

## **ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**March 5, 2018**

Chairman Winters called the regular meeting of the Administration Committee to order at 5:30 pm.

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

Staff present: Tricia Diduch & Scott Fridly (5:44 pm)

Absent: Chief Dickson

Motion by Mr. Peterson, second by Mrs. Honkamp, to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of February 19, 2018. All ayes. Motion approved 3-0.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

### **THE MAYOR – DALE ADAMS**

Mayor Adams discussed the memorandum of understanding with the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) with the Committee.

Mayor Adams stated that the Village got word today from IDOT that the parcel for the old church on Blackhawk Boulevard is going up for auction on April 4, 2018. The Committee discussed if the Village should try and acquire the parcel and what it could be used for. Mayor Adams advised that he will check with Atty. Szeto on how the Village should proceed with this and what amount the Village Board is willing to bid for the parcel.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY & LEGAL – DAVE WINTERS, CHAIRMAN**

Mr. Winters stated that Resolution 2018-106: Approving a Memorandum of Understanding between the Village of Rockton and the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police is up for approval at the Village Board meeting on March 6, 2018. Mr. Winters explained this covers the insurance, one-time cash incentive and 12% contribution from the police officers for their health insurance. The Committee was okay with this.

Mr. Winters added that while he was at the RORO Expo that it was suggested from residents that the Village has animated displays at the Christmas Walk.

Mr. Winters also asked the Committee to take a look at the road tax that Roscoe is trying to pass and pay attention to what they are doing. Mayor Adams stated that he would be surprised if this passes. Ms. Diduch clarified that the Village has a 7.25% tax and that the downtown business district has an 8.25% tax. Ms. Diduch stated that she has corrected Scott Sanders, Roscoe Village Administrator, because they are telling their residents that the Village of Rockton is 8.25%.

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & BUDGET – JOHN PETERSON**

Mr. Peterson stated that the RORO Expo was pretty successful and that Ms. Diduch did a nice job. Mr. Peterson said that he had several people asking for a map of road construction plans for the Village.

### **ADMINISTRATION – ARIANNE HONKAMP**

None.

### **THE CHIEF – STEVE DICKSON**

Mayor Adams stated that he hopes Chief Dickson is keeping track of what's going on with the 9-1-1 info. Mayor Adams said that Atty. Szeto is going to talk about it a little more at the Village Board meeting on March 6, 2018. Mayor Adams advised that the latest proposal is that the ten municipalities have agreed to fund Winnebago County \$200,000/year for the 9-1-1 center and that the Village's contribution would be \$10,000/year. Mr. Peterson stated that the formula they were trying to use previously wasn't right. Mayor Adams said that this is still a work in progress.

Mayor Adams added that he forgot to mention that William Charles would like to close Highway 75 completely to finish the project and that the project would be done a lot sooner if they could do this. Mayor Adams spoke with IDOT and they stated that they would have regular traffic use Bridge Street and that truck traffic would be rerouted to use Highway 2 to Wagon Wheel Road. Mr. Winters asked if this would save the Village money. Mayor Adams advised that it wouldn't save money, but it would get done a lot quicker.

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATOR – TRICIA DIDUCH**

Ms. Diduch stated that she currently has 15 vendors for the Rockton River Market and knows that she has 10 or 15 more coming back or that are new to the market.

Ms. Diduch discussed the RAEDC Contribution with the Committee. Mayor Adams stated that he thinks the Village should hold off until they know more about the 9-1-1 center. Ms. Diduch suggested paying this year's contribution that the Village committed to and that the Village can determine its future membership for three additional years. Mr. Winters questioned if the Village really benefits from its membership with the RAEDC. Ms. Diduch stated that the Village can use the \$5,000 elsewhere, but we don't have to make a decision for a little while.

Mayor Adams stated that Keep Northern Illinois Beautiful (KNIB) has requested a \$750 donation and that the Village has typically donated \$500 in the past.

Ms. Diduch discussed the tax defense resolution and stated that she didn't get any numbers from the two school districts in reference to their attorney fees, but that the yearly legal fees were approximately \$2,300/year. Ms. Diduch said that the resolution would show that the Village is more of a united front with the other taxing bodies.

Ms. Diduch also spoke with Eric Tweden in reference to the hotel study. Ms. Diduch advised that Mr. Tweden works in situations like the Village's and that if the Village can gather an investor or two to make the project happen, he is experienced in doing this type of project. Ms. Diduch stated that he is going to send an email with his information to see if this is a good fit for the Village. The Committee also discussed other possible locations for the hotel.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS ALLOWED BY LAW**

None.

**ADJOURN**

Motion by Mr. Peterson, second by Mrs. Honkamp to adjourn at 6:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Stewart  
Village Clerk