-year lease and the first payment won't be until next year's budget. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Winters to approve the purchase requisition for Adventos for the Smart Force software for the police department in the amount of \$5,654, second by Mr. Fridly. Mr. Winters stated that the police officers will be able to search information while they are in their squad cars and allow them to move payroll

information to their smartphones. Mr. Winters added that the public will eventually be able to access the software in the future and report issues to the police department. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Winters to approve the purchase requisition for Winnebago County IT for Microsoft 365 Software (17 licenses to operate the system) at a cost of \$2,295, second by Mr. Hoey. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Winters to approve Resolution 2016-116: A Resolution of the Village of Rockton, Illinois Objecting to a Proposed Winnebago County Zoning Map Amendment to Allow for an Asphalt Plant, second by Mr. Fridly. Mrs. May addressed the residents of the Village at this time. Mrs. May thanked everyone who emailed her and said that she enjoyed reading all of them. Mrs. May stated that all of the trustees are invested in Rockton and also volunteer in organizations that help run the Village. Mrs. May said that it is her responsibility to approach every issue that comes before her with an open mind and listen to all aspects before making a decision. Mrs. May explained that it costs money to run the Village and that we need income to pay for this beautiful town that we live in. Mrs. May stated that residential property doesn't make money for the Village and that it costs the Village money to provide services to the residents. Mrs. May said that this is why the Village tries to get businesses in to balance this out because property tax is only twenty percent of the general fund. Mrs. May stated that the Village needs to grow and posed a question to the residents asking what they can say "yes" to. Mrs. May said that residents have opposed businesses in the past and that she would like the residents to think about how the Village can grow and how the residents can become involved in the community. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – MR. HOEY

None.

WATER, SEWER, AND GARBAGE – MR. FRIDLIDY

Mr. Fridly stated that he gave everyone a copy of a memo from Tim Bronn, the engineer for the grit chamber. Mr. Bronn advised that they are ready to go out to bid for the project, but recommended that they wait until after the first of the year to get better pricing. Mr. Bronn also stated in his letter that the Village can directly purchase the microscreen equipment which will, in turn, save the Village time and money. Mr. Fridly asked if the Village Board agreed with those two items. The Village Board was okay with this.

ADMINISTRATION AND BUDGET – MR. PETERSON

None.

BUILDINGS AND PARKS – MRS. MAY

None.

STREETS AND WALKS – MR. MAGNUS

Motion by Mr. Magnus to reject all the bids for the grade school path on Rockton Road, Second by Mrs. May. Mayor Adams stated that the bids came in higher than expected and that it can be rebid in the spring with other projects. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ACTION ON ITEMS ARISING OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Hoey thanked Ms. Diduch, the Police Department, Public Works Department and the Chamber for their hard work for the Christmas Walk along. Mr. Hoey also thanked the volunteers that helped organize the event. Mr. Winters complimented the Public Works Department for doing a good job cleaning up the Village after the snowfall.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Mr. Winters, second by Mr. Peterson, to pay bills in the amount of \$190,662.76. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

ADJOURN

Hearing no further business, motion by Mr. Hoey, second by Mr. Winters, to adjourn at 7:31 pm. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Stewart
Village Clerk