

VILLAGE OF ROCKTON
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

June 6, 2017

Mayor Adams called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

Present were: Mayor Adams, Mr. Fridly, Mrs. Honkamp, Mr. Magnus, Mrs. May, Mr. Peterson, Mr. Winters and Atty. Szeto

Staff present: Dan Barber, Chief Dickson and Tricia Diduch

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Winters, second by Mr. Fridly, to waive the reading of the May 16, 2017 Village Board meeting minutes. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Winters, second by Mrs. May, to approve the May 16, 2017 Village Board meeting minutes. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Mr. Fridly stated that he would like to remove Item #3 under himself. Motion by Mr. Winters to approve the amendments to the agenda, second by Mr. Peterson. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Deb Perry, Jeremy Oster, Julie Oster, Erika Stinson, Sandra Johnson and Allison Hense spoke about the benefits of having Hononegah Archery as a small business in the community. Mr. Oster stated that he would like to have long term approval and continue to teach archery in Settler's Park. Mr. Oster also would like a variance granted to have his business outside and waive the fees that are associated with this. Mr. Oster was advised to speak with Trustee May in reference to his requests.

Bud Andrews spoke to the Village Board in reference to not allowing dogs in Village Green Park. Mr. Andrews stated that people bring their dogs into the park and don't clean up after their dogs go to the bathroom. Mr. Andrews stated that this needs to be posted because the Village has a dog park for people to take their pets to. Mr. Andrews also discussed the parking issue on Green Street. Mr. Andrews stated that the landlord has a rental across the street from him and that she needs to put in a parking lot for her tenants because they have numerous vehicles that are parking in front of the residence. Mr. Andrews added that the landlord has blamed the high school students for damaging the terrace in front of her rental from parking there, but its her own tenants that are damaging it.

Lauren Floto spoke on behalf of the Rock River Sweep and requested the use of Settler's Park on Saturday, September 9th from 8 am – 1 pm. Mr. Floto stated that in the past they have used the shelter behind the bank and the Village has provided a dumpster when they clean up the 10 mile stretch along the river. Mr. Floto said that last year they had 44 volunteers and they collected 3000 lbs. of trash. Mr. Barber stated that he will coordinate with Mr. Floto what he needs for that day and will make sure that it gets taken care of.

MAYOR ADAMS

Motion by Mr. Peterson to approve the Knights of Columbus annual "Tootsie Roll Drive" on Friday, September 15th from 3-8 pm at the intersection of Quail trail and Rockton Road, second by Mrs. May. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Winters to appoint Ron Montgomery to the Police Pension Board, second by Mr. Peterson. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Peterson to appoint Tricia Diduch to the Rockford Area Convention & Visitors Bureau, second by Mrs. May. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

Motion by Mrs. May to appoint Caitlin Pusateri to the Zoning Board of Appeals, second by Mr. Peterson. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

Mayor Adams presented Mr. Gordy Pierson with a plaque thanking him for his 28 years serving on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY

None.

ZONING

None.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND LEGAL – MR. WINTERS

None.

ADMINISTRATION – MRS. HONKAMP

None.

WATER, SEWER, AND GARBAGE – MR. FRIDL Y

Motion by Mr. Fridly to approve the low bid for the new Public Works building from Rockford Structures at a cost of \$1,424,710, second by Mr. Winters. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Fridly to approve the water system maintenance fee as presented to the Village Board, second by Mrs. May. Mr. Fridly stated that this is to pay the loan back for the water system projects that the Village is doing. Mr. Fridly said that the maintenance fee won't go into effect until June 1, 2018. Mayor Adams clarified that this is a \$6M loan that the Village is seeking to upgrade the water system (new water tower, new lines, fire hydrants and radio read meters). Mayor Adams stated that this would be upgrading the old and decrepit water system that the Village currently has. Mayor Adams stated that the fee will increase the residents water bills by approximately \$10/month until the loan is paid off. Mr. Fridly added that he would like to put a sunset clause on the loan so that once its paid off then the fee will be removed. Mr. Fridly added stated that Atty. Szeto will need to formalize this in ordinance form. Mayor Adams stated that the water, sewer and garbage billing will eventually be changed from quarterly billing to monthly billing. Roll call. Ayes: Mr. Winters, Mrs. Honkamp, Mr. Fridly, Mrs. May and Mr. Magnus. Nays: Mr. Peterson. Motion approved 5-1.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND BUDGET – MR. PETERSON

Motion by Mr. Peterson to approve the budget beginning June 1, 2017 and ending May 31, 2018, second by Mrs. May. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

BUILDINGS AND PARKS – MRS. MAY

Motion by Mrs. May to approve hiring part-time employees for Parks & Recreation Department, second by Mr. Peterson. Mr. Magnus stated that Mr. Self is not hiring for new positions, but that he is simply replacing staff. Mr. Winters inquired about the wages of the employees and Mr. Fridly stated that they are all being paid minimum wage. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

STREETS AND WALKS – MR. MAGNUS

Motion by Mr. Magnus to approve MFT Resolution 2017-106 in the amount of \$103,381.94 for the cost of the Highway 75 improvement project, second by Mr. Fridly. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

Mr. Magnus stated that he is removing Item #2 to pave the driveway at the athletic field and that it will placed with another paving project next year.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mr. Fridly to go into executive session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) to discuss collective negotiation matters at 7:28 pm, second by Mr. Peterson. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Peterson to adjourn from executive session and return to regular session at 8:00 pm, second by Mr. Fridly. All ayes. Motion approved 6-0. Roll call. All Village Board members were present.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Adams stated that there will be a special Village Board meeting on June 12, 2017 at 5:45 pm for the downtown streetscape consultant presentation. This will follow the parking study presentation at 4:30 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Mr. Winters, second by Mrs. May, to pay bills in the amount of \$166,257.00. Roll call. All ayes.
Motion approved 6-0.

ADJOURN

Hearing no further business, motion by Mr. Winters, second by Mr. Fridly, to adjourn at 8:02 pm. All ayes.
Motion approved 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Stewart
Village Clerk