

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 16, 2020

Chairman Winters called the regular meeting of the Administration Committee to order at 5:33 pm.

Members present: Mayor Adams, Arianne Honkamp, John Peterson and Dave Winters

Also present: Chief Dickson, Tricia Diduch, Scott Fridly and Jodi May (6:11 pm)

Motion by Mr. Peterson, second by Mrs. Honkamp to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of March 2, 2020. All ayes. Motion approved 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

THE MAYOR – DALE ADAMS

None.

PUBLIC SAFETY & LEGAL – DAVE WINTERS, CHAIRMAN

Mr. Winters stated Resolution 2020-107: A Resolution of the Village of Rockton, Illinois Designating the Village's Member of the Winnebago County Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Board is up for approval at the Village Board meeting on March 17, 2020. Mayor Adams recommended that Chief Dickson be appointed for the Village. The Committee was okay with this.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & BUDGET – JOHN PETERSON

Mr. Peterson discussed the Village attendance at the RACVB annual luncheon. Ms. Diduch stated that she just found out that the luncheon was postponed because of the Covid-19 pandemic. Ms. Diduch also presented a rough draft for a news/media release to the Committee in reference to closing Village Hall to the public business. Mayor Adams said that he would like Village Hall closed until April 6th at this time.

ADMINISTRATION – ARIANNE HONKAMP

None.

THE CHIEF – STEVE DICKSON

Chief Dickson stated that the police department may enforce business closures and issue warnings if businesses are not following the proper directives.

Chief Dickson also discussed the lateral entry proposal with the Committee. Chief Dickson said that they have been trying to hire someone full time for the last year and nine months and that he would like to offer a lateral entry position for police officers. Chief Dickson that the Village needs to determine pay grades and explained how that would work if someone was hired with varying experience. Chief Dickson added that they would need to have at least two years of experience in Illinois and that they would receive a cost of living increase every year. Chief Dickson stated that the lateral hire applicants would still need to go through a process of interviewing, but that they would have a shortened training period once they were hired. Chief Dickson said that he wanted to make sure that this was okay with the Village Board before presents this to the police union. Mr. Winters stated that he will bring this up at the Village Board meeting and get a consensus. The Committee was okay with this.

Chief Dickson advised the Committee that all the new squad cars arrived and are working.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATOR – TRICIA DIDUCH

Ms. Diduch stated that she is in contact with the business owners and is responding to their concerns about closures due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Ms. Diduch stressed that the Village needs to help support out local businesses during these times.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS ALLOWED BY LAW

None.

ADJOURN

Motion by Mr. Peterson, second by Mrs. Honkamp to adjourn at 6:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Stewart
Village Clerk