

VILLAGE OF ROCKTON
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

March 26, 2020

Mayor Adams called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Present were: Mayor Adams (via telephone), Mr. Fridly, Mrs. Honkamp, Mr. Magnus, Ms. May, Mr. Peterson, Mr. Winters and Atty. Szeto

Also present: Chief Dickson & Ms. Hughes (Village Collector)

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

Motion by Mr. Winters to approve Ordinance 2020-4: Creating a Section 33.40 Entitled “Civil Emergency” of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Rockton, Illinois, second by Mr. Peterson. Atty. Szeto stated that this creates a section in the Village Code that addresses a civil emergency in the Village of Rockton in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, but also includes other civil emergencies that may occur such as fires, floods, earthquakes, etc... Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0. Atty. Szeto added that a “Declaration of a Civil Emergency” in reference to the Covid-19 pandemic was also included in the information distributed to the Village Board, but does not require board action. Atty. Szeto stated that the document simply requires the signature of Mayor Adams.

Motion by Mr. Winters to approve Ordinance 2020-5: Authorizing the Temporary Sale of Packaged Alcohol by Liquor Licensees with “Pour Only” Licenses in Light of Covid-19, second by Mr. Peterson. Atty. Szeto explained the Class A liquor license to the Village Board and stated that in some municipalities that it does not include selling packaged alcohol, but it is already covered in the Village’s Class A liquor license. Ms. Hughes added that there are a few businesses that wouldn’t be covered because they hold different classifications of liquor licenses. Ms. Hughes advised that Pokie’s holds a bar boutique license and the American Legion holds a private club license. The Village Board discussed that Pokie’s is solely gaming and that they are currently closed and the American Legion doesn’t serve food so this ordinance wouldn’t apply to either of them. Chief Dickson addressed the issue of alcohol delivery and stated that he had concerns about this. Chief Dickson questioned if someone ordered food from a restaurant and had it delivered by Doordash or Grubhub how would they verify that it was being delivered to someone of legal age. Chief Dickson said that he was okay with curbside pickup from the restaurants because they could verify the age of the person picking up the order. Ms. May commented that there was no need to vote on the ordinance since the restaurants that are currently open are already covered to sell packaged alcohol with their Class A liquor license. Mr. Winters stated that he would like to rescind his motion to approve Ordinance 2020-5. Mr. Peterson added that he would like to rescind his second in response to Mr. Winter’s motion. No further action was taken.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS ALLOWED BY LAW

Mr. Peterson stated that he spoke with Ms. Diduch, Planning and Development Administrator, in reference to holding an event when the downtown businesses reopen. Ms. Diduch told Mr. Peterson that she was already talking to business owners about this and thought that this would be beneficial for all of them. Mr. Peterson said that he would like plans in place so that the Village is ready to go when the “shelter at home” order is lifted. Mr. Peterson requested the Village Clerk to add this to the next agendas on April 6th & 7th.

ADJOURN

Hearing no further business, motion by Mr. Winters, second by Mr. Peterson, to adjourn at 6:20 pm. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Stewart
Village Clerk