

VILLAGE OF ROCKTON
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

April 18, 2017

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: Chief Dickson & Tricia Diduch

Also present: Arianne Honkamp

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Winters, second by Mr. Peterson, to waive the reading of the April 3, 2017 Village Board meeting minutes. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Winters, second by Mr. Peterson, to approve the April 3, 2017 Village Board meeting minutes. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Mr. Magnus would like to remove Item #2 under himself. Motion by Mr. Winters to approve the amendments to the agenda, second by Mrs. May. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one signed up for public comment, but Jim Webster, Winnebago County Board member, addressed the Village Board. Mr. Webster inquired if there was anything that the Village of Rockton would like him to pass along to the Winnebago County Board. Mr. Webster also updated the Village Board in reference to what items were being discussed in his district. Mr. Peterson requested the Mr. Webster not vote in favor of the proposed railroad. Mr. Webster commented that the railroad would be strictly for freight and not passenger rail. Mayor Adams advised Mr. Webster that the Village is preparing to go out for a request for proposal in reference to the downtown streetscape. Mayor Adams stated that he already spoke with Chairman Haney and that the Village will be asking for help from the county in order to fund the study. Mr. Webster stated that many people come to the Village from the Rockford area to attend community events.

MAYOR ADAMS

Mayor Adams read a thank you note from the president of the H.O.P.E. foundation thanking the Village for their silent auction donation.

Motion by Mr. Fridly to approve the proclamation from A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois proclaiming the month of May as Motorcycle Awareness Month in the State of Illinois, second by Mr. Winters. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

Mayor Adams stated that there was a request from the Knights of Columbus to use the intersection of Main Street and Blackhawk Boulevard for the annual "Tootsie Roll Drive" on Friday, September 15th from 3-8 PM. Mr. Magnus stated that this was discussed in the Public Works Committee meeting and that because of the construction and the stop lights going in at the intersection that this wouldn't be an appropriate area to have the fundraiser. Mr. Magnus suggested using Union and Salem Streets as a possible alternate location. Mr. Magnus stated that the Village will suggest using an alternate location and have the Knights of Columbus resubmit a new location for their fundraiser. Mr. Magnus added that the suggestion for alternate locations would be for all fundraisers that are normally held at the Main Street and Blackhawk Boulevard location this year.

Motion by Mr. Winters to approve the Poppy Days (May 18th – 20th) proclamation, second by Mr. Peterson. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0. Mayor Adams stated that they were also requesting the use of Main Street and Blackhawk Boulevard to distribute poppies, but the use of an alternate intersection will be suggested to the American Legion as well.

Mayor Adams stated that he has had several residents ask to extend burning for 30 days due to the wet weather that we have had. Motion by Mr. Fridly to extend burning for 30 days in the Village, second by Mr. Winters. Mr. Fridly stated that the garbage contract includes yard waste pickup for residents and that sometimes the spring weather is wet and sometimes it's not. Mr. Winters felt that extending it another 30 days isn't necessary because there are plenty of other ways to dispose of yard waste. Roll call. Ayes: Mr. Hoey and Mr. Magnus. Nays: Mr. Fridly, Mr. Peterson, Mrs. May and Mr. Winters. Motion denied 4-2.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY

None.

ZONING

Motion by Mr. Peterson to approve Ordinance 2017-8: An Ordinance of the Village of Rockton, Illinois Approving a Variance for Maximum Fence Height in the R1 Residential Single Family Zoning District for the Property Located at 4065 Berkshire Way, Rockton, Illinois, second by Mr. Winters. Mr. Peterson inquired about the reason for the fence and Ms. Diduch stated that the pool would have to be removed or the fence would need to get approved. Mr. Fridly questioned the fence height for pools and Ms. Diduch stated that it is 5 feet for the Village, but Winnebago County is 4 feet. Ms. Diduch said that 6 feet is more typical, but the Village passed 5 feet because insurance companies may have asked for 5 feet for pools. Mayor Adams stated that this was approved by the majority of the committee that looked at the variance. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND LEGAL – MR. WINTERS

None.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – MR. HOEY

None.

