

VILLAGE OF ROCKTON
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

May 21, 2019

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

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

Also present: Chief Dickson & Tricia Diduch (via Skype)

Absent: Mrs. May

Motion by Mr. Peterson to approve attendance by electronic means for Mayor Adams and Ms. Diduch, second by Mr. Fridly. All ayes. Motion approved 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Winters, second by Mr. Fridly, to waive the reading of the May 7, 2019 Village Board meeting minutes. All ayes. Motion approved 5-0.

Motion by Mr. Winters, second by Mrs. Honkamp, to approve the May 7, 2019 Village Board meeting minutes. All ayes. Motion approved 5-0.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sharon Hecox and Pam Clifton from the Stateline Mass Transit District (SMTD) addressed the Village Board about the \$5,000 decrease in funding from the Village and how it affects how they operate. Ms. Hecox stated that the amount decreased from \$25,000 to \$20,000 this past year and that \$20,000 is currently allocated in the 2019-2020 budget as well for the Village. Ms. Hecox and Ms. Clifton spoke how this affects the young and old in the community because they rely on their services. Ms. Clifton added that when ridership increases in the community it also increases sales tax in the Village. Justin Wieman, Special Education teacher at Hononegah High School, also spoke about how this program is a game changer for his students. Mr. Wieman stated that SMTD has changed the lives of his students because they are able to receive rides to go to work and contribute to society. Ms. Hecox respectfully asked that the Village Board put back the additional \$5,000 in their contribution to SMTD and added that the City of South Beloit and the Village of Roscoe contributes \$25,000/year to their program.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Adams opened the public hearing in regards to the appropriation of funds for the operation of the Village of Rockton, Illinois for the fiscal year beginning June 1, 2019 and ending May 31, 2020 at 7:20 pm. Hearing no questions or comments, Mayor Adams closed the public hearing at 7:21 pm.

MAYOR ADAMS

Motion by Mr. Fridly to approve the Knights of Columbus "Tootsie Roll Drive" to be held on Friday, September 20th from 3-7 PM or Saturday, September 21st from 8 AM – noon, second Mr. Magnus. The Village Clerk stated that she would contact them and find out what day they would like. All ayes. Motion approved 5-0.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY

None.

ZONING

Motion by Mr. Winters to approve Resolution 2019-105: Approval for Design Review for 104 W. Main St., Rookie's Pub & Grill, second by Mr. Peterson. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 5-0.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND LEGAL – MR. WINTERS

Mr. Winters commented about the budget and that he sees the value in SMTD and how their contributions are matched. Mr. Winters suggested that the Village contribute \$25,000 and that there is room in the budget for it.

ADMINISTRATION – MRS. HONKAMP

None.

WATER, SEWER, AND GARBAGE – MR. FRIDLID

Motion by Mr. Fridly to approve the repairs to the gate at Well #7 by Wayne's Fencing in the amount of \$1,150, second by Mr. Magnus. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 5-0.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND BUDGET – MR. PETERSON

Motion by Mr. Peterson to approve Ordinance 2019-8: An Ordinance Providing the Appropriation of Funds for the Operation of the Village of Rockton for the Fiscal Year Beginning June 1, 2019 and Ending May 31, 2020 with the amendment that \$5,000 is added back to SMTD out of the general fund, second by Mr. Winters. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 5-0.

Motion by Mr. Peterson to approve the audit proposal from Wipfli at a cost not to exceed \$14,500, second by Mr. Winters. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 5-0.

BUILDINGS AND PARKS – MRS. MAY

Motion by Mr. Peterson to approve the repairs to the electrical panels in Settlers Park by Gates Electrical at a cost of \$17,520, second by Mr. Magnus. Mr. Peterson stated that the electrical panels are going to be portable so that they can't get damaged again by flooding. Mr. Peterson said that a claim was turned into the insurance company for this and whatever is not paid by the insurance the TIF funds will cover. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 5-0.

Atty. Szeto explained the process of the sale of the old Public Works building to the Village Board. Atty. Szeto stated that it was declared surplus property by the Village. Atty. Szeto said that the Village received offers for the building and that the best offer was presented to Steve Jacobs because he has the right of first refusal. Mr. Jacobs submitted an offer to the Village agreeing to the terms that Atty. Szeto outlined in a letter that was sent to him from the Village. Atty. Szeto stated that he needs to prepare the contract and that has to be approved by ordinance by the Village Board. Atty. Szeto explained that he would present the contract to Mr. Jacobs and title work would need to be completed and it typically takes 30 days for closing. Mr. Peterson asked if the Village should have a backup offer in case something falls through. Atty. Szeto stated that a backup offer could be submitted if they wanted to do that, but it would revert back to the last best offer. Motion by Mr. Winters to have Atty. Szeto move forward with the offer from Mr. Jacobs with the understanding that in lieu of a "proof of funds" letter from Mr. Jacobs that he provide 3% of the purchase price as earnest money, second by Mr. Fridly. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 5-0.

STREETS AND WALKS – MR. MAGNUS

Motion by Mr. Magnus to approve Ordinance 2019-9: An Ordinance of the Village of Rockton, Illinois Approving and Authorizing the Village to Enter into a Parking Lot Lease Agreement with Tacchi USA, Inc. Regarding the Property Commonly Known as 121 Hawick Street, Rockton, Illinois, second by Mr. Peterson. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 5-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ACTION ON ITEMS ARISING OUT OF 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 \$71,315.21. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 5-0.

ADJOURN

Hearing no further business, motion by Mr. Winters, second by Mr. Peterson, to adjourn at 7:37 pm. All ayes. Motion approved 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Stewart
Village Clerk