WATER, SEWER, AND GARBAGE – MR. FRIDLIDY

Motion by Mr. Fridly to approve the Hawick Street sanitary crossing at Highway 75 at a cost of \$91,000 to the Village, second by Mrs. May. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0

Motion by Mr. Fridly to approve the low bid for the site work at the new Public Works building for N-Trak in the amount of \$640,371.88 to be paid out of local funds, second by Mrs. May. Mrs. May stated that this is \$200,000 less than what was estimated for the site work. Mr. Winters inquired about the funding and Mayor Adams advised that the loan is through a local bank. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Fridly to approve the water maintenance system fee as presented, second by Mr. Winters. Mr. Fridly stated that this is for 20 years and was presented as if the Village is getting the whole amount in one lump sum. Mr. Fridly explained that the Village will be drawing on this amount per project so once those numbers are lined up the Village can ease into this in phases. Mr. Fridly stated that this needs to be passed so that the loan documents can be processed with the IEPA in order to get the loan. Mr. Fridly added that the loan will be at the full amount in approximately 3 years. Mayor Adams stated that there are many variables that could change the amount, but that they are not asking for more than \$5,971,470.00. Mayor Adams said that the Village is asking for the maximum amount to cover what the needs are, but that it could be less. Mr. Peterson asked when this would take effect and Mr. Fridly stated that once they know when the loan will be approved and the projects are ready to move forward, then they will have a better idea of when it the Village will implement this. Mr. Fridly explained that the increase will be staggered as the Village draws on the funds for the projects. Mr. Fridly stated that he is going to sit down with Mr. Bunge to determine the stages of the projects and Ms. Quimby to figure out the accounting end of it. Mr. Magnus suggested taking the maximum amount all at once to make it easier, but Mr. Fridly stated that they are trying to ease the residents into it. Mrs. May stated that the implementation and logistics can be discussed at the committee level at a later date and that just the amount needs to be approved now. Mr. Peterson inquired about the urgency of the projects. Mr. Fridly stated the reason it's being done this way is because in the past the Village hasn't had the funds to complete the major projects that were necessary. Mr. Fridly explained the urgency of the projects that are to be funded by the water system maintenance fee increase and added that now is the time for the Village to do it.

Mr. Fridly stated that one of the projects is the radio read meters which will allow the Village to go to monthly utility billing versus quarterly billing which would make it easier for many residents to budget. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

ADMINISTRATION AND BUDGET – MR. PETERSON

Motion by Mr. Peterson to approve Ordinance 2017-9: An Ordinance of the Village of Rockton, Illinois Authorizing the Village to Execute a Promissory Note Evidencing a General Obligation of the Village in an Amount Not to Exceed \$2,600,000.00 for the Purposes of Financing the Construction of a New Public Works Building and Appurtenances Thereto, second by Mr. Fridly. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Peterson to approve the purchase requisition for Winnebago County IT for a computer replacement for the Village Clerk in the amount of \$1,712.16, second by Mr. Fridly. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Peterson to approve the purchase requisition for TKB Associates for scanner setup/training for Laserfiche in the Village Clerk's office in the amount of \$1,373, second by Mrs. May.

BUILDINGS AND PARKS – MRS. MAY

Motion by Mrs. May to approve the special events application for OSD (June 15th-18th), second by Mr. Hoey. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

Motion by Mrs. May to approve the purchase requisition for SCP for pool paint in the amount of \$1,723.34 plus shipping not to exceed \$2000, second by Mr. Fridly. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

Motion by Mrs. May to approve the purchase requisition for Game Time Athletics for a line striper in the amount of \$1,472.55, second by Mr. Fridly. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

STREETS AND WALKS – MR. MAGNUS

Motion by Mr. Magnus to approve Frontier to move a utility pole in the amount of \$4,919.54 for the grade school path, second by Mr. Fridly. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Mr. Winters, second by Mr. Peterson, to pay bills in the amount of \$154,839.21. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

ADJOURN

Hearing no further business, motion by Mr. Winters, second by Mr. Fridly, to adjourn at 7:39 pm. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Stewart
Village Clerk